

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
February 27, 2025*

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Williams, Norris, Diederich, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Vice Pres. Dean Smith, Lt. Daloia

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Andrews

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.

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.

- We received a letter from PERMA stating that we received their Remote Learning Mini Grant. We will receive a 55" flatscreen television as well as a laptop, to put where we feel it will best help remote safety and compliance training and other needs. These items have a value of \$950.00.*
- We received a letter from Exodus stating that they are raising our pricing \$76.05 to \$81.09 per month.*

Updates from the Fire Chief:

- Reviewed recent incendiary fire at the pizza shop 3743 Dewey Ave.*
- Updates provided on the Squad re-mount project. Ford color Silver no longer available as of 2025 for cab & chassis orders. Will be ordering "Race Red" and project scope to include repainting existing box to match.*
- Reviewed our ongoing commitment to the Department to provide a BLS standby crew of 2 FF's with the Squad during the upcoming 2025 Bands season. Further discussion was held, and the Commission anticipates the continued support of the Department funding equipment purchases annually from the fund-raising proceeds of the Department.*

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- *Performance reviews for the Career staff will be underway in March.*
- *Requested executive session at the end of the meeting to address personnel matters and updates from our attorney.*
- *Updates provided on the search for Battalion Fire Chiefs through Civil Service.*
- *Reported on the successful tactical defense training completed this week for the FF's.*
- *Reviewed plans for implementation of the training laptop and 55"tv, provided by the PERMA grant.*
- *Reviewed the concerns with the dry humidity levels in both bunk rooms and explained the steps we are taking to make this better.*
- *Reported on the conclusion of the LDH colored hose project for the engines. This will standardize the supply hose and provide pre-determined benchmarks as the supply hose is laid during an incident.*
- *Brought up the idea of a yearly inspection event for our career staff and active volunteers. This would include a uniform inspection, dinner, swearing in of new staff and promotions as well as photographs. This would happen annually in late spring. This year we would include a rededication of the building. More info to follow.*

MOTION: *By Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Norris to support the Barnard Fire Department by providing a BLS standby crew of 2 FF's with the Squad during the upcoming 2025 Bands season. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to support an annual Inspection event for all career and active volunteer staff with a budget up to \$2000.00. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *We received \$7,335,280.00 from our tax levy.*

MOTION: *By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to take \$5,000,000.00 from our savings account and deposit into our CD for 90 days with a 4.2% interest rate. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Diederich – No Report

Commissioner Norris – He would like to get a committee started for o the next new Engine. He will come up with a date to meet.

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon – No Report

Chairman Gerhard – He Suggested that we have a communications officer or small committee to communicate on social media to the public.

MOTION: *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved February 27, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and legal updates. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

Went into executive session at 1:44 p.m.

Returned from executive session at 2:08 p.m.

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 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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