

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order at 7:34 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

- Jeff Browne - absent (military) - Abbie Hodgson - present
- Vinnie Kobos - present - Scott Marinoff - present - Andrew Soltano - absent
Others present: Bill Hilscher - Chief, Paul Nostrand - Director, Cal Marinoff, Renée
Nostrand - Secretary, Carmen Nero - Treasurer (entered 7:50 p.m.)

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Reports

a. Secretary's Report

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes - March 3, 2026

Motion by Abbie Hodgson to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2026, second by Vinnie Kobos.

Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Renée reminded that May 15th last day for Fire Company to submit year's Form 990
to the IRS.

Received Copy of Notice of Disclosure from Marshall Sterling - Prohibits the
payment of commissions/fees to agents or brokers who do not actually render
a service to the government unit

b. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Monthly Report - Will revisit when Carmen arrives.

Budget-to-Actual Report - will begin in the next month or two when all info has been
programmed into Quickbooks.

c. Chair's Report - none

d. Chief's Report - Bill reported that the SCBA bottles are out being hydro tested. The life of one is
15 years. These devices are flow tested and hydro tested every 5 years.

Noted that on May 20th hose testing will be done.

(Carmen entered)

Still working on installing software onto Bill's computer.

There will be a drill on Sunday.

Treasurer's Report -

February - \$32,909.47 checkbook balance, \$35,883.34 ending balance.

Income: \$.25 interest, \$4,839.64 rebate check from insurance - \$4,839.89 total

Expenses: Postage \$36, Insurance: \$810 accident & sick, Labor: \$1,000,
Quickbooks: \$20.52 (recurring)
March - \$5,553.34 checkbook balance, Income: \$71,853.62, Expenses: Labor -\$1,000,
Training - \$250, Insurance: Portfolio - \$919, AC - \$13,677, Portfolio - \$10,566.96,
Life GSB - \$4,639.56, QB \$20.51. Checkbook balance: \$76,633.92

e. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance: none
- Tech: none
- Communication: none
- Facility/Equipment Maintenance: none
- Training & Safety: Vinnie reported that all SCBAs are now numbered. There will be FIT testing on 4/21.

VI. Old Business

- a. Review of Driving Policy - tabled
- b. If appropriate, Adoption of Driving Policy - tabled
- c. Review of Bids for New Chief Vehicle - tabled
- d. Gallatin Fire District Protection Information - Renée read correspondence from Gallatin Board of Fire Commissioners regarding dissolution of the Gallatin Fire District. They will not be taking action at this time. Also, the signed contract was received.

VII. New Business

- a. Review and Approval of Current Month's Invoices
 - Labor: Treasurer - \$500 x2 (for March & April), Secretary - \$500
 - Cardiac Life Products - \$682.56
 - Abbie Hodgson - \$690.57 (reimbursement- OSHA training refreshments)
 - Jeffrey Browne - \$125 (reimbursement for Commissioner Training course)
 - 2ThePoint Fire Training LLC - \$400.00 (OSHA refresher training)
 - Vinnie Kobos - \$125 (reimbursement for Commissioner Training course)
 - Red Alert - \$3,000

Motion by Abbie Hodgson, to approve payment of current month's invoices as presented, second by Scott Marinoff. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Abbie Hodgson, to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m., second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2026