

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
November 13,2023*

*Present: Commissioners, Diederich, Williams, Norris, Chief Andrews, Secretary
Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Kevin Bardeen.
Absent: Chairman Gerhard and Commissioner Dan Cappon*

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

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Andrews

*Commissioner Williams 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. Also, 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.

*Commissioner Williams asked if we received any correspondence since our last
meeting.*

- *We received the engagement letter from Sean Hucko to complete our 2023
audit.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve
the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2023. All commissioners present
were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve
the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2023. All commissioners present
were in favor. No one opposed. Motion carries.*

Chief Andrews -

Monthly Chiefs Report ~ November 13th, 2023

Year 2023 Total Runs 3232

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January 339 February 294 March 306 April 320 May 308 June 311 July 328 August 349 September 366 October 311

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
5	48	Fires in Structures
1	3	Vehicle Fires
2	11	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
2	22	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
11	91	MVA
198	2215	EMS
0	2	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
35	255	Auto Alarms
12	51	Mutual Aid Given
12	125	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
33	376	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

Updates from the Fire Chief;

We will review during our meeting the recent working house fire on Haviland Park. No civilian injuries occurred, however 2 FF's were injured and transported from the scene. Crews worked hard to overcome the challenges found inside the structure with active fire on both the 1st floor and basement level.

FF Bailey Schubmehl started today and will be assigned to a weekday shift, while we cover the necessary on-board training and administrative items.

A huge thank you for the preparatory work and the participation of Pattie and Sandy last Thursday. The Zoom call had 8 participants from around the country including the staff from S and P Ratings as well as our representatives from BPD on the call. The call was approximately 1 hour and while we have not received the ratings as of yet, the questions asked were quite in depth and our staff was very engaged in fielding the questions with responses and answers.

Building project updates; The new boiler was started up last week and is helping with the areas off Bay 6. Chair railing started this morning. And the window units are expected to be installed this week. Unfortunately, after a meeting with York directly, it is clear we are not going to receive the 4 RTU's until the end of December. We are currently working on a potential temp. C of O with the Town for the bunk room, utilizing a short term temporary residential furnace unit mounted in the opening on the roof.

Training is finally occurring at the former Frears store front. On duty crews will be training in service at that location. A huge thank you to Bryne Dairy for their cooperation in using the property. An agreement between the District and the Owner including a release of liability is on file.

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Reminder of the FF 1 graduation ceremony on November 29th at MCC. Also, the RFFT graduation for FF's Mess and Stell is Friday evening 11/17 at 18:00 hours at Roth Middle School. Final CPAT times were recorded in Utica last week with both our recruits completed under 8 minutes. Great job!

I have some data received from Monroe Ambulance to present at the meeting. I also have some operational notes to share from a recent meeting with Monroe and the Town Fire Districts.

Updated Dept FF points report is attached through the end of October. Please note this report does not include training hours for FF 1 nor the training in Old Forge.

Community Risk Reduction Division:

Monthly Report: November 2023

Submitted By: Dean Smith

October was Fire Prevention Month and Fire Prevention Week was October 8th through 14th. The National Fire Protection Association's campaign theme for this year was "Cooking Safety Starts with You! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention!". This year's campaign focused on preventing kitchen and cooking related fires. Cooking is the leading cause of fire in the United States.

Fire Prevention Week began with the annual Town Memorial Service. The Ridge Road Fire District hosted the service this year. On Saturday, October 14th the Town Fire Service hosted a drive thru Open House at Greece Athena High School. Each fire agency along with the Greece Police Department, Monroe Ambulance, and the Greece Central School District were on hand with static displays. Poor weather limited the attendance for the event. As this event grows, I can see it replacing the traditional style open house events held at individual fire stations throughout the town.

