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
August 12, 2026
Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

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

Chief:	Justin Jerrick	
1st 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

- Mark Ambrosone, Motorola & Lt. R. White:
  Lengthy discussion was had regarding lease purchase of APX8000XE radios. There will be 57 uhf/vhf 700/800 radios. The contract will be a lease purchase with no penalty for early payoff. Motorola offers a county discount and is on state bid and we will be getting a promotional discount. As per the district's attorney, the legal notices will be placed in the newspaper next week and a vote will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

- Motion to move forward with resolution to lease-purchase radios and equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc. was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman as follows:
  WHEREAS, the Hughsonville Fire District ("the Fire District") is in need of new radios and equipment for its firefighting apparatus as set forth in the attached Lease ("the Equipment"); and

  WHEREAS, the Motorola Solutions, Inc., has proposed to provide the Fire District with the Equipment pursuant to terms contained in the Lease-Purchase Agreement annexed hereto; and

  WHEREAS, the authorization to enter into a Lease-Purchase Agreement for the purchase of radios and equipment for use in firefighting apparatus is a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

  NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines it is in the best interest of the Fire District to enter into the Lease-Purchase Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., substantially in the form annexed hereto subject to any changes approved by counsel to the Fire District ("Lease-Purchase Agreement"), for the purchase of the Equipment; and

  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Fire District entering into the Lease-Purchase Agreement, and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the Lease-Purchase Agreement, as well as any other related documents necessary to effectuate the Lease-Purchase Agreement; and

  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a Mandatory Referendum and therefore shall not take effect until duly submitted and approved at a special or annual Fire District election in the manner provided by Section 179 of the New York Town Law for voting upon appropriations.

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

- A special meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16th to finalize contract after results of vote for radios.

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

Treasurer's Report

- Purchase orders, bills, and checks were signed.

- Motion to approve abstract dated August 12, 2026 consisting of 35 items for a total of $ 32,791.30, with a transfer from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Gallman.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

Secretary's Minutes

- Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for July 22, 2026 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

Correspondence

- Insurance check was received from Glatfelter for damage to 45-46 in the amount of $16,284.98. Check was deposited into Tompkins Bank savings account. As a result of having no insurance claims in the past couple of years, the deductible was waived.

- Motion to approve Anthony Martino request for meeting room use Saturday, December 12, 2026 was made by Commissioner Gallman.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

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

- Motion to approve John King request for meeting room use Sunday, October 18, 2026 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

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

- Secretary spoke with movie production liaison. They will be making repairs from parking in flooded fields and broken fence. They will also be making a $1,500.00 donation for any inconvenience it may have caused us.

Commissioner Report

- Motion to allow Commissioner Galvin to attend AFDSNY Annual Expo October 7 – 10th with a registration fee of $375.00/person plus room and any other additional Commissioner who would like to attend was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

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

- Commissioner Galvin will be instructed that reservations can not be made for any training until the Boards approval.

Chief's Report

- Motion to allow Captain Cruz to utilize a district vehicle while Chief Jerrick is away August 27, 2026 – September 6, 2026 and Asst. Chief Ward is away August 13, 2026 – August 22, 2026 was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

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

- The chief staff thanked the Board for allowing to move forward with the lease purchase of the new radios.

A. Apparatus (Repairs)

- 45-69: a/c compressor failed, oil pan leaking and rusted, and trans lines are rusted and leaking. To repair the truck is approx.. $3,000.00. Rough numbers to purchase 2027 replacement from Denoyeer with an 8 ft. plow, fisher tailgate spreader, upfit for lighting from EVS, and upgrade tires from InterCity will be approx.. $126,000.00. Asst. Chief Ward will get closer amount in September when 2027 prices are more utd.

- Motion to allow Attorney MacDonald to write up referendum and move forward with purchase of 2027 Chevrolet 3500 truck to replace 45-69, up to $140,000.00 from apparatus reserve was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

- Commissioner Gallman Yes

- 45-62: New truck should be here end of August – beginning of September. EVS has been receiving lighting for that unit. The skid unit should be in mid October.

- 45-59: repairs have been completed.

- 45-32: water separator replaced.

- 45-55: waiting for Compass to call back regarding a/c repairs

- 45-2: vehicle is bucking when braking. Chevy is checking transmission.

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 attend live burn with New Hackensack fire dept. Monday, September 28, 2026 and apparatus of the chiefs choosing was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

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

- Members Mochon and VanBuren completed pump ops class in Putnam County.

- Member VonBurg completed Fire1 bootcamp.

- Lt. Morano is now qualified on 45-31. Lt. Dhalla will be qualified in a couple of weeks.

- Motion to allow Brandon Compasso to attend NYS Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Behavior on the inside training, at New Hackensack fire department September 19th and 20th totaling $245.00 was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

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

- Commissioner Liebermann stated new member R. VanNess was approved to attend class at Bucks County but he has not been around. Chief Jerrick stated he was here for a training last week. He has been here to help. Right now he has not missed a quarterly training so not a reason to remove him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

- Letter of intent for Laborer was received from Z. Bowen. Letter will be kept on file and when needed will be called. A. Lorenzini letter will be kept on file as a Contractor when needed.

- Motion to remove John King from the active rolls was made by Commissioner Liebermann. Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

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

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts/JHF

- Boy Scouts will begin in September. JHF's meet weekly.

- A. Chase received his Eagle Scout.

Buildings and Grounds

- Still waiting for bollard install quote.

Building Expansion

- Vote will be added to the Commissioner election in December.

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

Policies and Procedures

- A group of updated policies and forms were sent to the Board for revision and approval. On the chief qualification section, a line will be added stating the Board will have final approval on Chief and Assistant Chief positions.

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

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

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

New Business

- Motion to enter into executive session at 8:19 pm to discuss a personnel matter was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

- Motion to exit executive session at 8:58 pm was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

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

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

- Motion to suspend Vinny Galvin until next meeting, Wednesday, August 26, 2026 pending investigation into eligibility of Workman's Comp claim was made by Commissioner Schappert.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

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

- Motion to move forward with UniFirst for rugs, up to $45.00/mth was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Gallman.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gallman at 9:04 pm.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

- Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes

- Commissioner Galvin Absent
- Commissioner Gallman Yes

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower
District Secretary