

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT*

*Commission Meeting*

*March 10, 2025*

*Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Williams, Norris, Diederich, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, FF Hlebowicz*

*The meeting was called to order at 6:08p.m.*

*We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by FF Hlebowicz*

*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 our Municipal Cooperation Agreement back from Peter Weishaar and Ray Diraddo. We will need a signature from our chairman.*
- We received our financial audit from Sean Hucko. They will be passed out tonight.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2025. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

*Monthly Chiefs Report ~ March 2025*

*Year 2025 Total Runs 641*

*January 353 February 288*

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
6	9	Fires in Structures
0	0	Vehicle Fires
0	0	Brush, Field, Outside Fires

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<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>MVA</i>
<i>203</i>	<i>444</i>	<i>EMS</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>Auto Alarms</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Mutual Aid Given</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)</i>
<i>47</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)</i>

*Updates from the Fire Chief:*

*We anticipate having cost estimates ready for the meeting, to allow us to decide whether to repair or replace the front station display sign. The repair will be approximately \$2,500 vs a new sign \$17,000 – \$25,000. We will repair it for now.*

*An update on the incendiary fire at the pizza shop on Dewey Ave. A suspect was identified and arrested and charged with the fire. He is a resident of the District.*

*Efforts are underway to maintain a small cache of overpack material and 5-gallon containers to address the safe containment of lithium-ion batteries involved in a fire scene. A change this week from the County Hazmat Team has left us in a position to be securing and protecting these items prior to releasing the fire scene. The District will not be transporting nor storing or disposing of the materials.*

*With resignation, the Department active membership has dropped to 8 FF's plus 1 Fire Police. After much emphasis, we do have 3 Dept FF's committed to attending the quarterly training session next week.*

*Updates on the transition to the NERIS reporting system. Barnard will be ready to participate after May 2025 within the new platform and will be running simultaneous systems until the full transition to NERIS at the end of 2025. This is a decision to maintain our data and records seamlessly as our RMS vendor Alpine Software is still not providing any indication of the prior NIFRS data migrating over.*

*Community Risk Reduction Division:  
February 2024*

*Submitted By: Dean Smith*

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*February was Burn Awareness Month. I presented a program that addresses burn awareness and prevention to the fourth-grade students at Longridge School. I also used our district sign and social media outlets with public service announcements. Winter made a return last week. Our Adopt-A-Hydrant campaign has been in full swing this winter. This year thirty- eight area school children participated in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program. This number is significantly down from years past. Certificates have been issued to the students who participated in the program.*

*I am currently working with the other fire districts to develop a schedule for the 2025 Hazard House Program. The Hazard House Program starts at the end of April and will run until the end of the school year in June. Firefighters Hlebowicz and Shoemaker will be assisting me with the program again this year.*

*I am working on making my second round of classroom presentations. I will once again visit every classroom twice during the school year. I will have this portion of my schedule completed prior to the start of the Hazard House Program.*

*This month I will be assisting the North Greece Fire District with teaching CPR programs to the health class students at Arcadia High School. This is a new audience. Until last year, we were never able to reach this grade level due to the block scheduling they have used in middle and high school. The goal is to expand this program district wide to the other Greece Central middle and high schools.*

*The Greece Central School Districts participates in a national campaign that promotes reading at the elementary level. The Campaign, "Read Across America" is being celebrated in a few ways this month in our area schools. English Village School is hosting a family night/ community night on March 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be a guest reader at the event and the department will be participating in the event with a fire truck and fire safety display. I have also been invited to be a guest reader at Pinebrook School during the school day.*

#### *Summary of Programs*

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>
<i>Lake Shore FD</i>	<i>2/11/25</i>	<i>Car seat fitting station, 4 seats inspected</i>
<i>English Village School</i>	<i>2/12/25</i>	<i>Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit, 5 classes, 115 students</i>

#### *Scheduled Programs*

<i>Longridge School</i>	<i>2/25/25</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit</i>
<i>Longridge School</i>	<i>2/26/25</i>	<i>Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit</i>
<i>English Village School</i>	<i>3/3/25</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit</i>
<i>Arcadia High School</i>	<i>3/4/25</i>	<i>CPR</i>
<i>Longridge School</i>	<i>3/5/25</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit</i>
<i>Arcadia High School</i>	<i>3/6/25</i>	<i>CPR</i>
<i>Pinebrook School</i>	<i>3/7/25</i>	<i>Read Across America</i>

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<i>English Village School</i>	<i>3/7/25</i>	<i>Read Across America</i>
<i>Barnard FD</i>	<i>3/11/25</i>	<i>Monthly car seat check</i>
<i>Longridge School</i>	<i>3/13/25</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit</i>
<i>Derech HaTorah Academy</i>	<i>3/19/25</i>	<i>Fire Safety</i>
<i>Derech HaTorah Academy</i>	<i>3/20/25</i>	<i>Fire Safety</i>

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Stephen M. Andrews*

*Fire Chief*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve Chief Andrews report for March 10<sup>th</sup> as read and discussed. All Commissioners presents were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION:** *By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to take \$215,000.00 on 3/10/2025 from our regular savings account (3736) and deposit into our Capitol savings account (3680) per our budget. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

**MOTION:** *By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Diederich to take \$100,000 from our municipal CD (1559) and deposit back into our savings account (3736) to close out the CD on 3/17/2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

**MOTION:** *By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to keep \$1,087,846.74 in the CD (2010) for 90 days with an interest rate of 4.19%. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Lt. Jamie Ballou as a temporary Captain to cover Duty Officer shifts as needed with Assistant Chief Dorgan's Absence. The starting salary commensurate with the current union contract of The Greece Uniformed Fire Officers, Association, Local 4640. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

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**MOTION:** *Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to appoint FF Matt Hannafon as a temporary Lt. to cover Lieutenant shifts as needed with Lt. Ballou's temporary position. The starting salary commensurate with the current union contract of The Greece Uniformed Fire Officers, Association, Local 4640. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Diederich – No Report*

*Commissioner Norris – Would like to designate which of the Twin Engines we will be getting rid of in 2026. He recommends 225.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to designate Engine 225 as the engine that will be replaced in 2026 with new engine.. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

*Commissioner Williams – March 13, Meeting on Insurance with Churchville Agency*

*Commissioner Cappon – March 11<sup>th</sup>, first meeting of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Loyal 4030. He attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Banquet Committee meeting – The meeting went well. He also wanted to let everyone know that the Exempts club will be doing fish fry's each Friday of Lent.*

*Chairman Gerhard – No Report*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved March 10, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

**MOTION:** *By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Treasurer Report for February 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

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

*Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandy Ballou  
Secretary  
Barnard Fire District*