

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

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

Chief's Report:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Anna provided three quotes for the 2026 Annual Inspection Dinner as required by the recently adopted Inspection Dinner Policy. After reviewing the quotes, the Board agreed to their prior decision of holding the dinner at the Crescent Club.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Anna informed the Board that the Department would like to participate in the following: Driver training on November 2, 2025, an acquired structure drill with the Centerport Fire Department on October 29, 2025, a live burn training (tax-payer) drill at the Suffolk County Fire Academy on November 17, 2025 and the Huntington Holiday Parade on November 29, 2025. The Board approved the departments participation in all events on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

District Manager's Report:

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

- Apparatus:
  - Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution to surplus the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe as it is no longer necessary for any of the uses or purposes of the District, subject to permissive referendum as the vehicle is valued at more than \$20,000.00 and less than 100,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- Equipment:
  - Quotes to replace the T1 line (from Verizon at \$189.00 per month and from Light Path at \$1,100.00 per month) were presented. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the Verizon quote, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous. Commissioner Martin suggested having the attorney construct a letter to Verizon asking for reimbursement on previous charges.

- Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to replace 31 portable radio batteries at a cost of \$39.00 each. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin; unanimous.
- Correspondence:
  - EMS Medical Director Renewal for 2026 at an annul charge of \$3,000: motion to approve by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
  - The Hartford Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal: The Board agreed to renew the Enhanced Plan on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.
  - Based on a recommendation from legal counsel regarding bidding for common services, the Board agreed to do a cost evaluation after 2026 and 2027 to track expenditures and evaluate whether bid packages are needed.
  - Nominating Petitions are available for the upcoming District Election on December 9, 2025. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to approve the following at the Board of Elections rate of \$70.00 per election:
    - Election Chairman – Rich Florio
    - Election Inspectors/Ballot Clerks: Margaret Florio and Darlene Colonna
 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous. Rich Florio and Darlene Colonna were also approved to work the Department Election at the same rate of pay.
  - Facility Request Forms were submitted from Ladies Aux. President Meg McConnell and from Department Member Sebastian Osorio, both approved.
  - Resignation Letter from Joseph Tropeano.
  - The Board agreed to apply for thirty SCBA Scott Packs for the 2025 AFGP Grant and a reapplication for the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant application for \$275,000.00 for the renovation of 10 N. NY Ave. was submitted.
  - A complaint from a community member regarding the daily noon horn was discussed; Chairman Magerle will respond.

- Bills:

PAID BEFORE THE MEETING:

ADP	\$ 520.41
Ameritas	\$ 1,114.36
Ameritas	\$ 163.36
AT&T Mobility	\$ 972.79
AT&T Mobility	\$ 1,428.45
Borg & Borg Ins. Agency & Assoc.	\$ 2,627.00

National Grid	\$ 391.40
NYSHIP	\$ 23,141.18
Optimum	\$ 431.79
PSEG LI	\$ 4,132.60
PSEG Long Island	\$ 23.52
The Hartford	\$ 660.20
Verizon	\$ 879.77
Verizon	\$ 6,206.75
Wex Bank/Exxon	\$ 71.86
Wex Bank/Shell	\$ 162.60
Wex Bank/Sunoco	\$ 186.75

Medicare Part B Reimbursements

Bonnie Sammis	\$ 185.00
Doug Anthonsen	\$ 370.00
Judy McKenna	\$ 185.00
Laurence Northcote	\$ 370.00
Richard Riegel	\$ 185.00
Toni Riegel	\$ 185.00
William Kaiser	\$ 185.00

PAID AFTER THE MEETING:

Adept Technology	\$ 1,296.60
Adept Technology	\$ 346.74
Anderson Fire Equipment	\$ 175.00
Borg & Borg Ins. Agency & Assoc.	\$ 23,093.00
Capital Beer Depot	\$ 99.90
CARR Business Systems	\$ 71.25
CARR Business Systems	\$ 71.25
Chase/INK	\$ 6,898.38
Corporate Coffee Systems	\$ 205.13
Erik Weber	\$ 55.06
FASNY	\$ 25.00
Fourth Stage	\$ 1,587.03
Green Grass Guy	\$ 175.00
Hendrickson Emergency Service	\$ 1,400.00
Home Depot	\$ 171.74
James Magerle	\$ 55.92
Konica Minolta	\$ 53.88
Ladder Suite LLC	\$ 2626.50
Long Islander	\$ 14.63
Long Islander	\$ 53.90
Michael Conforti	\$ 144.80
Mr. Suds	\$ 15.00
New Era Technology LI, Inc.	\$ 98.32
New Era Technology LI, Inc.	\$ 98.32
Newsday	\$ 319.92
New York State Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	\$ 200.00
Olivarez Home Improvement	\$ 3,800.00
Peloton Interactive Inc.	\$ 528.00
Primo Brands	\$ 157.79



ProClaim	\$ 986.70
ProClaim	\$ 1,138.66
Robinson's Industrial Gas	\$ 88.51
Savasta Medical Service	\$ 585.00
Schufire LLC	\$ 1,400.00
SCM Products Inc.	\$ 296.40
Sean Flanagan CPA	\$ 1,725.00
South Shore Fire & Safety	\$ 462.00
String-It-Up	\$ 2,337.00
Suffolk County Water	\$ 401.41
Terminix	\$ 64.95
Tesori Digital Marketing	\$ 3,075.00
TK Elevator Corp.	\$ 1,471.83
Town of Huntington Chief's Council	\$ 1,500.00
Town of Huntington Chief's Council	\$ 350.00
VISO Life/Hometown	\$ 8,112.01
William Glass	\$ 568.00
Zoll Medical Corp.	\$ 12,010.63

The bills were approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.

- Chairman Magerle:

- Resolution – 2026 Annual Budget  
Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution to approve the final budget for 2026 within the real property tax levy limit in the amount of \$ 3,309,391.00; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.
- Resolution – Amendment of Length of Service Award Program  
Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution, subject to Mandatory Referendum of qualified voters of the Halesite Fire District and for said Referendum to be held on December 9, 2025, to make the following amendments to the Length of Service Award Program: to provide that the maximum number of years that may be earned in the plan by a plan participant be increased from 40 to 50 years and the monthly benefit be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month. The Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
- Resolution – Authorizing the Opening of an EMS Billing Money Market Account  
Commissioner Oh put forth a Resolution to open an EMS Billing Money Market Account with the following individuals authorized to be signatories:  
Denise Spada – Secretary/Treasurer  
Janine Eckstein – Deputy Treasurer  
Andrew Magerle – Chairman Bd. Of Fire Commissioners  
Richard Oh – Vice-Chairman Bd. Of Fire Commissioners  
Brad Gaito – Commissioner  
Kurt Martin – Commissioner  
Jeffrey Schondebare – Commissioners

The Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

- Apparatus:

- Discussion to relocate the sled.

- Discussion on the old 226 – Commissioner Schondebare would like to display the doors in the downstairs training room.
- Discussion on the hovercraft – engine is having issues and the Huntington mechanic indicated the engine needed to be run.
- Buildings and Grounds:
  - Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to have the gym painted at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
- Communications:
  - No report.
- Personnel:
  - Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to supply a cell phone and cell service to any active Commissioner who requests one; seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:41 p.m. by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Spada  
District Secretary/Treasurer

**HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2026 WITHIN REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT**  
**2025-9**



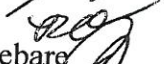
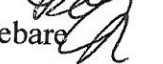
WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Halesite Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Halesite Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 21, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 21, 2025 at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Halesite Fire District for 2026 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$ 3,309,391.00.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Magerle		) Aye or Nay
Commissioner Gaito	ABSENT	) Aye or Nay
Commissioner Martin		) Aye or Nay
Commissioner Oh		) Aye or Nay
Commissioner Schondebare		) Aye or Nay

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Huntington, New York  
October 21, 2025

## HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT – ADOPTED 2026 BUDGET

Halesite Fire District  
1 New York Avenue  
Huntington, NY 11743  
631-427-0630

Commissioners  
Andrew Magerle, Chairman  
Richard Oh, Vice-Chairman  
Brad Gaito, Commissioner  
Henry Kurt Martin, Commissioner  
Jeffrey Schondebare, Commissioner  
James Magerle, District Manager  
Denise Spada, Secretary/Treasurer  
Janine Eckstein, Deputy Treasurer

### APPROPRIATIONS

	Actual Expenditures 2024	Budget as Modified 2025	Proposed Budget 2026	Adopted Budget 2026
A3410.1 Total Personal Services	\$ 768,480	\$ 770,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 830,000
A3410.2 Equipment	\$ 244,360	\$ 192,000	\$ 225,350	\$ 225,350
A3410.4 Contractual & Other Expenditures	\$ 954,486	\$ 967,470	\$ 1,044,006	\$ 1,044,006
A9010.8 State Retirement Contributions	\$ 103,737	\$ 105,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000
A9030.8 Social Security & Payroll Tax	\$ 58,789	\$ 62,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
A9040.8 Worker's Compensation	\$ 34,671	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500
A9060.8 Hospital, Medical & Accident Ins.	\$ 348,502	\$ 275,000	\$ 282,000	\$ 282,000
A9085.8 Supplemental Benefits	\$ 197,571	\$ 234,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
A9785.70 Installation Purchase Debt-Principal	\$ 119,041	\$ 117,561	\$ 116,235	\$ 116,235
A9787.60 Installation Purchase Debt-Interest	\$ 25,029	\$ 22,030	\$ 19,300	\$ 19,300
A9950.9 Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 459,005	\$ 450,000	\$ 443,000	\$ 443,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 3,313,671</b>	<b>\$ 3,234,561</b>	<b>\$ 3,404,391</b>	<b>\$ 3,404,391</b>
Less: Total Estimated Revenues and Unexpended Balance				
A2401 Interest Income			\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
A1640 Ems Ambulance Charges			\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes			<u><b>\$ 3,309,391</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,309,391</b></u>

AT A MEETING OF THE HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,  
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, ON OCTOBER 21, 2025 THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, FOR THE YEAR 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,309,391 WAS ADOPTED ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARTIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHONDEBARE AND UNANIMOUS.



**Halesite Fire District**  
**Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners**  
Resolution 2025 – 10

*In the matter of amending the Length of Service Award Program*

WHEREAS, eligible voting residents of the Halesite Fire District approved a referendum to establish a defined benefit Length of Service Award Program (a "LOSAP") for active volunteer firefighters of the Halesite Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML); and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the LOSAP Sponsor and Program Administrator; and

WHEREAS, GML § 216 authorizes the Fire District, as LOSAP Sponsor, to amend the LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, a year of Service Credit is earned for each calendar year during which the active volunteer firefighter earns 50 or more points. Points are awarded for such things as attending training sessions, participating in drills, responding to calls, being an officer, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, a participating active volunteer firefighter obtains a nonforfeitable right to a service award upon earning five (5) years of Service Credit, the attainment of the Entitlement Age of, death, or total and permanent disability; and

WHEREAS, under the current LOSAP provisions, the maximum monthly Accrued Service Award that can be earned is \$800 based on 40 years of Service Credit; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 400 of the Laws of 2021 amended GML § 219 to allow a LOSAP sponsor to increase the maximum benefit that can be earned to \$1,500, which is \$30 per year of Service Credit up to a maximum of 50 years of Service Credit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners desires to amend the LOSAP to increase the maximum benefit that can be earned from \$800 to \$1,500; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is consistent with the intent of the LOSAP to recruit, retain and reward volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirement of § 216(5) of the GML, the members of the Board who are also members of the Halesite Fire Department, have disclosed in writing their



status as members of the Fire Department and therefore are eligible to vote on this resolution;  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Halesite Fire District of the Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, State of New York, as authorized by Article 11-A of the GML, approves an amendment to the LOSAP effective January 1, 2026 as follows:

- The maximum Accrued Monthly Service Award is increased from \$800 to \$1,500, which is a \$30 Monthly Service Award for 50 years of Service Credit. A participant shall not earn a benefit that exceeds \$1,500 or that exceeds an amount calculated based on the actual Service Credit earned and the Monthly Service Award in effect for each year in which Service Credit is earned.
- The Monthly Service Award for Service Credit earned in 2025 will remain at \$20. Calendar year 2026 will be the first year of Service Credit for which a participating volunteer firefighter will earn a \$30 Monthly Service Award.
- In the event a participant earns 50 years of Service Credit but has not earned the maximum allowable Monthly Accrued Service Award of \$1,500, the participant will be able to continue to earn \$30 Monthly Service Awards that will effectively replace a \$20 Monthly Service Award resulting in a net increase of the Accrued Monthly Service Award of \$10. This will continue until the participant has earned the maximum allowable Accrued Monthly Service Award of \$1,500 based on the most recently earned 50 years of Service Credit, all of which would be earned after January 1, 2026.

The contribution for the LOSAP is currently about \$115,000. Of this total contribution, the component attributable to each participating volunteer firefighter who earns Service Credit averages about \$2,000. The contribution for the amended LOSAP is expected to increase to \$172,500, and the average cost per volunteer firefighter who earns Service Credit will increase to \$3,000. The Fire District pays an additional \$8,250 annually in actuarial and administrative expenses, which will not change as a result of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum of qualified voters of the Halesite Fire District and said referendum shall be held on December 9, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM (prevailing time) at 1 New York Avenue North, Halesite, NY 11723.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposition placed before the qualified voters read as follows:

SHALL THE DEFINED BENEFIT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE

HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT, BE AMENDED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF YEARS THAT MAY BE EARNED IN THE PLAN BY A PLAN PARTICIPANT BE INCREASED FROM 40 YEARS TO 50 YEARS, AND THE MONTHLY BENEFIT BE INCREASED FROM \$20 TO \$30 PER MONTH, SO THAT THE MAXIMUM PROGRAM BENEFIT SHALL INCREASE FROM \$800 TO \$1,500, WITH SUCH MAXIMUM BENEFIT CALCULATED BASED ON A \$30 MONTHLY SERVICE AWARD FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT EARNED, SO THAT IN THE EVENT A PARTICIPANT REACHES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT BUT HAS NOT EARNED A \$1,500 MONTHLY BENEFIT, THE PARTICIPANT CAN CONTINUE TO EARN ADDITIONAL \$30 SERVICE AWARDS THAT WILL REPLACE A \$20 SERVICE AWARD UNTIL THE PARTICIPANT REACHES THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF \$1,500. SUCH CHANGES BEARING ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF \$57,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOSAP shall continue to be administered by the Fire District and that all other provisions of the LOSAP shall remain the same.

Commissioner MARTIN raised the motion to approve, Commissioner SCHONDEBARE seconded the motion, and upon roll call the vote of the Board was as follows:

Commissioner Magerle	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Aye</u> / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Gaito	<u>ABSENT</u>	Aye / Nay / <u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Martin	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Aye</u> / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Oh	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Aye</u> / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Schondebare	<u>[Signature]</u>	Aye / Nay / Absent

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted. Dated: OCT. 21, 2025.



**Halesite Fire District  
Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners  
Resolution Number: 2025 – 11**

*In the matter authorizing the opening of a bank account and appointing authorized signatures:*

WHEREAS, the Halesite Fire District is a fire district organized under the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners ("the Board") of the Halesite Fire District has determined that it is in the best interest of the fire district to open a new bank account to facilitate the payment of district expenses and manage its funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen Connect One Bank to provide banking services to the fire district; and

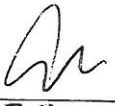
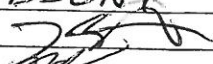


WHEREAS, the Board wishes to authorize specific individuals to be signatories on the new bank account for the purpose of transacting business on behalf of the fire district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HALESITE FIRE DISTRICT, as follows:

1. The Halesite Fire District shall open an EMS Billing Money Market account with Connect One Bank, located at 253 New York Avenue, Huntington, New York 11743.
2. The following individuals are hereby authorized to be signatories on the bank account, with the authority to deposit and withdraw funds, and to execute any and all documents necessary to open, maintain, and transact business in connection with said account:  
  
Denise Spada, Halesite Fire District Secretary/Treasurer  
Janine Eckstein, Halesite Fire District Deputy Treasurer  
Andrew Magerle, Halesite Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners - Chairman  
Brad Gaito, Halesite Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners - Commissioner  
Kurt Martin, Halesite Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners - Commissioner  
Richard Oh, Halesite Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners - Commissioner  
Jeffrey Schondebare, Halesite Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners - Commissioner
3. The authorized signatories listed in this resolution may transact business on behalf of the fire district. This includes, but is not limited to, writing checks, making deposits and withdrawals, and performing other related banking functions.
4. This resolution shall remain in effect until the bank has received written notice from the Board of any amendment or annulment.
5. This resolution is subject to, and shall be read in compliance with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws concerning fire districts and municipal finance.

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Halesite Fire District, held on October 21, 2025 by the following roll call vote:



Commissioner Magerle	<u></u>	<u><del>Aye</del> / Nay / Absent</u>
Commissioner Gaito	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>Aye / Nay / <del>Absent</del></u>
Commissioner Martin	<u></u>	<u><del>Aye</del> / Nay / Absent</u>
Commissioner Oh	<u></u>	<u><del>Aye</del> / Nay / Absent</u>
Commissioner Schondebare	<u></u>	<u>Aye / Nay / Absent</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: OCT. 21, 2025

Certified by Fire District Secretary (signature or seal): 

**Halesite Fire District**  
**Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Resolution Number: 2025 – 12**




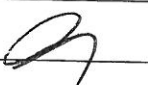
BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 176(23) of the Town Law, the Halesite Fire District, town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, State of New York, that the following described vehicle be deemed surplus property and no longer necessary for any of the uses or purposes of the Halesite Fire District and further that such vehicle is valued at more than \$20,000.00 and less than \$100,000.00:

One (1) 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely state the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Magerle <u></u>	Voted: <u>Yes</u> / No / Absent
Commissioner Gaito <u>ABSENT</u>	Voted: Yes / No / <u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Martin <u></u>	Voted: <u>Yes</u> / No / Absent
Commissioner Oh <u></u>	Voted: <u>Yes</u> / No / Absent
Commissioner Schondebare <u></u>	Voted: <u>Yes</u> / No / Absent

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: October 21, 2025