*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT*
*Commission Meeting*
*09/24/2026*

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:30
We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by 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 District received a thank you from CDS Life Transitions, honoring Local Heros on Patriot Day.
- The District received an appreciation card from a resident on MacArthur Rd. Group two (Hyman, Stell, Edick) while responding to a call installed smoke and CO detectors.
- Wednesday Oct 14th, 6pm Commission meeting , Monday October 19th, 6pm Public Hearing on the Budget and Thursday October 29th, 12:30pm Commission Meeting.

**UPDATES FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:**

- Chief reviewed recent incidents of significance. A working fire in a 1 ½ story residential home on Shady Way. A fatal motorcycle versus utility pole on Dewey Ave near the town line.
- Acknowledged the significant efforts of the training division over the summer months.
- Reminder of Assistant Chief Dorgan's last shift on Sept 29th as he begins his retirement.
- Updates on the in-service status and training on the new Engine 225.
- Reported on the decision to remove the fire police resource due to lack of personnel and lack of a need to maintain the resource.
- Updates provided on the progress of the recruits currently in the RFFT program locally.

- Status of the Barnard Station roofing repairs and EFIS repairs are still anticipated to be completed in 2026.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

- Budget Discussions

**Resolution #26-31** By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to adopt the proposed budget attached with a property tax levy of $ 9,412,212.00 for 2027.

Poll of Board Members –

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| Commissioner Cappon | - yes |
| Commissioner Hayes | - Absent |
| Commissioner Norris | - Yes |
| Commissioner Williams | - Yes |
| Chairman Gerhard | - Yes |

4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes- 1 Absent

**Resolution #26-32** by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to override the tax cap of 2% for the 2027 budget.

Poll of Board Members –

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| Commissioner Cappon | - yes |
| Commissioner Hayes | - Absent |
| Commissioner Norris | - Yes |
| Commissioner Williams | - Yes |
| Chairman Gerhard | - Yes |

4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes- 1 Absent

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

- Reminder Tuesday Sept 29th, 12pm is Assistant Chief Dorgan's retirement party.
- Reminder that Andy and I will be attending the AFDSNY 2026 Annual Meeting and Vendor Expo, in Saratoga, October 8-10th .
- Firehouse subs grant application opens again on October 8th; my plan is to resubmit for Hose.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Cappon – No Report

Commissioner Hayes – Absent

Commissioner Norris – Last Week, he and Dean completed Carfit training to benefit the 55+ community. Today they attended a fall prevention program put on by Lifespan.

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Chairman Gerhard – Thank you to Andy for putting so much work into the budget planning. He attended the Public Safety Meeting through the town. He believes they will have them quarterly.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved September 24, 2026. There were 24 invoices totaling $113,722.02. 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 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou
Secretary/Treasurer
Barnard Fire District