

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
05/28/2026*

Present: Commissioners, Cappon, Hayes, Norris, Williams, Chief Andrews Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds, Absent: Chairman Gerhard

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

Commissioner Cappon 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. We would like a special prayer for the family on Bancroft and our Barnard family. Also, for the Gerhard family dealing with their loss.

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.

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

- The June meeting of Monroe County Fire Districts Officers Association is scheduled for Thursday June 18, at St. Paul Exempt Club on Thomas Avenue. Beginning at 6:00PM, with a clambake, steak roast dinner at 6:45PM. The speaker will be Randy Skickler from SWBR Engineers, who will make a presentation on facility assessments, followed by a question-and-answer period.
- We received a Thank You note from Fire Chief McGarry regarding Chief Volkmar's funeral
- Letter from the Town of Greece inviting the Chief and Chairman Gerhard to the first Greece Public Safety Council meeting on Tuesday June 16th at 3pm.

UPDATES FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- Reviewed the sales process and updates for the 2017 pumper (E-225).
- Reviewed updates and progress of the final assembly of new E-225. Final inspection is scheduled for mid-June at the factory.
- Updates on the hiring process for fire fighters underway.
- Provided a recap of May 23rd with the storm calls and the house fire on Bancroft Drive. Reviewed the response, fire ground tactics, investigation status and unfortunate outcome of 2 fatalities.
- Updates provided on our efforts to address the lack of working smoke detectors in our Districts residential homes.
- Confirmed we will be participating in the new Town of Greece Public Safety Council.
- Recap provided of the line officer training provided by Dr. Ashby in May.

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TREASURER REPORT:

- No Report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Mandatory Referendum went well. We had 9 voter's and 9 yes votes.
- Thank you for allowing me to go to the PERMA conference, it is always a good conference. They have done well this past year and are giving back to its members through dividend checks, Perma points (which we have around 900pts=\$900) and grants such as gear washer and dryers. They will also be coming to Barnard on June 23rd to do a safety inspection as the last one they did was in 2019.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cappon –he wanted to know if we had word on the new squad and if there was anything from the County Claim. Chief is hoping to hear something next week on the squad and after talking with the attorney, the next step would be litigation with the county. The District feels litigation would be costly and will not pursue it.

Commissioner Hayes – He and Commissioner Williams met at the N Greece Fire District with the other Commissioners from Greece regarding contracts, purchasing etc. They will meet again in August.

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Chairman Gerhard – Absent

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved May 28, 2026. There were 23 (217-239) invoices totaling \$209,166.38. 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 it. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou
Secretary/Treasurer
Barnard Fire District