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# Hughsonville Fire District

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Meets Second and Fourth  
Wednesday of each month

### Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Justin R. Jerrick – Chief of Department  
Nicholas Ward – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief  
William H. Beale – Deputy Chief

## MINUTES February 25, 2026 Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Chief: Justin Jerrick  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief: Nicholas Ward (Absent)  
Deputy Chief: William H. Beale  
District Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Flower  
Attorney for District: Ian MacDonald

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

A moment of silence was observed.

## Guest Speakers

- Martin Sendlewski, Jeff Sendlewski, and bonding attorney Michael Loguercio attended via zoom to discuss timelines and get approvals for resolutions to move forward with new building. Letter was received from Planning Board attorney reversing decision for lead agency. Marty and Jeff will send paperwork to all involved agencies as needed. A public information meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 pm. at which the architects and bond agents will attend and the vote will be held Tuesday, April 7, 2026.
- Motion for Hughsonville Board of Fire Commissioners to assume lead agency was made by Commissioner Liebermann.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to approve negative declaration was made by Commissioner Liebermann.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to approve entire bonding resolution was made by Commissioner Galvin.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

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

## Treasurer's Report

- Purchase orders, bills, and checks were signed.
- Motion to approve abstract dated February 25, 2026 consisting of 20 items for a total of \$ 24,726.75, with a transfer from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Martino.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes

- Commissioner Schappert      Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini      Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann      Yes
- The AFR has been completed and submitted.

**Secretary’s Minutes**

- Motion to approve the secretary’s minutes for February 11, 2026 was made by Commissioner Martino.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

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

**Correspondence**

- Motion to approve Anthony Martino request for meeting room use, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 7pm, pending company approval was made by Commissioner Galvin.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

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

- Motion to allow Chairman Schappert to sign the authorization for use of Dutchess County Dept. of Emergency response, East Fishkill Fire District training center, and New Hackensack Fire District training center was made by Commissioner Martino.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

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

**Commissioner Report**

- Commissioner Galvin asked who handles emails that go to info on website. Commissioners stated board and chiefs do. Secretary handles sending patch requests but uses caution.

**Chief’s Report** – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

**A. Apparatus (Repairs)**

- 45-3, 45-59, and 45-1: Asst Chief Ward has been back and forth with EVS that cars are taking too long.
- 45-2: Will be going back to DB graphics because graphics are falling off.
- 45-11: Completed annual service and had no issues.
- 45-31: Completed annual service. Air leaks are repaired.
- 45-32: Annual service happening now. Replacing welds.
- 45-55: Completed annual service. Air leak fixed.
- 45-62: Completed annual service. Asst. Chief Ward is looking into places to service rear leaf springs. Also during service, found driver side door panel is rusted.
- 45-69: Completed annual service. Stated extremely rusted underneath.
- 45-66, 45-62, and utv incidents will be discussed in executive session.
- Commissioner Schappert asked chief staff to reach out to Hopewell Apparatus to ask how deep and dangerous the rusting is on 45-62 and 45-69.

**B. Radios and Pagers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted***

**C. Fire Prevention – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted***

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

**E. Purchase request (s)**

- Motion to allow EVS to install a dual head radio and antenna into 45-46 and a single head radio and antenna into 45-32, not to exceed \$1,716.00 was made by Commissioner Martino. Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to purchase thermal imaging camera to replace old, up to \$5,000, after trade-in was made by Commissioner Martino. Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
  - Commissioner Galvin Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes

- Commissioner Lorenzini      Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann    Yes
- Motion to order ten (10) adult pads and adult spur bvm’s from Medical Warehouse, no to exceed \$636.00 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
- Commissioner Galvin            Yes
  - Commissioner Martino        Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert      Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini      Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann    Yes

**F. Training Report**

- Motion to allow two members to attend New Hackensack training, Sunday, March 29, 2026 for a total of \$650 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
- Commissioner Galvin            Yes
  - Commissioner Martino        Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert      Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini      Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann    Yes

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts/JHF**

- All groups are doing well. Cub Scouts had a pinewood derby in meeting room this past weekend. Junior program is going well.

**Buildings and Grounds**

- There is a drainage backup in the kitchen and a septic odor. The sink is not draining and backing up. The pipes might be frozen. The snow will be removed from outer pipes to see if will fix problem. If necessary, a plumber may have to be called.

**Building Expansion**

- Motion to disallow absentee ballots for April 7, 2026 vote was made by Commissioner Schappert.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
- Commissioner Galvin            Yes
  - Commissioner Martino        Yes
  - Commissioner Schappert      Yes

- Commissioner Lorenzini      Absent
- Commissioner Liebermann    Yes

**LOSAP**

- Motion to approve Firefly resolution for 2025 certified points was made by Commissioner Liebermann.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

**Policies and Procedures**

- Secretary is working on extracting Lexipol policies and incorporating into our established policies.

**Technology, IT Digital Communications**

- Kevin Geidel is working with old server to process reports, etc... for chiefs

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

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

**Old Business**

- Commissioner Galvin stated the grant has been extended to March 11, 2026. We may have to use reserve money, depending how things work out.

**New Business**

- Motion to enter into executive session at 8:26 pm to discuss a personnel matter was made by Commissioner Liebermann.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

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

- Motion to exit executive session at 8:55 pm was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
- Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin            Yes
- Commissioner Martino        Yes

- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

No decisions were made and no money was spent while in executive session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Liebermann at 8:56 pm.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower  
District Secretary