

BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

June 27, 2024

Present: Commissioners Gerhard, Cappon, Diederich, Norris, Chief Andrews, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Ken Bowers, Regional Director of NYS Fire District Officers Association

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

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Bowers

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

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

- Ken Bowers, regional director of Fire Districts of the State of New York would like to make presentations. At this time Ken presented awards to John Norris and Norm Gerhard for their years of service as Commissioners of the Barnard Fire District.*

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

- Received a letter from North Greece Fire Department asking if the Fire District would like to purchase a brick for the North Greece Memorial, which will be at station 1. It will represent the courage, service, honor and sacrifices of our first responders. The cost of a brick with the Barnard logo on it will be \$150.*

***MOTION:** By Commissioner Cappon, seconded by Commissioner Norris to purchase a brick for the North Greece Fire Department's Memorial walkway for a cost of \$150. All Commissioners present approved, no one disapproved. Motion carried.*

Chief Andrews –

- Announcement of retirement of Gates Chief Bubel this Saturday, (we will be attending the transfer of command ceremony) and Irondequoit Chief Sessler this week as well.*

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- *FF Josh Shoemaker completed the Academy as President. Graduation ceremonies were last Friday and a thank you to Commissioner Norris for attending.*
- *I Attended the EMS Summit this week. Recap provided of the factors impacting the EMS system.*
- *MPS installs are happening now, 4 additional units being installed for a total of 6 at BarF. And all new computers will be rolled out next year. Also note, we are currently considering eliminating iPads from apparatus.*
- *Updates provided on the engine 224 bodywork and paint to address the corrosion issues. This is all being addressed under the manufacturer's warranty.*
- *Completed one on one meetings over the last 2 weeks, with Lts and Capts.*
- *Reviewed the feedback and letter regarding Lt Ballou, assigned as lead instructor, as well as FF Baglin and FF Sedore for their role in PT for the RFFT academy. Copies of the letter along with a Letter of Commendation from Barnard will be added to their files.*
- *Acting Lt Hannafon after completing Temp LT role will also receive a letter of Commendation for his file. I have met with him to review the role and success he obtained over the last 12 weeks. Outstanding work by all involved.*
- *Reviewed call data provided by Monroe Ambulance for the first 5 months of 2024. Outstanding coverage provided given the struggles of the entire EMS system locally.*
- *Reviewed with the Board, concerns with MPS information and data migrating over to the Bryx platform. Collectively local Districts working on auditing the individual users and Barnard will be following suit. An updated procedure will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.*

Commissioner Diederich – no report

Commissioner Norris – no report

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Commissioner Williams –

- *Discussed the health screening process that was done by a few fire districts and passed out the literature that was given. Commissioner Williams believes that this is a very important health screening process, and we should look to put this cost in the budget for 2025. The cost is approximately \$350 per person.*

Commissioner Cappon –

- *Finally getting to the end of the building project. Just a few more items to be taken care of, but the end is in sight.*

Chairman Gerhard – no report

MOTION: *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited on June 27th, 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 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Ballou/Pattie Morris
Secretary
Barnard Fire District*