

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
06/25/2026*

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m.

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

Commissioner 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.

Commissioner 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 thank you from the Gerhard Family
- We received a letter of consideration from Northern Star Medical
- We received a Thank you letter from Randy Jensen for transporting Fire Hero's families back and forth to Deerfield CC for the Fallen Firefighters Foundation Golf Outing.

UPDATES FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- Live Fire training evolutions continue through Friday of this week. These are being held at the Point Pleasant Training facility and include units from Irondequoit, St Paul, Brighton and Barnard Districts.
- Henrietta has secured their 2nd full-time mechanic and will be ready to integrate our apparatus service work by the end of the 2026.
- Updates provided to the refurbishment project of the squad. All work by Stonewell has been completed, and the graphics have been completed by Southpaw Designs. Next and final phase is the installation of all lighting and radios by EV Lighting. Lt Boss is working on the cache of loose equipment to place the squad in service in July.
- The old squad chassis has been fully decommissioned, and all lettering has been removed. We expect to advertise this for sale next week starting at 16,000.

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- The final inspection in Appleton last week was very successful. The new engine 225 should be here in NY in the first week of July, and Firematic is ready for the final fabrication and fit out and installation of existing equipment. EV Lighting will be handling the radio and MPS installation as the final step to placing the engine into service.
- Our workers' compensation insurance carrier Perma was on site this week for a safety inspection of our station and a review of our policies. We have a list of minor items to address.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Three meetings were held to gather information for the multiyear planning.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Reminder that I will be on vacation next week.
- After emailing back and forth with Josh Jensen, he told me he would look for some funding sources for the CO detectors.
- Both Andy and I would like permission to attend the Association of Fire Districts 2026 Annual Meeting & Vendor Exp, October 8-10, 2026, in Saratoga Springs, NY.
- I sent a thank you note to The family of Mary Ann Brodt, thanking them for the donation and to let them know we used it on smoke detectors to put back into the community.
- Excellus sent out Letters stating the percent increase they are asking for, this ranges from 16-21% depending on the plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Sandy Ballou and Andy Hinds to attend the Association of Fire Districts 2026 Annual Meeting & Vendor Exp, October 8-10 in Saratoga Springs, NY. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cappon – 3 interviews were held for candidates for the FF positions open. All three were good candidates.

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Resolution #26-28 By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to appoint Bret Woerner from the Monroe County Firefighter Civil Service List OC-60050280 as a career Firefighter with the Barnard Fire District effective July 12, 2026, pending passing the district physical and background check. The starting salary commensurate with the current union contract of International Association of Firefighters, Local #4030. Conditions of employment are successful completion of one-year probation.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Cappon	- Yes
Commissioner Hayes	- Yes
Commissioner Norris	- Yes
Commissioner Williams	- Yes
Chairman Gerhard	- Yes

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

Resolution #26-29 By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Derrik Wightman from the Monroe County Firefighter Civil Service List OC-60050280 as a career Firefighter with the Barnard Fire District effective July 12, 2026, pending passing the district physical and background check. The starting salary commensurate with the current union contract of International Association of Firefighters, Local #4030. Conditions of employment are successful completion of one-year probation.

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Commissioner Hayes – CRL on buggy, would like this addressed with staff. Chief assured him it has already been taken care of.

Commissioner Norris – Looking into eventually purchasing a twin to 225, more information to come. John noted he will not be at the July 13th meeting as he will be at a conference.

Commissioner Williams – No Report

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Chairman Gerhard – He and Chief attended the Public Safety Committee meeting with the town. It is the Districts impression that the Supervisor would like to see consolidation between the 4 Greece Districts.

MOTION: Commissioner Hayes seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved June 25, 2026. There were 26 invoices totaling \$606,727.95. 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 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou
Secretary/Treasurer
Barnard Fire District