

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:00 pm

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** 7:01 pm

**Present:** Commissioners Bob Napier, Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey and Jonathan Krill; Administrator Dimana Pineo, Treasurer Dennis Riley, Attorney Greg Serio, Chief Nick DiNovo, Captains Brian Meservey Jr and Phil Giguere and Lieutenant Wayne Russell

**Absent:** Commissioner John Krill, Assistant Chief Jon Politis, Attorney Alyssa Snyder and Fire Association President Brian Caney

### PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

*Previous month's minutes were not posted due to a vote that took place regarding the Albany County Board of Elections, but did not have a majority and was approved in error. That vote will be discussed and revisited at tonight's meeting.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that as of March 31, 2025, the District's funds totaled \$2,302,029.40.

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**BILLS:** Total: \$126,912.84

Company	Amount
Access Compliance	\$710.00
Admar Supply Company, Inc.	\$120.15
Albany Fire Extinguisher	\$763.05
AramSCO Inc.	\$53.16
Bound Tree Medical LLC	\$655.54
Brian Meservey Jr.	\$104.54
Buhrmaster Energy Group	\$1,746.59
Capital One	\$7,008.12
Casella Waste Services	\$88.56
Chris' Coffee Service, Inc.	\$192.35
Comalli Group, INC**	\$769.46
Culligan Troy, NY	\$65.95
Cummins Sales & Service	\$56,821.05
Dennis Riley	\$1,178.08
ESI Equipment Inc.	\$55.85
Grainger	\$211.03
H&K Towing	\$500.00
HALO Branded Solutions Inc.	\$92.00
Hoffman Car Wash Circle, LLC	\$80.00
Home Depot	\$662.63
Jonathan Krill	\$148.40
Meservey, Brian	\$148.40
Motorola Solutions	\$19,325.58
National Grid	\$2,629.66
Northeast IS	\$2,988.00
Northeast Pest Control	\$110.00
NRS	\$3,396.58
NY Fire Equipment	\$3,650.00
TargetSolutions Learning, LLC	\$4,997.61
The D'Amato Law Group, LLP	\$3,480.00
Times Union	\$129.48
Trilateral Technologies LLC	\$3,619.50
UniFirst Corporation	\$121.44

Company	Amount
United Rentals Inc.	\$6,623.05
Upstate New York Plow & Truck Body LLC	\$285.00
Vector One IT Solutions	\$1,079.15
Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association	\$378.00
Verizon Wireless	\$645.88
W. & E. Phillips Locksmith, Inc.	\$1,279.00

*\* There were two errant bills which were voided in the past but showed up on the outstanding bills abstract in error: EOS Technologies for \$1,401.45 and Culligan Troy for \$63. These bills have been removed.*

*\*\* Commissioner Jonathan Krill has advised Treasurer Dennis Riley to hold off on payment of the Comalli Electric bill. This bill will need to be reapproved at next month's meeting.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills presented before the Board of Fire Commissioners at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

*All in favor, motion carried.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

*A "Thank You" card from Paul Cognetta from Penflex; letter regarding Environmental Compliance: The New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs submitting Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory listings.*

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*2 members of the public were present. No comments.*

## **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

### **ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRIAN CANEY:**

— No Report Provided —

**ATTORNEY GREG SERIO (THE D'AMATO LAW GROUP):**

— No Report Provided —

*Discussion regarding FAA Water Rescue Plan. Attorney Greg Serio states that the agreement is in the beginning stages and more details will be forthcoming as they become available.*

*The Comptroller's Office does not recognize SourceWell as a valid resource during the bidding process. Discussion about SourceWell and bidding requirements. For the next 3 years, the Comptroller's office will focus on Fire District audits. The Comptroller's office wants to ensure that Fire Districts are following the law.*

*The annual financial audit is not affiliated in any way with the Comptroller's audit. Discussion regarding the bidding process in purchasing a new apparatus. SourceWell has a \$2,000 contract fee.*

*Business tax brackets: Attorney Greg Serio and Chief DiNovo are continuing their work regarding the data that will be needed to move forward. More details will be forthcoming.*

**CHIEF'S REPORTS:**

**CHIEF NICK DINOVO:**

1. The Apparatus Committee has received the preliminary proposal and specifications for the new rescue truck. Phil Vander Molen of Vander Molen Fire Apparatus will be attending the meeting for any questions or concerns anyone may have.

