

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2023*

*Present: Commissioners Norris, Gerhard, Cappon, Diederich, Chief Steve Andrews,
Secretary Treasurer Sandy Ballou,
Absent : Commissioner Williams, Secretary Treasurer Pattie Morris*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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?

There was no one from the public in attendance.

Chairman Gerhard asked if we received any correspondence since our last meeting.

- *We received a thank you from Donna Preston thanking the Board members for sending such a beautiful floral arrangement to Ken's calling hours.*
- *Received a letter from NYS Retirement informing the District of Danny Everett's retirement.*
- *Received a letter from the Town of Greece Assessor's office regarding our latest assessment for the Barnard Fire District. Our assessment went up \$43,377,531 (Sandy will pass out copies of my spreadsheet) This really should but does not help us with our tax levy. On everyone's tax invoice it shows what the 2023 budget was and what the 2024 budget is and that's what they put on the tax bill the budget increases from year to year.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2023. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.*

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MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Meeting Notes from June 29, 2023. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.*

Chief Andrews -

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Year 2023 Total Runs 1878

January 339 February 294 March 306 April 320 May 308 June 311

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
7	30	Fires in Structures
1	1	Vehicle Fires
4	7	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
3	8	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
7	54	MVA
211	1330	EMS
1	2	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
21	130	Auto Alarms
4	23	Mutual Aid Given
7	62	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
45	227	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

Updates from the Fire Chief.

Hose testing completed last week, only very minor failures occurred, 1 pony length of 5" will need repair.

Department Point report attached for your review. This is for the first 6 months of 2023. Emphasis currently on maintaining activity levels from the 3 new remaining new members in 2023. 2 of the 3 are confirmed to start attending Fire Fighter I class this month. This will run on 2 evenings per week, plus Saturdays.

2 new career Fire Fighters, (Mess and Stell) started this week full time and will be assigned to a 4-day work week until they are deployed to the RFFT Academy

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Program in Henrietta. A thank you is owed to Webster FD/NEJFD for their loaning a set of turnout gear for FF Stell. This was necessary due to sizing issues.

Congratulations to Sandy Ballou who just completed her first full year of full-time employment with our District. We greatly appreciate her energy and enthusiasm as she has tackled many projects over the last year, all while learning our operation. Her annual review has been completed and will be reviewed with Commissioner Cappon.

Requesting approval for out of state travel to potentially attend Senator Gillibrand NYS Fire Responder Summit in Washing DC on July 27th.

MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Cappon to allow Chief Andrews to attend the NYS Fire Responder Summit in Washington DC on July 27th, 2023, including lodging for two nights and transportation as needed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Morris requests your assistance with stopping in to approve invoices the week of July 24th as we will not have our workshop meeting this month.

Requesting your review of our annual membership for the District, with the Greece Regional Chamber of Commerce. The board made the decision not to renew this membership.

Final review of the details of the promotional ceremony on July 19th at 18:00 hours. Asst Chief Dorgan will say the pledge, Comm. Diederich and Williams will deliver the prayer, Chief Andrews along with other officers will acknowledge each honoree and Commissioner Gerhard will do the swearing in and pinning.

Community Risk Reduction Division;

Monthly Report: July 2023

Submitted by: Dean Smith

The 2022/2023 school year has come to a close. It was another successful school year. I was able to meet my goals and objectives for the school year. I was

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once again able to reach every classroom twice during the school year with an age-appropriate lesson plan that meets the New York State Learning Standards for that specific grade.

This past month the Hazard House Program concluded. This is the largest fire safety program of the school year and is done in collaboration with the other fire districts in town. Our team was able to present this program to every first, third and fifth grade classroom in the Greece Central School District and at the Northwood School in the Hilton School District.

This year's Hazard House Program had twenty-three dates. We were at eleven schools and presented to 2,184 students in 148 classes. We had a typical Hazard House season starting the program in the cold of late spring and ending in the summer heat and dodging thunderstorms in between. We had to reschedule three dates due to poor atmospheric conditions caused by Canadian wildfires. Despite the obstacles the weather presented we were able to successfully complete the schedule without having to cancel any of the presentations. Lieutenant Don Wood and District Part Time EMT Josh Shoemaker did an excellent job assisting me with the program this year. We also had assistance from the Lake Shore Fire District's career staff for some of the dates. It was nice to have at least one member from every agency in town presenting the program. A true collaboration of the town's fire service.

On a personal note, I have filed an application to retire from Barnard and my Tier 4 status in the New York State Retirement System. I have been advised by the state's retirement system that with my age and time of service I am eligible for my retirement benefit and have decided to take advantage of it. My retirement date is effective July 23, 2023, and I will need to be separated from employment on that date.

Summary of Programs


<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>
<i>Hazard House Program</i>		
<i>Lake Shore FD</i>	<i>6/13/2023</i>	<i>Monthly car seat fitting station, 2 seats inspected</i>

Scheduled Programs

<i>Lake Shore FD</i>	<i>7/11/2023</i>	<i>Monthly car seat fitting station.</i>
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephen M. Andrews
Fire Chief

MOTION: Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Chief Andrews report for July 10, 2023, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Commissioner Williams – Absent

Commissioner Diederich –

Would like to look into going to Old Forge Fire School, September 14-17th. He will look into other Department members going as well. Sandy will check to see if the Forge Hotel has any openings.

Commissioner Norris –

He is interested in Old Forge Fire School as well.

Commissioner Cappon –

The building renovations are moving along. Framing is close to being done and drywall is going up.

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve all invoices as audited on July 10, 2023, All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Treasurer Report for June 2023, All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandy Ballou

District Secretary

Barnard Fire District