

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

- Jeff Browne- absent (military) - Abbie Hodgson - present
- Vinnie Kobos present (entered 8:13 p.m. from fire call)
- Scott Marinoff - present - Andrew Soltano - present

Others Present: Carmen Nero - Treasurer, Renée Nostrand - Secretary, Bill Hilscher - Chief, Paul Nostrand - Director

IV. Public Comment - none

V. Reports

a. Secretary's Report

i. Approval of Prior Month's Minutes - April 7, 2026

Tabled to June meeting, since Andrew did not want to vote since he wasn't at the last meeting and there would not be a quorum for the vote. (see below)

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Treasurer's Monthly Report - Carmen reported a beginning balance of \$576,788.92 and ending balance of \$574,016.66. Income of \$166.91 insurance claim, \$37.86 interest. Expenses: \$2,939.10 - labor \$1,000, fire equipment \$682.56, accountant cost \$41.04, training \$1215.50.

ii. Budget-to-Actual Report (if available) - should be available for our next meeting,

c. Chair's Report - Andrew reported that he attended the Commissioner Training in person at the Glenham Fire District. It was mentioned that their chiefs attend Commissioner's Training to have a better understanding of the Commissioners roles within the fire district. Suggestion was made to have new members and elected officers meet with Commissioners. Will add this to our Organizational Meeting Agenda.

d. Chief's Report - Bill reported hose testing will occur on 5/20.

SCBA certificates have been received.

Fit testing is completed.

Handed secretary quote from Garrison.

e. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance -none
- Tech - none

- Communication -none
- Facility/Equipment Maintenance - none
- Training & Safety - none (see below)

VI. Old Business

- a. Review of Driving Policy - tabled to June
- b. If appropriate, Adoption of Driving Policy - tabled to June
- c. Review of Bids for New Chief Vehicle - after some discussion of needs all were in agreement for Bill to move ahead with completing research on vehicle
Vinnie entered at 8:13 p.m.
- d. Discussion of Gallatin Fire District - Andrew spoke with the lawyer of Gallatin Fire District recently. The Gallatin Fire District can give up parcels, they can do a resolution and then we do a resolution to accept. Hopefully this will be addressed before year's end.

VII. New Business

- a. Review and Approval of Current Month's Invoices
 - Labor: Treasurer - \$500, Secretary - \$500
 - MES: \$805.50 & \$711.25
 - NY Fire Equipment: \$5,162.93 & \$15,200
 - Alpine Software: \$3,000
 - Andrew Soltano: \$125 (commissioner training)

Motion by Andrew Soltano, to approve invoices as presented, second by Scott Marinoff.
Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Returned to earlier agenda item of acceptance of April's minutes. Motion by Abbie Hodgson, to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting as presented, second by Scott Marinoff. Ayes 3, Abstentions 1, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Vinnie gave his Training and Safety Report. He noted that the town trash day is this Saturday from 9-12. Inquired if we have any items to take there. Bill will arrange a time to meet prior to Saturday to determine items.

b. Review of Truck Replacement Schedule - Abbie had prepared a preliminary truck replacement schedule. We need to start looking to replace 56-20 and start specing it out. It will take 3 years for the vehicle to be made, making delivery in 2029 or 2030. Will work on setting up a committee for this at the next fire company meeting. Not long after the replacement for 56-20 we will need to start working on a replacement for 56-30. Reviewed the schedule and made some adjustments. Abbie will distribute it once she has updated it.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Scott Marinoff to adjourn meeting at 9:39 p.m., second by Vinnie Kobos, Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2026