

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
September 25, 2025*

Present: Commissioners, Cappon, Diederich, Gerhard, Norris, Williams, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Pattie Morris

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 the Certificate of Origins for 223 and 25.*
- We were asked by NYS to send all payroll for Christopher Forsyth from 2015-2021 to finalize hi retirement– this has been completed*
- We received the agreement between U of R Medical Group. This will need Chairman Gerhard's signature.*
- We received a beautiful thank you note from Secretary/ Treasurer Pattie Morris, thank you the District for their thoughtfulness during her difficult time.*
- We received a call back from the County Law Office stating that they would consider paying part of our claim for the damages to 223, and if we wanted all of what is due, it would have to go to the Legislature and involve litigation.*
- Just a reminder we have a commission Meeting Tuesday Oct 14 (because of Columbus Day) And our second meeting (5pm) and budget hearing (6pm) will be on Wednesday October 22nd. There will be no meeting on October 30th.*

MOTION: *by Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept the payment of \$10,000 from the County for the damages to engine 223 due to the faulty manhole cover on Dewey Avenue. 4 Commissioners present were in favor. One Commissioner opposed it. No abstentions. Motion carried*

Updates from the Fire Chief –

- Reminder of the Town Memorial Service and the Open House at North Greece Station 1 on October 5th*

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- The new 2C-32 Batt Chief vehicle is expected to be delivered late next week.
- All Barnard groups will be conducting annual live burn evolutions next week at the North Greece Training Grounds.
- Barnard will be providing a fill-in engine crew to Irondequoit on October 16th and 17th for the day shift.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to rollover \$2,000,000.00 into our Jumbo Municipal CD at a rate of 4% for 30 days. This CD comes due 9/26/2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed it. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Resolution #25-27 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Diederich to adopt the proposed budget of \$ 7,900,219.00 which is an increase of \$564,939.00 or a 7.70% increase for 2026.

Poll of Board Members –

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

5 Yes Votes – 0 Votes

Resolution #25-28 By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the updated Investment Policy 2023-203.

Poll of Board Members –

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

5 Yes Votes – 0 Votes

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Resolution # 25-29 By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to participate in a cooperative investment program through NYCLASS. WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Barnard Fire District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023;

WHEREAS the Barnard Fire District wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Sandy Ballou and Andy Hinds, Deputy and Assistant Treasurer of the Barnard Fire District are hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

Poll of Board Members –

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

5 Yes Votes – 0 Votes

Resolution #25-30 By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the agreement between the University of Rochester Medical Faculty Group (Dr. Cushman) and the Barnard Fire District.

Poll of Board Members –

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

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5 Yes Votes – 0 Votes

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Diederich – No Report

Commissioner Norris – No report

Commissioner Williams – He would like to thank the Admin and Chief for all of the work they put in on the budget preparations and the CBA negotiations.

Commissioner Cappon – He also says thank you to the Admin for all of their hard work!

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

MOTION: *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved September 25, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried. There were 38 invoices totaling \$131,371.21.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandy Ballou, Pattie Morris
Secretaries
Barnard Fire District*