

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
October 31, 2024*

Present: Commissioners Gerhard, Cappon, Norris, Williams, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, absent: Commissioner Diederich

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Commissioner Gerhard

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Andrews

Commissioner Gerhard asked to join him in a moment of silence and reflection for the members of the Barnard Family who are ill or no longer with us. Keeping in our thoughts and prayers all of our men and women first responders who do battle every day. Special thoughts and prayers to Commissioner Diederich during his recent hospital stay.

*Commissioner Gerhard asked if anyone from the public would like to come forward.
-No one from the public was in attendance, therefore no one came forward.*

Commissioner Gerhard asked if there was any correspondence received or any dates of interest:

- We received a wonderful note from Mike Northrup thanking the district for the past 19 years that he has done our lawn care and snow plowing. He consistently won the bid process throughout those years and continued to be such a great business partner to work with. We wish him luck in his retirement.*
- November 21, 2024, Monroe County Fire District Officers meeting*
- Sandy Williams and Bonnie Cappon have agreed to be our ballot clerks for the December 10th District election. The Board should make a motion to designate the hours for the election. Normally it is from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Legally the minimum hours would be from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. If we use the 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. that would give voters a chance to vote on their way home from work.*
- Sandy Ballou thanked the commission for allowing her to go to the Association of Fire District's Annual Meeting and Leadership Expo, Oct. 21-23. Next year it will be in Saratoga.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to designate the hours of our Fire District Election to be 5pm to 9pm on December 10th. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Chief Andrews –

- Update on Collier – Final Invoice*
- EAP will be in to talk to all personnel, career and volunteer on December 3rd and 5th at 8 am*

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- Leadership management class for all officers with 100% participation proved to be very successful
- Updates with renovation and remodeling projects downstairs and in apparatus room
- Physicals are almost completed for 2024, great job getting them scheduled before the end of the year
- Turnout gear inspections and repairs are almost completed
- SCBA inspections service scheduled for next week
- 3 volunteers completed their orientation, thanks to President Bardeen and Capt. Cappon
- President Bardeen and Assistant Chief Dorgan will be attending VCOS – Steve will be representing Spencerport
- 223 went to Hawke and will have a quote for repairs soon
- Chairman Gerhard asked about the future of the squad

RESOLUTION 24-23: by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to override the tax cap of 2% for the 2025 budget.

Poll of Board Members –

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

Four Yes Votes – Zero No Votes – One Absent

RESOLUTION 24-24: by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Final 2025 Budget in the amount of \$7,335,280 which will increase property taxes in the amount of \$541,197.

Poll of Board Members –

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Commissioner Diederich – absent

Commissioner Norris – After reviewing the cost of traveling to the VCOS conference in November, and discussing it with Chairman Gerhard, Commissioner Norris has decided not to attend the conference.

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon – No report

Chairman Gerhard – No report

MOTION: Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve all invoices as audited on October 31st, All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou/Pattie Morris
Secretary's
Barnard Fire District