

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 4, 2025

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

- I. **Call to Order** 7:30 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call:**

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

Others present: Bill Hilscher, Paul Nostrand, Mario Verna, Erin Edwards, Lawrence Kadish, Renée Nostrand - Secretary, Carmen Nero - Treasurer (joined via videoconferencing at 7:49 p.m.)

- IV. **Public Comment** - Mario Verna followed up on an email he sent to the Commissioners. Erin Edwards stopped in to learn more about the District Election.

V. **Reports**

a. **Secretary's Report**

- i. Approval of Prior Month's Minutes - October 7, 2025 & October 21, 2025

Motion by Jeffrey Browne to accept the minutes of October 7 & October 21, 2025, second by Abbie Hodgson. 5 Ayes/0 Nays Motion carried.

- ii. Credit Card Policy Information - Renée informed the Board that we will need to have a credit card policy in place once we set it up. Will forward draft policies to the Commissioners for review for future approval

b. **Treasurer's Report**

- i. Treasurer's Monthly Report - Carmen to join us via videoconferencing shortly. Will come back to the Treasurer's Report.

c. **Chair's Report** - no report

- d. **Chief's Report** - The Chief reported that the primer valve fixed on 56-30. Pump tests have begun. There will be a fitting for new gear on December 16. He ordered hose. 56-31 needs to have work done on the hot chains. He will reach out to his colleague regarding ADA compliance for the Fire District's website.

e. **Standing Committee Reports**

- **Finance** - no updates
- **Tech** - Scott reported that he updated the website with notices and Vinnie's bio.

He will continue adding items.

- **Communications**- Abbie noted that the draft of an article to the TGazette was sent to everyone and she will be forwarding a final copy for publishing.

- **Facility/Equipment Maintenance** - no updates

- **Training & Safety**- Vinnie shared information about dealing with EV fires and noted that Taconic Hills School District now has 10 EV school buses and will soon be adding more. There is a training class offered for EV fires.

The Treasurer Carmen Nero, joined us via videoconferencing . He reported a balance of \$65,876.54. Expenses for the month were: truck \$1,732, labor \$1,000, supplies \$37. Income of .57.

Motion by Vinnie Kobos, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, second by Scott Marinoff. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

VI. **Old Business**

- a. Adjust Rate of Pay for Election Officials- Renée advised that the rate of pay for the election workers needs to be a minimum of \$25 an hour. We will need the workers for 4 hours, to include setting up.
Motion by Scott Marinoff, to adjust the rate of pay for election workers to \$25 per hour, second by Vinnie Kobos. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.
Abbie will adjust the budget to reflect this change.
- b. Adopt 2026 Budget - Motion by Abbie Hodgson to adopt the final budget amount to be presented to voters for approval, at \$581,384.63 for the 2026 fiscal year, second by Jeff Browne.
5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of Current Month's Invoices
 - Labor: Treasurer - \$500, Secretary - \$500
 - Joe's Auto Repair - Repairs to 5630 - \$2,949.40
 - Renée Nostrand - reimbursement office supplies- \$34.90
 - Hudson Register Star - Legal Notice Budget Hearing - \$84.56 & Annual Election \$107.99
 - VFIS - \$518
 - NY Fire Equipment - Fire Hero Boots - \$490.71

Motion by Scott Marinoff, to approve the current month's invoices as presented above, second by Vinnie Kobos. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

b. Authorization of Legal Notice for Annual Election of Taghkanic Fire District. Commissioners hereby authorize the legal notice for the annual election.

c. Approval of Resolution 2025-005 to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements to be presented for voter approval.
Motion by Scott Marinoff to approve Resolution 2025-005 to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements to be presented for voter approval, second by Jeffrey Browne. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

d. Approval of Resolution 2025-006 to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund For Equipment Repair and Replacement to be presented for voter approval.
Motion by Scott Marinoff, to approve Resolution 2025-006 to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Equipment Repair and Replacement to be presented for voter approval, second by Jeffrey Browne. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

e. Approval of Resolution 2025-007 to Establish A Capital Reserve Fund for Apparatus Repair and Replacement to be presented for voter approval.
Motion by Scott Marinoff, to approve Resolution 2025-007 to Establish A Capital Reserve Fund for Apparatus Repair and Replacement to be presented for voter approval, second by Vinnie Kobos. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

- e. Appointment of Election Officials
 - Erin Edwards - Chairperson
 - Meredith Glabman - Inspector
 - Joanne Klein - Ballot Clerk

Motion by Abbie Hodgson, to appoint Election Officials for the December 9, 2025 Annual Election as follows: Erin Edwards - Chairperson, Meredith Glabman - Inspector, & Joanne Klein - Ballot Clerk, second by Scott Marinoff. 5 Ayes/0 Nays Motion carried.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Jeffrey Browne to adjourn meeting at 8:11 p.m., second by Vinnie Kobos. 5 Ayes/0 Nays. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2025