*In Spring 2026, the manufacturer will know what motor will be available for the build. Discussion regarding the purchase of a new Rescue truck and finances. If we do not need a performance bond, that will result in approximately \$7,000 in savings.*

*Discussion regarding clarification of contract language and cancellation clauses. The Board of Fire Commissioners will discuss the information provided at tonight's meeting.*

*If the Verdox Board of Fire Commissioners chooses not to enter into a purchase agreement within the next week for a new Rescue truck and lock in the price, the purchase price will need to be re-quoted next month. The Board will discuss the project at the end of tonight's meeting.*

*A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6 pm to discuss the purchase of a new Rescue truck. Administrator Dimana Pineo will place a notice in the Times Union and firehouse sign.*

2. The first quarter of the year was very busy, but also very productive for Verdox. We responded to a total of 144 incidents which included 10 fires, 6 of which were building fires. We also conducted 24 drills, totaling in 383 total training hours.
3. The Line Officers and I have been working on updating and creating new Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's). So far, they consist of General Operational Guidelines, Incident Command, Radio Procedures, Personal Protective Equipment and Decontamination.

*Chief Nick DiNovo has sent two Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to the Safety Committee for review.*

4. With Dimana becoming our fire department photographer, I have asked her to purchase safety equipment to wear while at emergency incidents and drills. This will include a four (4) season high visible jacket, a high visible safety vest and a helmet. She will also be creating an identification tag.

5. I have added a draft list for a short-term and long-term plan for the fire department.

*This is a preliminary draft. If the Board has any additions that they would like to be included, the Chief is open to suggestions.*

6. I have also added a draft description of the Mezzanine project/training area.

*The Chief would like for 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain Philip Giguere to receive a District credit card. Administrator Dimana Pineo will work with Captain Giguere for the necessary information to add him to the account.*

*Commissioner Dave Meservey would like to be issued a Bluetooth radio which can be synced with his hearing implants. Captain Meservey Jr has reached out to Pittsfield Communications, and they have advised him that they do not have any expertise in syncing Bluetooth devices to the radios. Chief DiNovo has approved Commissioner Dave Meservey to receive a radio.*

*A list of inventory items to be decommissioned (DX) has been provided to the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to decommission the inventory items as per the list provided at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

*Chairman of Commissioners Dave Meservey has granted permission to a member of the public to make a comment outside of the public session. Mr. Justin Gershon has asked the Board why a new Rescue truck is being considered. Chief Nick DiNovo advised Mr. Gershon that the new Rescue truck will be better suited to the needs of the fire department as they serve the residents of the district. It will allow Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department firefighters to decontaminate gear in a heated and air conditioned area. We will have a lot more room to store gear outside of the cab area, as we specialize in water and ice rescues. It will also help greatly reduce maintenance costs, thus resulting in significant savings of taxpayers' funds.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF JON POLITIS:**

— No Report Provided —

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN DAVE MESERVEY:**

- Revisit last month's vote regarding the Albany County Board of Elections

*Discussion regarding the terms of the agreement proposed by the Albany County Board of Elections.*

*Motion was made by Bob Napier to enter into a new agreement with the Albany County Board of Elections. No second. The motion is rejected.*

*Attorney Greg Serio will notify the Albany County Board of Elections of this development.*

- Personnel committee - crew is working well. All are almost qualified on all apparatus  
*All day staff are close to being qualified on all apparatus. If there are any concerns or issues which need to be addressed, it must come from the Personnel Committee and the Chief.*

- Boat Sale- Commissioner Krill
- Sale of old Holmatro tools to Pleasantdale Fire Department

*Discussion regarding the sale of Holmatro Tools.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to sell a set of old Holmatro tools to the Pleasantdale Fire Department for \$5,000 USD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill		x		
John Krill				x

***Motion carried.***

- New Apparatus- Chief DiNovo
- Change of commissioner duties: placing Commissioner Napier back on the BOD

*Commissioner Bob Napier has been placed on the Board of Directors. Administrator Dimana Pineo will advise the Association of this development.*

- Old generator - bid it out

*Discussion regarding the sale of the old fire station diesel generator. Bid minimum is set for bid \$8,000. The request for bids will need to be posted for 30 days. The generator is being sold "as*

*is". All bids should be in by next month's meeting at 6 pm. Administrator Dimana Pineo will draft a notice to bidders and get it approved by Attorney Greg Serio prior to publication in the Times Union.*

*Discussion regarding the fuel that is currently in the old fire station generator. The generator cannot be transported with the fuel inside unless the driver holds a driver's license with a hazmat endorsement.*

- Executive session (providing all 5 are present)
- Brief discussion regarding Pinsky training
- Selecting contractor for water meter replacement project

*Motion made by Commissioner Dave Meservey to enter into an agreement with J. Ellrott Excavating to replace the fire station's water meter and water valves. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

*Administrator Dimana Pineo will contact the contractor. Commissioner Dave Meservey will sign the contract.*

