

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
08/27/2026*

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

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

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

Chairman 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.

Chairman 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.

- The third quarter meeting of the Monroe County Fire District Officers Association is scheduled for Thursday September 17, at St. Paul Exempt Club on Thomas Avenue, beginning at 6:00pm.
- Thank you from the family of Bill Carter
- Thank you from the Greece Chamber for being part of the Taste of the Town & Greece Community Festival
- Received from the Town an invitation to Park Renaming & Dedication Ceremony honoring Donald J Riley.
- Request from Kevin Bardeen, to reschedule the July 29th Bands to September 2, 2026.

MOTION: by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the reschedule of Bands at Barnard from July 29th due to weather. The new date will be September 2nd. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed it. No abstentions. Motion carried.

UPDATES FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- Updates provided on the sale of the old Engine 225.
- Updates provided on the final outfitting and anticipated in service date for new Engine 225.
- Updates provided on Sq-226

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- Demo of the new Seek Thermal Imaging Cameras for exterior use.
- Updates provided and next steps for certifying existing property 3084 Dewey Ave.
- Will review plans for the September 11, 2001, remembrance ceremony.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Preliminary budget discussion

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Update on artwork project: we have a couple dozen ready, and almost done with the large pieces (flag, tin artwork, etc.). As soon as those large ones are ready I'll drop everything finished off, and then we'll have the floor space for the remainder. The last batch will all be the same size, so they'll be much faster.
- Asst Chief Dorgan's retirement party will be on Tuesday Sept. 29th at noon.
- I will be on vacation for the Sept. 14th meeting. Andy will be handling the meeting in my absence.
- Review of Budget Dates:
Thursday Sept. 24th Comm Mtg -12:30 – proposed budget approval
Wednesday October 14th – Commission Mtg - 6pm
Monday October 19th – Public Hearing on Budget – 6pm
Thursday October 29th – Commission Mtg – 12:30pm

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cappon – Negotiations with the local 4640 are going well.

Commissioner Hayes – Absent

Commissioner Norris – Absent

Commissioner Williams – Joint meeting of Greece Fire Districts at Ridge Road was cancelled. The MCFDOA Personnel Committee is meeting tonight.

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve all invoices as audited and approved August 27, 2026. There were 23 invoices totaling \$124,020.07. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou
Secretary/Treasurer
Barnard Fire District