

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order - Called to Order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

- Jeff Browne - absent (Commissioner Training) - Abbie Hodgson - present
- Vinnie Kobos - present - Scott Marinoff - present - Andrew Soltano - present

Others present: William Hilscher - Chief, Paul Nostrand - Board of Director, Renée Nostrand - Secretary

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Reports

a. Secretary's Report

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes - February 3, 2026. Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2026 as presented, second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Treasurer's Monthly Report - Treasurer was absent. No report.

c. Chair's Report - Mentioned coverage of Gallatin area and possibility of securing a new chief vehicle for Car 2 or Car 3 in the future.

d. Chief's Report - Bill reported that all AEDs are working, 8 in service. Bill will forward any bids for items to the TFD Secretary for the files. We do new nozzles. Asked if he could have permission to get quotes/bids for nozzles. Yes.

Reminded all that OSHA training is March 8th. Abbie ordered sandwiches.

The pump heater and air primer have been installed.

e. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance - nothing to report

- Tech - Scott has secured the purchase of the Red Alert System and will arrange a time with Bill to get it up and running.

- Communication - Abbie has spoken with the Comptroller.

- Facility/Equipment Maintenance - No report.

- Training & Safety - Vinnie reported that the old AED batteries have been disposed of properly. At the last fire company, he reviewed CO calls.

VI. Old Business

a. Review RFPs for Auditors - Abbie noted that RFPs were sent to 6 firms and that 4 responses were received. All have been reviewed.

b. Appointment of Auditor for 2026 - Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve the appointment of Theodore J. Eglit, Jr., CPA as the auditor for the 2026 fiscal year, second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Abbie will contact Ted of acceptance and notify the others. She will ask Ted to let us know what we need to have available to him, so we are prepared.

VII. New Business

a. Review and Approval of Current Month's Invoices

- Labor: Secretary - \$500
- Scott Marinoff - \$125 (Commissioner Training Fee)
- Abbie Hodgson - \$125 (Commissioner Training Fee)
- VFIS - \$10,566.96, \$919, \$13,677
- GSB - \$4,639.56

Motion by Vinnie Kobos to approve the current month's invoices as presented, second by Andrew Soltano. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

b. Review of Driving Policy - All reviewed the document and had some questions. Jeff was not in attendance to help with the answers and concerns. Will table to the April meeting.

c. If appropriate, Adoption of Driving Policy - Tabled to April meeting.

d. Purchase of New Chief Vehicle - Had discussion of need and cost. Car 2 should be replaced. Andrew asked the Chief to get some bids to review. Paul asked about purchasing a used vehicle. Bill noted he had been looking into that, but what we need is not available. Abbie would like to revisit the replacement timeline document that was developed to get a better understanding of where we stand. The Chief will be forming a Committee to replace Truck 20 at the next fire meeting. Table discussion of chief vehicle until April meeting.

e. Request to Gallatin Fire District to Absorb Area TFD Protects into the TFD - Discussion ensued regarding absorption. Bill will reach out to the Real Property Office to see if they can assist us.

Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve up to \$15,000 for adapters, wrenches and nozzles with bids, second by Scott Marinoff. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Scott Marinoff to adjourn meeting at 9:25 p.m., second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026