

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
January 30, 2025*

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Williams, Norris, Diederich, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Captain Scott Johnson, Assistant Chief Steve Dorgan.

The meeting was called to order at 12:25p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Assistant Chief Dorgan

Chairperson 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 as well as a special additional thought for those who lost their lives, their families and the first responders from the plane crash in Washington.

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.

Chairperson 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.

- *Received a notice regarding the February 20th meeting of Monroe County Fire District's Officers at St. Paul Exempts. It will begin at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. – There will be no one in attendance from Barnard at this meeting.*
- *A letter from Jonathan D Smith regarding the discussion that will take place at the February 20th meeting at St. Paul Exempts.*
- *A letter from Principal Life Insurance stating that our rates for district paid life insurance will not have a rate increase for the next year.*
- *A letter from the Local 4030 President Peter Doyle regarding their negotiating committee for the new collective bargaining agreement beginning in 2026. Sandy will send a response.*
- *A letter from Chairman John Driscoll requesting approval for dates to host Bands at Barnard.*

Captain Johnson gave an update on the Life packs that have been ordered, they have not shipped yet but should be soon. Also, he will be helping to facilitate the purchase of the new Duty Officer vehicle. This looks like it will be about a two-month turnaround plus time for fitting vehicle.

Updates from the Fire Chief:

- *An update on the fleet maintenance plan*
- *DO Vehicle order and plans*

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- *Update on Angelo Catalano*
- *Commissioner requests for apparel*
- *Sign board update – parts to fix this are being looked into.*
- *EAP importance and usage*
- *Ideas for OFPC Commissioner Bray*
- *Reviewed the Barnard personnel authorized to participate with the Monroe County*
- *Special Operations Unit for the year 2025 Dept ID's/Commissioner ID's*
- *Update on Jason Wille's temporary position as Lieutenant.*

RESOLUTION 25-07: *by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to permanently promote Captain Scott Johnson to Battalion Chief from the Monroe County Battalion Chief Civil Service open Competitive examination List OC- 85447. This promotion will be effective February 2, 2025. The salary is commensurate with the current Officer's Union contract of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 4640. Conditions of employment are a successful completion of six months' probation.*

Poll of Board Members –

*Commissioner Diederich - Yes
Commissioner Williams - Yes
Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes
Chairman Gerhard - Yes*

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

RESOLUTION 25-08: *by Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to appoint Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC as a Law Firm for the Barnard Fire District for 2025. Angelo D, Catalano has moved from Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC.*

Poll of Board Members –

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Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes*

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Chairman Gerhard - Yes

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

RESOLUTION 25-09: *by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to authorize the following personnel to participate in the Monroe County Special Operations Unit for 2025: Chief Stephen Andrews; Robert Cyr; Matthew Metzler; Phillip Sladden; Scott Johnson; Daniel Fuller; David Carstairs; Matthew Hannafon; James Ballou; Adam Baglin; Joshua Mess; Alan Stell; and Matthew Edick.*

Poll of Board Members –

*Commissioner Diederich - Yes
Commissioner Williams - Yes
Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes
Chairman Gerhard - Yes*

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

RESOLUTION 25-10: *by Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the Barnard Fire Department to host the fundraising events of “Bands at Barnard” for the 2025 season. The events will take place at Barnard Park, 410 Maisen Lane on the following dates: June 25, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th and the 27th.*

Poll of Board Members –

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Commissioner Williams - Yes
Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes
Chairman Gerhard - Yes*

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

NEW BUSINESS:

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RESOLUTION 25-11: *by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the updated FOIL policy that had been previously sent to the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

Poll of Board Members –

*Commissioner Diederich - Yes
Commissioner Williams - Yes
Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes
Chairman Gerhard - Yes*

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

RESOLUTION 25-12: *by Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the direct the transfer of \$87,000 from the General Capital Reserve Account of the Barnard Fire District to the General Operating Account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Duty Officer vehicle – a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe. Resolved that the transfer of funds as indicated and the overall project expenditure of \$87,000 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 January 30th, 2025.*

Poll of Board Members –

*Commissioner Diederich - Yes
Commissioner Williams - Yes
Commissioner Norris – Yes
Commissioner Cappon – Yes
Chairman Gerhard - Yes*

5 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes

Below is the legal notice that will be sent to the Daily Record for publication

LEGAL NOTICE

Barnard Fire District

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 30th of January 2025 duly adopted the following resolution subject to a permissive referendum.

Resolution #25-012

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Resolved, the Barnard Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby approve and direct the transfer of \$87,000 from the General Capital Reserve Account of the Barnard Fire District to the General Operating Account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Duty Officer vehicle. Resolved that the transfer of funds as indicated and the overall project expenditure of \$87,000 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 January 30, 2025. 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: January 30, 2025
Patricia Morris, Sandy Ballou
Secretaries
Barnard Fire District*

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Diederich – Reemphasized his appreciation to Group 2 for the care they gave him.

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon – Negotiating Committee for the Collective Bargaining agreement with the Local 4030 will be Commissioners Cappon and Williams along with Chief Andrews.

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved January 30, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter – promotional considerations. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Went into executive session at 1:55 p.m.

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Returned from executive session at 2:56p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pattie Morris, Sandy Ballou
Secretaries, Barnard Fire District*