

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 11, 2026

Minutes

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

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
  - Commissioner Rick Oh
  - Commissioner Jeffrey Schondebare
  - Chief Erik Weber
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. K.C. Anna
  - District Manager James Magerle
  - District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada
- \* Commissioners Gaito and Martin were excused

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

New Member Applications:

- New member applications from the Hook and Ladder Company for Robert and Albert Becker came before the Board. Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to accept both applications, seconded by Commissioner Oh and the motion carried unanimously. Robert Becker was sworn in by Chairman Magerle. Albert Becker will be sworn in a later date.

Chief's Report:

- Erik Weber and K.C. Anna were sworn in as Chief and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief by Chairman Magerle prior to the Chief's Report. Mike Conforti will be sworn in later.
- Chief Weber presented the final 2025 LOSAP points list to the Board. Chairman Magerle administered an Oath to Chief Weber to certify the accuracy of the 2025 LOSAP Points. Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to approve the certified 2025 LOSAP Points list; motion seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous. The certified and approved 2025 LOSAP Points list will be posted for a minimum of thirty (30) days.
- Chief Weber reported the following:
  - PESH Training is scheduled for March 15, 2026 and August 9, 2026.
  - Forcible Entry and Ice Rescue training dates will be forthcoming along with a Terrorism awareness training.
  - CPR training has been completed and SCBA requalification is taking place.
  - Department physicals have been scheduled for April and October.
  - Chief Weber asked if it would be possible to pay members to shovel should there be another large snow storm; Chairman Magerle indicated that could be determined on an as needed basis.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief is reconciling the hydrant lists
  - Uniform shoes will be delivered soon.

- Feedback on the mutual-aid working fire with Huntington Manor Fire Dept. was that exposure material was nothing out of the ordinary; the Chiefs have scheduled a decontamination drill to reinforce the importance of decon.
- Members were reminded about the need for professionalism at the last Dept. drill.
- A request was made by the Sargent of Arms for badges for Ex-Captains; Chairman Magerle was not in favor. The Chief stated he would like to revisit the topic next month.
- The Officers would like to work on 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Coins.
- Invitations for the Installation/Inspection dinner have arrived; Ex-Chief P. Wilbur would like to request a table as he will be celebrating his 50 Year Membership. The Board did not object.

District Manager's Report:

- Fire District Manager Magerle presented his report and highlighted the following:
  - Apparatus
    - 2-2-6 had a frozen valve on the air heater, it was replaced by Huntington
    - 2-2-7 Idle timer was re-programmed, electric hookup for the winch was installed and the plow controller will be replaced
    - 2-2-80 is up for recertification; the Board agreed to remove it from the list
  - Equipment
    - Fitness Resource replaced all the pulleys on the Cybex machine
    - Met with 2 reps for Bunker gear washer/extractor machines. Both machines were approximately \$32,000.00. The Board asked District Manager Magerle to do a little more research before deciding.
  - Communications
    - Verizon is working on replacing the T-1 Line
    - The laptop FHA Nelson uses to program the radios and pagers is due for replacement. Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to replace the laptop at an approximate cost of \$3,882.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
  - Building
    - Milcon looked at the water leak in the control room, they will submit an estimate to repair
    - All Weather replaced all filters and corrected a rattling noise in the ducts
    - TK Elevator corrected an issue with the doors banging on the basement level
  - Grounds
    - Elf Sled to be scanned by Fairview portals. Chief Weber indicated that several members in the community offered to help move the sled inside and away from the winter elements.
  - Personnel
    - 164 hours overtime for the Month of January.  
Cody Carberry is requesting to change his hours to 7:00am-3:00 p.m. due to high traffic volume. After a short discussion, the decision was

handed over to the Chief's as they indicated they would like to review call volume during the morning and afternoon hours.

- A discussion was raised about possibly hiring a part-time custodial/maintenance employee. It was decided to hold off on making a decision until all Board members were present.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The Minutes from the 2026 Organizational Meeting and the January 2026 Regular Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.
- An Amended Length of Service Award Program Plan Document was distributed for review. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to adopt the amended LOSAP Plan Document, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
- The following members would like to attend the FDIC conference in Indiana: A. Magerle, M. Conforti, C. Leogrande, E. Weber, T. Burke, T. Scheff, J. Costanzo and J. Schondebare. Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- The Board agreed to send a fruit basket to Ex-Chief Peter Wilbur after the passing of his brother and former member Robert Wilbur.
- Correspondence:
  - Request for Facility Use from the Long Island Chapter of the Crochet Guild of America to use the Meeting Room on the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; approved.
  - Request from a department member for access to an online platform for EMT Refresher classes. Commissioner Oh will investigate pricing for CE Solutions and Prodigy.
  - The Board of Elections Commissioners are reviewing our request to no longer host elections at the firehouse.
  - Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to accept the Huntington/Halesite Fire Vehicle/Apparatus Service Agreement for the 2026 calendar year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
  - A discussion took place about sending the Halesite Fire Department By-Laws to Chase Bank to amend Department Company bank accounts. The overall feeling was that it should be passed by legal council first and that giving them the first page of the By-Laws along with a copy of Company Minutes should suffice.
  - Verizon T1 Line invoice for \$10,233.51 was discussed; Verizon has been contacted and their engineering department will be getting back to us to replace the line.
- Financial Report:
  - Cash account balances as reported.
  - Pre-paids and payroll in the amount of \$111,093.76 and invoices in the amount of \$202,440.36 were reviewed and approved after a motion put forth by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.

- Buildings and Grounds:
  - Commissioner Schondebare would like to have the Chief's table either repaired or replaced; DM Magerle informed the Board it has already been repaired.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:47 p.m. by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Oh; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Spada  
District Secretary/Treasurer