

## COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Treasurer Riley

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Dave Meservey, John Krill & Jonathan Krill  
Newly Elected Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr  
Chief Nick DiNovo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Jon Politis  
Attorney Alyssa Snyder  
Secretary Dimana Pineo  
Treasurer Dennis Riley

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Bob Napier, Attorney Greg Serio

The Treasurer, Mr. Dennis Riley, begins the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance & moment of silence.

### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH – OFFICE OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

- I, Brian Meservey Sr, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Fire District Commissioner of the Verdoy Fire District, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Motion by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr. and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to appoint Dave Meservey as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District for the year 2025. Commissioners Brian Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 25-01: APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY:** Motion made by Commissioner John Krill and seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey to appoint Dimana Pineo as Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dimana Pineo is hereby appointed Secretary of the Verdoy Fire District. Said Secretary is also appointed the Public Information Officer of the Verdoy Fire District. The salary for this position is fixed as budgeted.

The following oath is administered:

- I, Dimana Pineo, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Fire District Secretary of the Verdoy Fire District, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

**RESOLUTION 25-02:**

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER: Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to appoint Dennis Riley as Treasurer of the Verdoy Fire District. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dennis Riley is hereby appointed treasurer of the Verdoy Fire District. The salary for this position is fixed as budgeted.

The following oath is administered:

- I, Dennis Riley, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of New York, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Fire District Treasurer of the Verdoy Fire District, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

**RESOLUTION 25-03:**

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to appoint The D'Amato Law Firm as Attorneys of the Verdoy Fire District. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the D'Amato Law Firm is hereby appointed as attorneys for the Verdoy Fire District for the year 2025.

**RESOLUTION 25-04:**

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to appoint Nicholas DiNovo as the Chief of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department for 2025. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

WHERE AS Nick DiNovo has been recommended to the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners as Chief of the Department (Car 61) for the year 2025 by the Verdoy Fire Association and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners does accept and approve the nomination of Nicholas DiNovo as Chief of the Department for 2025.

**RESOLUTION 25-05:**

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr and seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to appoint Jon Politis as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department for 2025. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

WHERE AS, Jon Politis has been recommended to the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief of the Department (Car 63) for the year 2025 by the Verdoy Fire Association and,

WHERE AS, the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners is aware that Jon Politis resides in the Boght Fire District in the Town of Colonie,

WHERE AS, the Boght Fire District is a district in which the Verdoy Fire Department responds to on Mutual Aid Calls and,

WHERE AS, Jon Politis has proven himself as an effective Officer since responding from his current residence then...

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners does accept and approve the nomination of Jon Politis as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief of the Department for 2025.

Oath of Office taken by Chief Nick DiNovo

Oath of Office taken by 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Jon Politis

The Chair asked that the Chiefs provide an agenda to the Secretary prior to the monthly meeting.

**RESOLUTION 25-06:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to declare that the Chiefs attend Commissioners training within 270 days of taking office.

**RESOLUTION 25-07:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Times Union is designated as the Official Legal Newspaper and to name M&T Bank as the official bank of the Verdoy Fire District for 2025.

**RESOLUTION 25-08:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Verdoy Fire District will be held on the second to last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station, 988 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York. The location and time of the meeting may be changed by further resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners upon proper notification to the local media of such change.

**MEETING DATES AS FOLLOWS:**

January 23  
February 20  
March 20  
April 17  
May 22  
June 26  
July 24  
August 21  
September 18  
October 16  
November 20  
December 18

**Public Budget Hearing:** Tuesday, October 16, 2025

**Commissioner's Election:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025

**RESOLUTION 25-09:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman appoints the following Commissioners to the following assignments (see attached).

