

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
01/29/2026*

Present: Commissioners, Cappon, Norris, Williams, Gerhard, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds, Ridge Road Fire Chief McGarry

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Andrews.

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.

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 new rate sheet from McConville, Considine, Cooman & Morin (P. Weishaar).
- We received and signed the Professional Services Agreement and the Business Associate Agreement between the Barnard Fire District and The University of Rochester regarding our EAP program.
- We received a Thank you note from Jen Sarkis the Director of Education at The Villa of Hope School for our ongoing prompt responses, support and guidance to them.
- We received a thank you from Walt Bedford on behalf of Nancy for the flowers and the care the District provided over the last three years.
- The latest addition of Fire District Affairs is out, if anyone would like a copy, please let Sandy know.
- The next Monroe County Fire Districts Officers meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 19, at the St Paul Exempt Club on Thomas Ave, starting at 6:00pm. In addition to the business meeting, Josh Steele, an attorney at Harris Beach Law Firm will review current legal issues, and any pending state or federal initiatives or legislation that may impact fire districts. Followed by a Q and A period. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Fire Chief McGarry (RR Fire District) presented the Barnard Fire District with a plaque in recognition of partnership and support of Engine 253 and the crew while their fire station was being built.

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UPDATES FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- Recap of the storm event this past week – Barnard had 19 runs in 24 hours.
- Update on the EMS STEP Conf in Rochester in May. New training session on Man vs Machine with Lt Ballou and a couple of Barnard Instructors.
- Update on the RSI program.
- Report on the items declared surplus recently. Funds will be deposited.
- We will be having a meeting to set some CRR goals for 2026
- We have 1 FF out with a line of duty injury for approximately 4 months total

MOTION: by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Went into executive session at 1:09 p.m.

Returned from executive session at 2:04 p.m.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Budget Modifications
- Firematic Prepayment
- Thoughts regarding public vote for sale of Fire Engine

Resolution #26-12 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the budget modifications per attached.

Poll of Board Members –

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

4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

Resolution #26-13 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to prepay Firematic Supply Company \$491,627.00 for the chassis only for a discount of \$14,500 from the final invoice if paid upon receipt for our new Pierce Engine.

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- The Chief and I went through pictures again downstairs, and I have been in touch with Jason from frameworks, he will have an updated pricelist for me by the end of the week. I spoke to Dean and the Department doesn't have a budget line per say for this, but they have agreed to split 50/50 and will bring a vote at the time of the meeting to their board.
- Letter was sent to Adam Bello regarding our claim with Monroe County.
- Terms on Retiree Healthcare to be discussed.
- Local 4640 would like to start meeting at the end of February at the earliest and their committee for CBA negotiations will be Lt's McGarrity, Hyman, Carstairs, Cyr and BC McKenna

Resolution #26-14 By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to appoint Michael Hayes as Commissioner for the remainder of 2026, knowing that he will have to resubmit a letter of intent in November if he plans to re-run for Commissioner for 2027.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – No Report

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Commissioner Cappon – He commented that a great dinner with the rest of the Commission, Chiefs and Admin was had. He is also happy with the decision on the new addition to the Commission.

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve all invoices as audited and approved January 29, 2026. There were 35 invoices totaling \$535,628.76. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou
Secretary/Treasurer
Barnard Fire District

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2026 Budget - Modified

Accounts	Budget totals
Revenues	
A1001 Real Property Taxes	7,900,119
A1081 Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	35,000
A2401 Interest Income	100,000
A2665 Sales of Equipment	200,000
A2770 Unclassified	100
Total Revenues	8,235,219
Other Budgetary Source of Funds	
A511 Appropriated Reserves	1,070,000
A599 Appropriated Fund Balance	450,000
Total Other Funds	1,520,000
Total Income	9,755,219
Expenditures	150,000
A1990.4 Contingency	
A3410.1 Payroll	4,234,921
A3410.2 Equipment and Capital Outlay	1,125,000
A3410.4 Contractual Expenditures	719,700
A3410.8 Employee Benefit	3,020,198
A9710.6 Debt Service Principal	140,000
A9710.7 Debt Service Interest	85,400
Total Expenditures	9,475,219
Other Budgetary Appropriations	
9910 Money to Reserve Account	280,000
Total Other Appropriations	280,000
Total Appropriations	9,755,219