

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2026

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
 - Commissioner Brad Gaito
 - Commissioner Kurt Martin
 - Commissioner Rick Oh
 - 2nd Asst. K.C. Anna
 - District Manager James Magerle
 - District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada
- Commissioner Schondebare was excused.

New Member Application: A new member application for Liam McDonald was put before the Board by the Hook & Ladder Company. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the application, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

Liam McDonald was sworn into the Hook & Ladder Co. by Chairman Magerle.

Chief's Report:

- In Chief Weber's absence, 2nd Asst. Chief Anna reported the following:
 - 2nd Asst. Chief Anna requested to change the design of the service pins so that they are customizable, the Board did not object.
 - An inquiry was made about ordering invitations for the Inspection Dinner; Chairman Magerle directed 2nd Asst. Chief Anna to work with DM Magerle.
 - 2nd Asst. Chief Anna asked for clarification on how the employees are checking the tablets and informed the Board that Health EMS is adding admin access for the Rescue Squad Captain. 2nd Asst. Chief Anna also informed the Board that FRES is asking for info for their database; District Manager Magerle will follow up and complete the inquiry.
 - District Sec/Treasurer Spada read off a list of events/activities the Dept. will be participating in: an SCBA drill at Huntington Manor Fire Department on January 25, 2026, an advanced forced entry drill at Yaphank training facility on Feb. 1, 2026, an ice water rescue drill on Feb. 8, 2026 and Feb. 25, 2026, the Town of Huntington's St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 8, 2026 and the Annual Installation/Inspection Dinner on May 9, 2026. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to approve attendance and participation in all trainings/events, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.

District Manager's Report:

- Fire District Manager Magerle presented his report and highlighted the following:
 - Apparatus:

- Annual truck weighing completed by Waterway
- 2-2-6 Mechanics checked to see why it lost power, they did a forced regen and replaced a bad turbo actuator.
- 2-2-8 Huntington repaired a cabinet door sensor
- 2-2-12 An old antenna hole was covered
- 2-2-14 PM, Oil change and tires were replaced by Huntington
- 2-2-18 A safety divider was installed by Hendrickson
- Equipment:
 - South Shore flow tested all of the SCBA
 - Fourth Stage corrected an error message on the Air machine and conducted an air quality test
 - Stryker did a service inspection of both prams and changed out bad hydraulic hoses
- Communications:
 - IWT replaced the main radio battery backup
- Building & Grounds:
 - Affordable Cesspool cleaned out the kitchen grease trap
 - Gym was painted by Bill Peer
 - Fitness Resource was in to inspect all of the pulleys on the Cybex machine in the Gym, they will return to replace them
 - Lind plumbing repaired the 2nd floor men's room faucet and cleared a blocked drain in the training room
 - All Weather corrected an air issue with the training room heat
 - NY Glass replaced the gym windows and a crank on a meeting room window
 - Fire Safety Cleaning Corp. cleaned the kitchen hood
 - Employees did a great job clearing the snow during the storms and getting the building cleaned for the 125th Anniversary
 - Front ramp has minor damage from the snow plow and the crack in front of the ambulance appears to have grown
- Personnel:
 - 53 hours overtime for the Month of December

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the December 2025 meeting (including Executive Session) and the 2025 Year-End meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Martin; unanimous.
- Financials
 - Cash account balances as of December 2025 as reported.
 - Total prepaids for the month of January were \$ 35,755.62
 - Invoices for the month of January as follows:
 - \$ 72,367.35 to be paid from the General Fund checking
 - \$ 1,799.00 to be paid from the EMS Cost Recovery Checking

Amounts were reviewed and approved on a motion put forth by Commissioner Gaito, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

- Correspondence:
 - A letter from Ex-Chief Wilbur was read as a formal complaint against District EMT Cody Carberry. 2nd Asst. Chief Anna was asked to make an additional announcement at the next Dept. Meeting regarding relationships between members and employees and the need to maintain a level of professionalism. 2nd Asst. Chief Anna indicated that the Officers would like the District EMT to be more visible and present as well as respond to all ECHO mutual aid calls. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and the motion carried unanimously.
 - District Sec/Treasurer Spada informed the Board that the renewal for the Ambulance Service Agreement was received and is due by Feb. 2, 2026 but is still waiting for review from legal counsel.
 - Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Workers Property Tax Exemption paperwork has been received from the Town of Huntington.
 - Cullen and Danowski have begun their preliminary field work for the 2025 audit and will be in the office during the third week of January.
 - Thank you card from FHA Balletta.
 - Request for Facility Use from the Nathan Hale Garden Club to host their monthly meetings; approved.
 - Request for Facility Use from the Huntington High School Band Parents Association to host a pancake fundraiser on April 9, 2026; approved.
 - Notice of the Suffolk County Fire District Officers Association Annual Installation Brunch to be held on March 8, 2026.

- Apparatus:
 - Commissioner Martin asked for a follow up on the following:
 - Suffolk County Water regarding new hydrants; Secretary/Treasurer Spada will look into it.
 - 2025 LOSAP points: after some discussion it was decided that Commissioner Gaito meet with Chief Weber, District Manager Magerle and FHA Nelson to find out what is causing the delay of points not being updated.
 - Key Fob System: District Manager Magerle indicated that there is no time frame for the key fob installation yet.
 - Resealing the ramp: District Manager Magerle suggested having an engineer who specializes in concrete come in and evaluate; the Board agreed.
 - 10 Year-Plan: The Board agreed to have a workshop to update the 10-Year Plan, dates to be determined.

- Buildings and Grounds:
 - No report.

- Communications:
 - Commissioner Oh asked to do some research to see if we can get our radios to interface with Huntington Communities. It was also discussed to ask them for two portable radios for better communication. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to replace 2nd Asst. Chief Anna's scanner at a cost of \$420.00. Commissioner Gaito seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Personnel:
 - Commissioner Gaito initiated a discussion on possible asbestos exposure during a mutual aid to Huntington Manor and informed the Board that FHA Miller and FHA Nelson submitted exposure forms. Commissioner Gaito expressed concerns about possible harmful materials being brought back to the fire house and exposing other department members as well as employees and suggested purchasing a high capacity washing machine to clean turn-out gear. After some discussion, Commissioner Martin asked District Manager Magerle to find out what type of washing machines Huntington Manor is using to clean their gear and asked 2nd Asst. Chief Anna to get in touch with Huntington Manor to see if there was any concern regarding what they may have been exposed to. 2nd Asst. Chief Anna stated the Chiefs will be reminding the membership that they need to be more proactive about de-con on scene and limiting exposure to what is brought back to the firehouse.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:58 p.m. by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Gaito; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer