

**TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 2, 2025

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Taghkanic Fire House, 631 Old Route 82, Taghkanic, NY

**I. Call to Order at 7:47 p.m.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call:**

- Jeff Browne: present
- Vinnie Kobos- via video conferencing
- Andrew Soltano: present
- Abbie Hodgson: present
- Scott Marinoff: present

Others present: Renée Nostrand - Secretary, Carmen Nero - Treasurer, Bill Hllscher - Chief, Paul R. Nostrand- Board of Director

**IV. Public Comment - None**

**V. Reports**

a. Secretary's Report

- i. Approval of Prior Month's Minutes - November 4, 2025

Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve the minutes of November 4, 2025, second by Jeff Browne. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. Treasurer's Monthly Report: Income - \$2,231.14 (insurance claim, interest), Expenditures - \$4,993.07 (labor, insurance, fire equipment, truck repair & supplies). Checking Account Balance: \$62,393.32.

Motion by Jeff Browne to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by Abbie Hodgson. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

c. Chair's Report - none

d. Chief's Report - The Chief reported that all trucks have been pump tested.

Fire physicals are done, will be forwarding info to our company's doctor. There will be gear fitting on 12/16. The Trident components are in. Alpine Software Co. (Red Alert) has been replaced with IAR which is free to us now, but it does not have a component to file State reports. The Chief would like to know if the Commissioners would be interested in signing up for a program that would keep track of all firematic and nonfirematic events, inventory and allow us to file required reports with the State. Some discussion ensued.

Conclusion: wouldn't hurt speaking with a rep.

Received a quote for 2 AEDs. Andrew suggested we purchase 3.

Still working on having gas meters tested. May need to look for another company.

e. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance: none
- Tech: none
- Communications: Abbie stated she will do an article for the TGazette regarding our upcoming election.
- Facility/Equipment Maintenance: We have received our new used truck.
- Training & Safety: Will arrange to have fire extinguishers checked

**VI. Old Business**

- a. Adoption of Credit Card Use Policy: will be in place once we get the credit cards. Roll into Policy Book for Organizational Meeting.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Review and Approval of Current Month's Invoices
  - Labor: Treasurer - \$500, Secretary - \$500
  - Luke's Garage - \$995
  - Williams \$9.84 & \$14.52
  - AFDSNY - \$325
  - Garrison - \$2909.25 & \$2,735.84
  - Supplies - \$24.16

Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve the current month's invoices as presented, second by Scott Marinoff. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Andrew Soltano, to purchase 3 AEDs with the cost not to exceed \$7,000, second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Abbie Hodgson, to apply for DEC matching grant in the amount of \$3,500, second by Jeff Browne. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

- b. Discussion Items to prepare for 2026
  - i. 2026 Meeting Dates Draft for Review - will add the budget hearing and election dates. Meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month.
  - ii. End of Year Financials - no audit required this year. To begin using Quick Books on January 1. Carmen will check if the accountant will do 1099s.
  - iii. Lease with Fire Company - Review to see if there needs to be any changes for the upcoming year.
  - iv. Policy Review - Review policies to make sure all is in order.
  - v. Request an update on required training - Will check in with DJ.
- c. Reflections on 2025 - will continue discussion at the next meeting if deemed necessary.
- d. Review progress on systems and processes established this year - will continue discussion at next meeting if deemed necessary.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion by Scott Marinoff, to adjourn meeting at 9:50 p.m., second by Jeff Browne. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026**