

TAGHKANIC FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 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- present - Abbie Hodgson - absent (at firefighter training course)
- Vinnie Kobos- present - 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 - May 5, 2026

Motion by Scott Marinoff, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting with typo correction, second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

ii. Audit Info Received - Renée shared the list received from our auditing firm showing the files needed for the audit.

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Treasurer's Monthly Report - Carmen noted that the 2026 budget needs to be updated to the final budget on our website. The bank requested that it be done. Scott will take care of it. QuickBooks will be set up once that has been completed.

Income \$37.86, Expenses \$26,007.89

ii. Budget-to-Actual Report (if available) - should begin next month.

c. Chair's Report - none

d. Chief's Report - Truck 42 had to be repaired, 30 needs a part replaced. Hose testing has been completed. Approximately 400 feet of hose failed. Bill spoke with a VFIS agent regarding mouse damage of hose, they are checking on it.

e. Standing Committee Reports

- Finance - none

- Tech - Scott has revamped the website to make it ADA compliant for public websites. He has also set up .gov emails for all of us and will forward instructions shortly on how we get started. The email info@taghkanicfiredistrict.gov will go to all of us. Everyone thanked Scott.

- Communication - none

--Facility/Equipment Maintenance - Scott noted we will need to secure a new cleaning person for the firehouse.

- Training & Safety- Vinnie reported that 3 truckloads of debris were brought to the town's clean up day on May 9th.

-There are a handful of firefighters that still need to complete mandatory training.

VI. Old Business

a. Review of Driving Policy - Jeff reviewed points of the policy. He noted that there have been three different incidents. Within the policy, the Chief determines the outcome of the incident. Motion by Jeff Browne to adopt the Driving Policy, second by Andrew Soltano. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Bill noted that he will announce it at the next fire company meeting.

b. Review of Bids for New Chief Vehicle

- Bill discussed the bids he received for the chief vehicle. Waiting on one more.

Motion by Andrew Soltano to allocate and authorize the expenditure of up to \$55,000 to purchase a chief truck. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

a. Review and Approval of Current Month's Invoices

- Labor: Treasurer - \$500, Secretary - \$500
- NY Fire Equipment (Gear)- \$2038
- MES (Hydrotest)- \$44.75
- MES (Disinfectant) - \$102.08
- MES (SCBA Flow Tests) - \$1,298
- Reberland Equipment - \$2,055.50
- Fire Equipment Testing Inc. - \$5159.5
- Luke's Garage - \$700 (56-42)
- Taghkanic Fire Company Lease Payment - \$121,997

Motion by Jeff Browne, to approve payment of current month's invoices, as above, second by Vinnie Kobos. Ayes 4, Nay 0. Motion carried.

b. Amend Lease Agreement with Taghkanic Fire Company - Corrected dates, added new truck and removed old truck.

Motion by Andrew Soltano, to amend the lease agreement with the Taghkanic Fire Company as stated above, second by Scott Marinoff. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Scott Marinoff to adjourn meeting at 9:34 p.m, second by Vinne Kobos. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.