

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2024*

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Diederich, Williams, Norris, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, President Bardeen, Lt. Jamie Ballou and FF Ewa Hlebowicz.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Lt. Ballou

Chairperson Gerhard asked to join him in a moment of silence for all the people who were part of the Barnard family and those who were touched by the Barnard family that are no longer with us. Keeping in our thoughts and prayers all our men and women first responders who do battle every day. And please keep in your thoughts Chief Andrews' family with the passing of Linda's father and all of those affected by the 9/11 tragedy.

Anyone from the public need to bring anything to the Board currently?

No one from the public was in attendance, therefore no one came forward.

Chairperson Gerhard asked if we have received any correspondence since our last meeting and asked if there are any special dates that need to be noted.

- We received a letter from a citizen who was at Bands at Barnard on 9/4/2024 who said she was very grateful for the paramedics who were on staff that night. (Bailey Schubmehl and Ewa Hlebowicz).*

The secretary will open bids for landscaping and snow plowing.

- We received two Bids –*

One from Trimline and one from Howie's Lawn and Landscape

The Board will decide after the bids have been compared. The decision will be announced at our September 26th meeting and the winning bid will be announced and notification will be made to the award company.

MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2024. All commissioners were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 29, 2024. All commissioners were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

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Monthly Chiefs Report ~ September 9, 2024

Year 2024 Total Runs 2262

January 345 February 339 March 270 April 310 May 341 June 285 July 372 August 347

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
5	37	Fires in Structures
0	3	Vehicle Fires
0	5	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
2	14	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
10	64	MVA
253	1871	EMS
1	3	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
30	201	Auto Alarms
5	47	Mutual Aid Given
7	110	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
34	255	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

Updates from the Fire Chief:

The bids are due today for the snow removal and landscaping contract. We anticipate having a vendor to be awarded at the September 26th meeting.

All of the apparatus is currently repaired and back in service. The only remaining items we anticipate for the remainder of the year are the annual PM for R-228 and rear drive tires on E-225 and 4 tires for the DO vehicle.

The townwide annual FF ceremony on Sept 11th will be held at North Greece Station 1.

Attached is year to-date report from OFPC on NYS Fire Fatalities.

Sandy and I will be attending the Coughlin & Gerhart Labor Law Conference Wednesday in Henrietta. Current updates with 207 and other GML updates, is the topic of the day.

Sandy, Pattie and I had a meeting with our local Civil Service rep, to review current job titles, and the list of candidates for promotion.

Requesting an executive session this evening for a personnel matter and a labor issue.

Finally, with much appreciation from us all, Pattie will review the initial draft budget for 2025.

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Community Risk Reduction Division:

Monthly Report: August 2024
Submitted By: Dean Smith

September means back to school. It is an exciting time for students, teachers and school administrators. It is also a busy time of year for our fire safety program. The new school year brings new opportunities. It offers a fresh start with new classroom audiences that give me the opportunity to put into operation new ideas and lesson plans. In the coming weeks I will be returning to the schools, introducing myself to new teachers, preparing my fall fire safety schedule, taking inventory and ordering supplies for the upcoming school year.

The week of September 15th -21st is National Child Passenger Safety Week and the following week, September 23rd- 27th is Fall Prevention Week. I will be utilizing our sign in front of the fire station and our social media outlets to promote these weeks

The month of October is dedicated to Fire Prevention. This year Fire Prevention week is October 6th -12th. The National Fire Protection Association has selected "Smoke Alarms, Make Them Work for You!" as the 2024 campaign slogan with an emphasis on the role that working smoke alarms play in a family's home fire escape plan.

The Barnard Fire District will be hosting the Town of Grece Memorial Service this year on Sunday, October 6th at 1 pm. Our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House is scheduled for the same day from 9 am to noon. The Greece Fire Service is trying something new this year. Our annual Open House will be one town wide event instead of each fire district hosting four individual events. Each fire district will take turns hosting an event similar to the Memorial Service rotation.

Other activities for Fire Prevention Week will be our annual "Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck" contest and area school visits.

This past week I completed a fall prevention class entitled: A Matter of Balance at Beatrice Place. This was an eight-week, comprehensive fall prevention class designed to prevent falls in our older adult population. The program was sponsored by Life Span, and I assisted each week with the lessons. I hope to bring this program to local churches and other places in our community.

Summary of Programs

Location Date Program

Beatrice Place 7/18-8/22/24 Fall Prevention Class/ A Matter of Balance
LSFD 8/13/24 Monthly car seat fitting station, 5 seats inspected
English Village School 8/26/24 Back to School bash
Scheduled Programs

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Monthly Child Passenger Safety Seat Fitting Station @ Barnard FD Tuesday, September 10th

Villa of Hope Kitchen safety Monday, September 16th

Fire Prevention Week, October 6th- 12th

Town of Greece Memorial Service Sunday, October 6th @ BFD

Fire Prevention Week Open House Sunday, October 6th 9 am – noon.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen M. Andrews

Fire Chief

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Chief Andrews report for September 9, 2024, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the 2025 budget which has been forwarded to the Board before tonight's meeting.

Resolution #24-19 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve the "proposed preliminary" budget of \$7,163,280, which is an increase of \$369,196.80 or a 5.43% increase for 2025.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Diederich	- yes
Commissioner Cappon	- yes
Commissioner Norris	- yes
Commissioner Williams	- yes
Chairman Gerhard	- yes

Five Yes Votes –No Votes

MOTION: Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve rolling over our Capital Acct CD at 4.75% for 3 months. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Commissioner Diederich – No Report

Commissioner Norris –

- Will be attending Old Forge School this weekend.

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- He spoke of the lack of Heavy Diesel mechanics around the area.

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon –

- We have a firefighter interview this week.

Chairman Gerhard –

- Happy with website updates.

President Bardeen –

- The Department has a couple of prospective volunteers
- The Townwide Open House will be held at Barnard on Sunday Oct. 6th from 9am – 12pm
- The Department had an overall good summer with Bands @ Barnard

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve all invoices as audited and approved September 9, 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Treasurer Report for August 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to go into executive session to discuss one personnel matter and one labor issue. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:58pm

Returned to regular session at 7:28pm

MOTION: by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to adjourn. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Morris/Sandy Ballou
Secretaries, Barnard Fire District