

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT*

*Regular Meeting*

*March 27, 2024*

*Present: Commissioners Gerhard, Cappon, Williams, Norris, Chief Andrews, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary Pattie Morris, Battalion Chief Jason Howard, New Engine Committee members: Assistant Chief Dorgan, Lt. Daloia, Lt. Carstairs, and Volunteer Firefighter Mike Davis. Absent: Commissioner Diederich.*

*Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Gerhard*

*We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Battalion Chief Howard*

*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 our men and women first responders who do battle every day. Also keep in your thoughts the people affected by the tragedy of the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.*

*Commissioner Gerhard asked if anyone from the public would like to come forward.*

- No one from the public was in attendance.*

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

- The next Monroe County Fire District Officers meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> at the St. Paul exempts. Derrick Hardy will be the guest speaker.*

*Chairman Gerhard then turned the meeting over to the new Engine Committee to answer any questions that the Board may have.*

*Discussion followed regarding the new vehicle –*

*Commissioner Norris thanked the truck committee for tirelessly going through all of the information and details of the contract and the specs. The Engine under consideration will have a similar layout as 224 but the cab will be a little bigger than what we currently have, it will have a different suspension system than 224, each outside compartment will have 110v electric power, the seat behind the officer will be eliminated to allow EMS gear to be*

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stored behind the officer. This will allow full use of the cab floor area. The apparatus will have a PAC Car brand motor, 2000gpm waterous pump and a 750-gallon booster tank.

**Resolution #24-13**

By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Barnard Fire District in the town of Greece, County of Monroe, at a meeting held on the 27th of March 2024 duly adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Barnard Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby approve and direct the transfer up to \$983,309 from the General Capital Reserve fund of the Barnard Fire District to be paid upon taking possession of the vehicle in 2026 to the general fund for the purpose of purchasing a new 2026 2,000 gallon per minute Class A Pierce Pumper. The Board agrees to sign the contract with Firematic Supply Company for the above-mentioned Pierce pumper.

Poll of Board Members –

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

4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes, 1 absent

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Commissioner Diederich – absent

Commissioner Norris – no report

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*Commissioner Williams –*

- *Discussed the washers and dryers and the need for them to be replaced. The appliances are over 15 years old, and they are not commercial grade. We are lucky they have lasted that long doing 5 to 10 loads each day.*
- *Chief Andrews thanked Lt. Carstairs for his help in pursuing quotes for the new washing machines and dryers. After looking the quotes over it was decided to purchase from Charlotte Appliance.*

*Commissioner Cappon –*

- *Still working on odds and ends on the building to finish up this project*
- *Commissioner Cappon personally thanked Battalion Chief Howard for all his hard work throughout his career at the Barnard Fire District. He is very proud of all that he has accomplished at Barnard. No job was too big or too small for him to tackle. We appreciated all you have done for us.*
- *Commissioner Cappon asked Chief Andrews to get estimates for re-doing the hardwood floors on the second floor.*

*Chairman Gerhard –*

- *Asked Commissioner Cappon how Commissioner Diederich was after his appointment on Tuesday. Danny said that he did well and will be here for the retirement lunch for Jason's last day.*

*Battalion Chief Howard –*

- *He would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for supporting him and giving him many opportunities to excel in the fire service at Barnard. He will be sad to leave but will be happy to start a new chapter in his life.*

*Chief Andrews –*

*Our plan for April 8<sup>th</sup>: Extra staff on duty, anticipating traffic congestion and more call volume. We will start on the engines and move to rescue as needed.*

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**RESOLUTION 24-14:** by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to authorize the signing of the contracts with Monroe County Regional Investigative Operations Center (RIOCC) and the Fusus Connect program which will allow the Monroe County Sheriff's office to utilize our camera facing Dewey Avenue as needed for investigations. This contract has been approved through our legal counsel.

Poll of Board Members –

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

4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes, 1 absent

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited on March 27<sup>th</sup>, All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou/Pattie Morris  
Secretary  
Barnard Fire District