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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
Thomas Gallman, Sr.

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

MINUTES July 8, 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 Thomas Gallman, Sr.

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

Commissioner Schappert 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 July 8, 2026 consisting of 27 items for a total of \$ 28,282.86, with a transfer from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Gallman.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

– Commissioner Liebermann	Yes
– Commissioner Martino	Yes
– Commissioner Schappert	Yes
– Commissioner Galvin	Yes
– Commissioner Gallman	Yes

Secretary's Minutes

- Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for June 24, 2026 was made by Commissioner Martino.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

– Commissioner Liebermann	Yes
– Commissioner Martino	Yes
– Commissioner Schappert	Yes
– Commissioner Galvin	Yes
– Commissioner Gallman	Abstain

Correspondence

- Motion to approve Nick Ward meeting room request for Saturday, July 25th was made by Commissioner Galvin.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

– Commissioner Liebermann	Yes
– Commissioner Martino	Yes
– Commissioner Schappert	Yes
– Commissioner Galvin	Yes
– Commissioner Gallman	Yes

Commissioner Report – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Chief's Report

- Motion to allow company to hold a bucket drive Saturday, July 18th and use apparatus as deemed by the chief was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- Motion to allow members to attend Mahopac parade, Thursday, July 23rd and use apparatus 45-55, 45-68, and the chiefs vehicles was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

A. Apparatus (Repairs)

- 45-59: Getting a/c repaired.
 - Motion to approve emergency repairs to 45-59 a/c not to exceed \$2,600 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- 45-55: Went this week for a/c repairs but due to weather, truck must be brought back.
 - 45-46: Ladder testing came back. There is no other damage from recent incident besides tip that needs to be repaired. Truck is not usable for rope rescue. Lead time for repairs is 16 weeks. The board instructed secretary to contact insurance to begin claim.
 - Motion to order parts to begin repairs to ladder was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- 45-31: Eagle Diesel found lost ground to jake brake. Wire harness was repaired. No further issues have been noticed.

- Tomorrow is end of 30 days for referendum. Asst. Chief Ward will begin paperwork and order. Timeframe is unknown at this time. Asst. Chief Ward will better have a better idea for next meeting so board can determine when to begin surplus of old 45-62.

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

F. Training Report

- Motion to allow apparatus, deemed by the chief, to attend FF1 class (two members attending) in East Fishkill 7/31, 8/3, 8/4, and 8/7 was made by Commissioner Galvin.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- Congratulations to Josh Gallman for completing basic exterior and interior firefighting operations. Next year he will begin interior checklist.
- Zack Bowen completed his interior checklist.
- Motion to allow M. Stearns and M. Flynn to begin driver training prior to six month probation was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann stated members should be trained to driver faster. T. Morano has been a member previously and was qualified so should be driving the rigs by now and C. Sample has stated he has been requesting to be qualified but he is yet to contact the chief to begin driving. T. Dhalla is working on getting qualified but it is taking some time. Per Lt. Dhalla the process is beginning to move faster.
- Driver requalification is completed. Two members still need to complete.
- 2026 OSHA for the most part is complete. Two new members Simmonds and Beahan were unaware had to be completed but are now set up and must be completed in two weeks. A.

Morello has completed half and will be completed in two weeks also. A. Lorenzini is out of country so he needs to complete. J. Lorenzini completed his but needs to submit his certificates. M. Liebermann is out on medical but once cleared will be going inactive.

- 2026 physicals, two members have not completed, R. White but is scheduled for July 9th and M. Liebermann is on medical.
- Firefighter R. VanNess is requesting to take Fire Officer 2 at Bucks County College. The registration fee is \$260, the majority is online except you must attend the hands on portions. It is a 40 hour class and is NYS recognized.
- Motion to allow R. VanNess to attend Fire Officer 2 through Bucks County College was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

- Chief Jerrick thanked all the firefighters and emt's that responded the ems call with difficulty breathing on June 29th. They did a great job and rapidly deployed the lucas device. Great job from people and Town of Wappinger ems.
- Chief Jerrick thanked all firefighters for attending recent mutual aid fires.
- Motion to allow a standby engine (45-11) to crew in East Fishkill, Monday, July 20th was made by Commissioner Gallman.
Motion seconded by Martino.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

- Motion to retract junior member Caceres application due to no response since May 5th was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes

- Motion to remove Jared Wigdor from the active rolls was made by Commissioner Gallman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- Jared will be contacted to return all district equipment.
- The board requested secretary to notify Laborer, K. Cruz to attend next meeting.
- Chief Jerrick made announcement during last company meeting that if anyone interested in fill in for laborer to contact him.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts/JHF

- Boy Scouts are off for summer.

Buildings and Grounds

- Rycor was here to clean a/c units July 1. A unit was found leaking the next morning and Rycor came back to repair. They found cracked box assembly on left side. Assembly is not under warranty and will cost \$280 for part plus \$135/hr to repair.
- Motion to move forward with repairs to broken a/c was made by Commissioner Schappert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Gallman Yes
- Commissioner Schappert and Commissioner Martino have found the a/c in the rec room set on 64 several times. The a/c is to remain set at 68-70 at all times.
- Secretary will contact Freer Landscaping to install bollards near diesel tank.

Building Expansion

- The vote for new building took place last night. Results: 51 yes 65 no
- Motion to have new building resolution vote on December ballot was made by Commissioner Liebermann. Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes

- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

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

Policies and Procedures

- Secretary and Chief Jerrick are working on policies and working to be complete no later than end of year. The Lexipol policies are mainly geared at paid police and fire and not really any assistance to volunteers. Our policies are more geared what is necessary to us.

Technology, IT Digital Communications

- Commissioner Schappert is still working on return with CDW.

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

Old Business – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

New Business

- Motion to increase active member gym memberships to \$25/mth, must go (8) eight times per month, in good standing, and reimbursements to be made quarterly was made by Commissioner Liebermann.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

- Commissioner Schappert requested Treasurer and Deputy to begin budget works.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Liebermann at 7:45 pm.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower
District Secretary