Barnard participated in a new Fire Prevention Week program this year. Barnard, along with the Ridge Road Fire District, North Greece Fire District, the American Red Cross and Mark's Pizzeria held a pizza delivery night. The fire department delivered the families' food order. If the family had working smoke alarms in their residence, they received a coupon for a free pizza. If the family didn't have working smoke alarms in their home the fire department and Red Cross installed them for free. The promotion was held over two nights and was well received. I can see it becoming an annual event.

Our "Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck" contest has resumed this year. Students from our local elementary schools were asked to make a home fire escape plan and practice a fire drill with their family. One student from each school is the grand prize winner and receives the ride. Winners will be selected, and rides will be concluded later this month.

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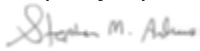
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I have completed a little more than half of my fall, fire safety presentations in our public schools. I plan on completing my fall programs before the holiday break in December. The Derech HaTorah Academy will be scheduled for the first of the new year. North Greece and Ridge Road have new Community Risk Reduction Specialists. We have been collaborating on town projects and lesson plans this fall.

Program Summary

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
Lake Shore FD	9/12/23	Monthly car seat check, 5 seats inspected
Villa of Hope	9/25/23	Kitchen Safety, 4 classes, 10 students
English Village School	10/4/23	Kindergarten, 6 classes, 108 students
Longridge School	10/11/23	5th grade, 6 classes, 114 students
Greece Athena High School	10/14/23	Open House
St. Lawrence School	10/23/23	Hazard House, 5 classes, 109 students
Craig Hill School	10/24/23	5 th grade, 4 classes, 82 students
Longridge School	10/25/23	4 th grade, 6 classes, 116 students
Brookside School	10/30/23	Kindergarten, 6 classes, 120 students
Longridge School	11/2/23	Kindergarten, 6 classes, 123 students

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen M. Andrews
Fire Chief

MOTION: Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve Chief Andrews report for November 13, 2023, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding a permissive referendum to use money from the capital reserve account for the purchase of furniture and blinds. After discussion it was decided to go forward with this permissive referendum.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Barnard Fire District in the town of Greece, County of Monroe, at a meeting held on the 13th

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of November 2023 duly adopted the following resolution subject to a permissive referendum.

Resolution # 23-37

Resolved, that the Barnard Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby approve and direct the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Capital Reserve fund of the Barnard Fire District to the general fund for the purpose of purchasing furniture and blinds. Resolved that the transfer of funds as indicated and the overall project expenditure of \$50,000 are hereby approved by this body, subject to a permissive referendum in accordance with section 6G of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and in the absence of a referendum election. This resolution will be effective 30 days after the date of its adoption on November 13, 2023. The resolution was unanimously approved. The Secretary of this Board is directed to publish a notice of this resolution in compliance with the aforesaid section 6G of General Municipal Law.

*By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Barnard Fire District
Dated November 13, 2023
Patricia Morris
Secretary
Barnard Fire District*

Poll of Board Members –

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<i>Commissioner Diederich -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Williams</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Commissioner Norris -</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Chairman Gerhard -</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Commissioner Cappon -</i>	<i>Absent</i>

3 Yes Votes – Zero No Votes – Two Absent

President Bardeen – Kevin mentioned that at the VCOS, many departments are having the same issues with staffing as us.

He wanted to remind us all that the Children’s Christmas Party as well as the President/Chiefs Christmas Party will take place on December 16th.

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Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Diederich – Bob wanted to thank the District for allowing him to go to VCOS . He enjoyed lunch with an FDNY Chief. They expressed issues with staffing , as we have been hearing all over.

Commissioner Norris – John gave a big thank you to Pattie for coming in on Friday to try to rearrange their flight schedule and to the District for allowing him to go to the VCOS. He was able to take a tour of Pierce. They talked about how some standard trucks are coming off the line quicker and wouldn't have the long lead time. He would like to see one of these to see if it would be a good fit for Barnard.

Commissioner Cappon – Absent

Chairperson Gerhard - Absent

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve all invoices as audited on November 13th, 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 October 2023, All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

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 6:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted.
Sandy Ballou/Pattie Morris
District Secretaries
Barnard Fire District*