Hughsonville Fire District

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Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month

Board of Fire Commissioners
Anthony Martino, Jr. - Chairman
Mark Liebermann – Deputy Chairman
Michael Schappert, Vincent Galvin,
John Lorenzini

Paul Rogers, Jr. – Chief of Department
William H. Beale – District Duty Captain
Nick Ward – 2nd Assistant Chief

MINUTES
October 8, 2025
Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

Attendees:
Commissioner Anthony Martino, Jr.– Chairman
Commissioner Mark Liebermann - Deputy Chairman (Absent)
Commissioner Vincent Galvin
Commissioner Michael Schappert
Commissioner John Lorenzini

Chief:	Paul Rogers, Jr.
District Duty Captain:	William H. Beale
2nd Assistant Chief:	Nick Ward
District Secretary/Treasurer:	Kim Flower
Attorney for District:	Greg Supple, Esq. (Absent)

Commissioner Martino opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Guest Speakers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Legal – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Treasurer's Report

- Purchase orders, bills, and checks were signed.

- Motion to approve abstract dated October 8, 2025 consisting of 23 items for a total of $ 22,278.02, with a transfer of $20,000.00 from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  – Commissioner Galvin Yes
  – Commissioner Schappert Yes
  – Commissioner Martino Yes
  – Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  – Commissioner Liebermann Absent

Secretary's Minutes

- Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for September 24, 2025 was made by Commissioner Galvin.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  – Commissioner Galvin Yes
  – Commissioner Schappert Yes
  – Commissioner Martino Yes
  – Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  – Commissioner Liebermann Absent

Correspondence – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Commissioner Report

- Commissioner Galvin reminded all the get their oath of office to the town within the time limit.

Chief's Report

- Yearly extinguisher testing and service is completed.

- The department will be helping with a standby for East Fishkill October 20, 2025, in their quarters.

- The department will be participating in the following:
  October 19, 2025 Trunk or Treat at Bowdoin Park
  October 25, 2025 Trunk or Treat at Schlathaus Park
  October 30, 2025 RCK Career Day
  October 31, 2025 Junior High
  November 1, 2025 Tractor Supply recruitment

A. Apparatus (Repairs)

- 45-55: Hopewell was here to look at a small air leak. They feel it may be due to the vehicle Over-pressuring the system. They recommend making an appointment with Eagle Diesel to find out why the air system is pressuring 30-40 psi over what it should be. Chief staff is working on making appointment as soon as possible.

B. Radios and Pagers

- 45-31: Radio was installed. Chief staff is working on installing radio in rescue.

C. Fire Prevention

- Day Cares and Schools are scheduled for fire prevention this week. There will also be fire drill next Wednesday at town hall.

D. Uniforms – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

E. Purchase request (s) – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

F. Training Report

- All members have completed 3rd quarter training.
- 4th quarter training will begin soon.
- There will be a lot of good training coming up with neighboring departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

- Commissioner Galvin stated there is a new application waiting for interview. Since Commissioner Liebermann is lead and has not been available, Commissioner Martino will call and hold the interview on company side.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts/JHF

- All are going well. Commissioner Lorenzini opened a bank account for the Cub Scouts.

Buildings and Grounds

- Commissioner Galvin asked what is happening with old grill on side of butler building. The grill is not in working order and parts that can be reused have been removed. Commissioner Lorenzini will be discard grill.

Building Expansion

- As is stands, the Planning board has voted not to allow the district to be lead agency for new building. The Board is waiting for information on denial. We are still waiting for hole testing results. Commissioner Martino requested that all of board be sent copy of all emails.

LOSAP

- The Board spoke with Firefly at recent AFDSNY conference. They discussed lowering the eligibility age to 58 or 60. Firefly stated lowing age to 60 for strictly active members would increase contribution to $80,000 and lowering to 58 for active members only would increase the contribution to $105,000.

- Motion to lower eligibility for LOSAP program to entitlement age to 60, for current active members, and put on ballot for December 9, 2025 election was made by Commissioner Martino. Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  - Commissioner Liebermann Absent

Policies and Procedures

- Commissioner Schappert is still working on downloading.

Technology, IT Digital Communications – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Website Committee – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Public Information Officers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Old Business

- To only replace coil cord on door #8 -- $ 309

- Motion to allow Dutchess Overhead Doors to replace broken coil cord, not to exceed $400 was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  - Commissioner Liebermann Absent

- There are continuing problems with bay door by 62 and 67. There is water hitting the sensors and the hose is hitting so there are problems with reflector and sensor not meeting up. Secretary

will call Dutchess Overhead and ask if sensors must be on doors or if they can be reversed. There are laws stating only need one sensor.

- Motion to amend allowance for (4) Commissioners attendance to AFDSNY conference, October 2-4 from $301 to $280 per person meal per diem was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  - Commissioner Liebermann Absent

New Business

- Motion to designate Paolina Lita as Chairman and Marlene Evans and Frances Houghton as election inspectors for December 9, 2025 district election with a compensation set at $80 was made by Commissioner Lorenzini.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  - Commissioner Liebermann Absent

- Commissioner Schappert asked if district can now pay for soda and coffee pods for the company members. Commissioner Galvin asked why company is unable to continue purchasing. The company would like to pick up other expenditures for members.

- Motion that the district take over the soda and coffee pod for membership, with a limit of $250 monthly, to begin in 2026 was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin No
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
  - Commissioner Liebermann Absent

- District Duty Captain stated Lucas device was used twice within same day recently. Good tool for us to have.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Martino at 7:30 pm.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes

– Commissioner Liebermann Absent

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower
District Secretary