

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT*

*Commission Meeting*

*October 22, 2025*

*Present: Commissioners, Cappon, Gerhard, Norris, Williams, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds, President Kevin Bardeen, Mike Davis, Absent - Comm Diederich.*

*The meeting was called to order at 5 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. A special prayer and well wishes go out to Commissioner Diederich.*

*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 thank you note from Chief Stavalone from the St Paul Fire District for the fill in on October 13<sup>th</sup>*
- The November MCFDOA meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Brookhouse. The meeting will start at 6pm and dinner will be at 6:45. The agenda for the meeting will include a presentation from the local American Red Cross office on services provided to the fire service as well as their annual election of Officers.*
- The District received a Thank you note from FF Sladden for allowing him to attend the Rope Rescue Operations class as well as Fire Officer 1. He looks forward to continuing to have training opportunities that benefit the District as well as himself.*
- Bonnie Cappon and Alyssa Ballou have agreed to be our ballot clerks for the December 9<sup>th</sup> District election. The Board should make a motion to designate the hours for the election. Normally it is from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Legally the minimum hours would be from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. If we use the 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. that would give voters a chance to vote on their way home from work*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to designate the hours of our Fire District Election to be 5pm to 9pm on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.*

*Updates from the Fire Chief –*

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- Updates from his successful trip to Appleton, WI to the Pierce Plant. They all worked hard on details of the new engine and it is still on track to leave Pierce in May to get to Barnard.
- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, both the chassis and the box will be brought to Genoa to have the two pieces put together.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Diederich – Absent*

*Commissioner Norris – No Report*

*Commissioner Williams – No Report*

*Commissioner Cappon – We are still working on 4030 CBA negotiation; our budget has been constructed to be able to give the best offers possible to the Union. The rest of the Commission agreed to not allow the tax levy to get any higher so negotiations couldn't raise our proposed budget any higher than what was built into it at this time.*

*Chairman Gerhard – He believes after review the committee, the District has been fair at their offerings to the local 4030 Union.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve all invoices as audited and approved October 22, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried. There were 18 invoices totaling \$117,167.44.*

**Chairman Gerhard-** *At this time - 5:55pm, we will take a 5-minute recess and reconvene for the 2026 Proposed Budget Hearing and the Closing of the Capital Repair Reserve account Hearing.*

*NEW BUSINESS: 6:15pm - After Proposed Budget And Closing of the Capital Repair Reserve Account Hearings*

**RESOLUTION 25-32:** *by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to override the tax cap of 2% for the 2026 budget.*

*Poll of Board Members –*

*Commissioner Diederich - absent*

*Commissioner Williams-yes*

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Commissioner Norris - yes  
Commissioner Cappon -yes  
Chairman Gerhard - yes  
4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes – One Absent

**RESOLUTION 25-33:** by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Final 2026 Budget in the amount of \$7,900,119 which will increase property taxes in the amount of \$564,839.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Diederich - absent  
Commissioner Williams- yes  
Commissioner Norris - yes  
Commissioner Cappon -yes  
Chairman Gerhard - yes  
4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes – One Absent

**RESOLUTION 25-34:** by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to close the Repair Reserve account, and to move the balance (\$23,385.05) to the Capital Reserve account.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Diederich - absent  
Commissioner Williams- yes  
Commissioner Norris - yes  
Commissioner Cappon - yes  
Chairman Gerhard - yes  
4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes – One Absent

**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 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou, Pattie Morris

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*Secretaries  
Barnard Fire District*