**RESOLUTION 25-10:**

BE IT RESOLVED, the approval that the Verdoz Fire District continue membership in the following organizations:

- Fireman's Association of the State of NY (FASNY)
- Association of Fire District of the State of NY (AFDSNY)
- Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area (AFDCA)
- New York State Association of Fire Chaplains
- New York State Association of Fire Police
- New York State Association of Fire Chiefs
- Fire Police Association of Albany County
- Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)
- New York Association of Local Government Records Officers (NYALGRO)

**RESOLUTION 25-11:**

BE IT RESOLVED, the approval that the Verdoz Fire District continue membership for the Chief, all Past Chiefs, and Board members in the following Organizations:

- New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYS AFC)

**RESOLUTION 25-12:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Verdox Fire District Maintain Membership in the following organizations for the Chief of the Department:

- International Association of Fire Chiefs

**RESOLUTION 25-13:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon review, the Verdox Fire District approves the following yearly contracts and agreements:

- Adirondack Overhead Door
- Albany County Department of Health
- Alltek
- Association/Paid Personnel
- Casella
- Comalli Group
- Cummins Northeast
- Doyle Security
- Emergency Services Marketing
- EMTech
- EOS Technologies
- McGee Elevator
- Northeast Pest Control
- Penflex, Inc.
- Pro Tech
- Sutphen Aerial Units
- UniFirst
- Vander Molen Sales & Service
- Vector One IT Solutions

**RESOLUTION 25-14:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Verdox Fire District is authorized to pay, in advance of an audit by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdox Fire District, the following claims. Any such claims must be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdox Fire District for audit.

- Utility payment to National Grid for heat and lights
- Verizon wireless for cellular data for iPads
- Verizon Fios for static IP and Internet access and telephone
- Capital One card services (upon approval of Commissioners in charge of bills)
- United States Postal Service for Postage and/or express charges

- Latham Water District for water usage
- Town of Colonie for fuel for District vehicles
- Culligan water for the station
- Home Depot card services (upon approval of Commissioners in charge of bills)
- EOS Technologies
- Casella services for refuse removal
- Green County Bank (BOND 2 times per year)
- Association paid personnel
- Fixed salaries
- Insurances
- Sewer taxes, travel advances (after approval of attendance by the Board), pre-registration (after approval of attendance by the Board), Payroll taxes all inclusive
- Vector One IT Solutions for IT Support

**RESOLUTION 25-15:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Verdoy Fire District is authorized to pay only upon approval of this Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District on the following claims:

- Bills signed by the designated Commissioner when the meeting date is earlier than the usual second to last Thursday of the month.

**RESOLUTION 25-16:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Verdoy Fire District approves the renewal of all Mutual Aid Agreements

**RESOLUTION 25-17:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Verdoy Fire District authorizes participation in and the use of District apparatus for parades, wakes and other details.

**RESOLUTION 25-18:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Verdoy Fire District renews and adopts Fire District Policies, Procedures, Standard Operating Procedures, Station Rules, Code of Ethics Policy & Physical Examination Policy.

**RESOLUTION 25-19:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2025, milage will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate at the time of reimbursement.

**RESOLUTION 25-20:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Commissioner John Krill and Commissioner Jonathan Krill to countersign checks \$5,000.00 and over as of January 1, 2025

**RESOLUTION 25-21:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint the Verdox Volunteer Fire Association, Inc as the official Firefighting and Rescue Force of the Fire District.

**RESOLUTION 25-22:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt LGS-1 records retention policy for the District.

**RESOLUTION 25-23:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize defense and indemnification of Commissioners, District Employees, and District Volunteers Pursuant to Public Officers Law §18.

**RESOLUTION 25-24:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize defense and indemnification of District Volunteer Firefighters Pursuant to General Municipal Law §205-G.

**RESOLUTION 25-25:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to declare that the annual review of the workplace violence policy and incident reports was conducted pursuant to 10 NYCRR 806(i)(5) and there were no such reports for the previous year.

**RESOLUTION 25-26:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the District has obtained enhanced cancer benefits required under General Municipal Law §205-cc through VFIS.

**RESOLUTION 25-27:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to declare the official records of the District will be maintained in Paper Format and/or digital format.

**RESOLUTION 25-28:**

BE IT RESOLVED, to declare the Fire Station Digital Sign and Website as the Public location to be used for the posting of open meeting law notice.

**RESOLUTION 25-29:**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves the form of security as a surety bond for not less than two million dollars.

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to accept the list of Resolution 25-01 to Resolution 25-29. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey Sr and seconded by Commissioner John Krill to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill voted in favor. Commissioner Bob Napier was absent. All in agreement. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dimana Pineo  
District Secretary