

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2026

Draft Minutes

Subject to Board review, amendment and approval.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
- Commissioner Kurt Martin
- Commissioner Rick Oh
- Commissioner Jeffrey Schondebare
- Chief Erik Weber
- 2nd Asst. K.C. Anna
- District Manager James Magerle
- Deputy Treasurer Janine Eckstein

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Weber reports on the first fire of the year. Members did a great job and mutual aid had a good turnout.
- Reports that PESCH training is scheduled for March 15th.
- Reports on discussion with EMT Carberry concerning any additional training for skills needed.
- Discusses bailout equipment for new members. District Manager Magerle to obtain prices for new ropes.
- EMT Carberry requests new monitors. TABLED.
- Discusses replacement saws and saw blades.
- Reports that there was a decent turnout for the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Thanks the Juniors and members for snow removal at fire hydrants.
- Reports on a list of problem hydrants for Suffolk County Water Authority.
- Reports that the Department continues to do well with recruitment of new members. Thanks the Board for their support.
- Reports on a washing machine for the truck room floor that could do 6 sets of gear at a time. Discussion ensued.

District Manager's Report:

- Fire District Manager Magerle presented his report and highlighted the following:
 - He would like to discuss the possibility of hiring a part-time custodial/maintenance employee. Discussion is held until Commissioner Gaito has returned.

Deputy Treasurer Eckstein presented the Treasurer's Report:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.

- Correspondence:
 - Seery Systems Account Executive Cynthia Marron left information regarding records management, document scanning and a NYS Local Government Records Management Improvement Grant.
 - Request for Facility Use from the Hose Rescue Company for Sunday, Feb. 14, 2027 (with Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027 for set-up) to host their 19th Annual Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. MOTION to approve by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Magerle; unanimous.
 - Request for Facility Use from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to hold monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. MOTION by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.
 - Invitation from Centerport Fire Dept. for their 128th Annual Installation Dinner to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at The Royalton on the Greens.
 - Notice of the Annual Capital Area Fire Districts Association 2026 Conference to be held Thursday, April 9 – Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George, NY.

- Financial Report:
 - Cash account balances as reported.
 - Pre-Paid and payroll in the amount of \$108,036.04 and invoices in the amount of \$49,267.12 were reviewed and approved after a motion put forth by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.

- Apparatus:
 - Commissioner Martin submits a Halesite Fire District Projects List as a format to track progress with each project.
 - Reports that spring tires are on the truck.

- Buildings and Grounds:
 - Commissioner Schondebare reports on sealing the front ramp in the Spring.

- Communications:
 - Waiting for new T1 line to be installed.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:25 p.m. by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Eckstein
District Deputy Treasurer