**COMMISSIONER ROBERT NAPIER:**

1. I contacted a few homeowners that have property with a dock and electric in our fire district:
  - Blaine's Bay wants \$1,625 for a year for docking
  - I inquired with homeowners whether they will be willing to take \$1,500 a year to allow us to dock the new boat
  - It is ultimately a decision of the Boat Committee whether they want to pursue a docking agreement within the fire district with a private party or with Blaine's Bay
2. I have some questions for our attorney following the Pinsky Law Training:
  - Letter of losing residency:
    - Dave Meservey, Dave Leonardo, Corey Friedman, Greg Serio, Jon Monaghan

*Attorney Greg Serio states that this is a Fire Association issue.*

3. Dimana's 1-year anniversary at Verdoy was April 2, 2025.
  - Many members have taken advantage of her notary services
  - She has done a great job as expected

- Dave Meservey and I agree that we need to solidify her position

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to reaffirm Dimana Pineo in her position as fire district administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dave Meservey.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

- All members of the fire department are recognized as one thing only: active
  - Probationary, Junior FF, Life Members, Association, Past Chiefs
- 13, 14 & 15 years old members: cannot use power tools

*Per Attorney Greg Serio, this is an issue regarding junior firefighters, not Fire Prevention details.*

- 16 years old and up: can use power tools
- For fire prevention, do individuals need to be 16+ to use extrication tools?

**4. I tried on my Chief's uniform**

- The size is 3XL, I now need XL after a 170 lbs weight loss

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to authorize Commissioner Napier to purchase a new Chief's uniform. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

- I am requesting to get approval to purchase a new complete uniform in size XL
- We can keep the 3XL uniform in the Association Uniform Closet in case someone else needs that size in the future

**5. So far my chemo and health keep improving**

**6. Penflex Service Awards**

- Final numbers for 2024 were submitted after the 30-day posting period
- Pregnancy and maternal/paternal leave: NY State GML does not recognize it as a condition to collect points



Paul, representative from Penflex, was at the April 14 Association Meeting to answer questions about the Service Award Program

7. The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs' Annual Conference and Expo will be held in Syracuse June 4 – 7, 2025. Who will be attending and will the department participate in Hands On Training?

*Commissioner Bob Napier would like to attend the conference.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to authorize funds of up to \$200 for the purchase of a new wall clock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**COMMISSIONER JOHN KRILL:**

1. Pleasantdale will be there with a check and to pick up the old boat
2. We should get a shut off valve for the gas stove in the kitchen  
*There is an existing valve for the gas stove.*
3. Will not be able to attend tonight

**COMMISSIONER JONATHAN KRILL:**

1. New generator is all finished and ready to go.
2. Will have a quote and information regarding adding on capabilities to the generator for us  
*Power Command Quote. One-time fee of \$3187.*
3. Need to put a bid out for the old generator, also decide what we are doing with the fuel in it
4. The baby changing stations are finished in the bathrooms
5. The new boat will begin build in a week
6. We have an emergency pull if someone needs help in the gym, does anyone know if it works? who does it contact?

*If the emergency cord in the gym is pulled, it will trigger the fire alarm in the building according to Chief DiNovo. The alarm system is tested every year.*

7. The electrical inspector found two things wrong when he was there, one will need to get done as soon as possible.
8. If we can have a piece of concrete patched that is in front of engine bay on the outside. with additional few spots around the firehouse

*This issue will be addressed in the near future.*

9. Need to see if you all agree where the camera is now at the entrance door for members room from outside, or do we need to move it for better view
10. Talk about adding a camera up front of firehouse to see our light as well as traffic incase people run the red

*The cost of doing so will b*

11. I'm working on trying to be at the meeting

*Commissioner Dave Meservey has not heard any details from BBL regarding the peeling of the floors in bay 4 and 5.*

**COMMISSIONER BRIAN MESERVEY:**

1. Update regarding the transfer from VectorOne to NortheastIS (all Laptops need to be at the station for Friday 4/18)
2. The all in one computer that Elliot donated that's in the Officers room, I'd like to wipe it clean and DX it out to Corey Friedman since we no longer have a need for it.

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to decommission (DX) Acer all-in-one computer S/N: DQSQPAA00132100C6B3000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

3. Information regarding changing out all the overhead door motors to a new MyQ digital system to be able to operate the doors from anywhere.

*Two companies are providing quotes for the project. More details to follow at next month's meeting.*

4. Update regarding the information TV in the hallway. Tom had ordered the little digital box that will run on it for the displays.

5. Cell phones Discussion

*Administrators Dimana Pineo will contact Verizon to inquire about the cost of obtaining cell phones and plan details.*

- ❖ 9:33 pm: Brief Meeting Break
- ❖ 9:42 pm: Meeting resumed

## NEW BUSINESS:

*Discussion regarding the purchase of a new Rescue truck. The Board of Fire Commissioners do not believe that leasing a truck will be in the best interest of the fire district and taxpayers.*

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entering Executive Session at 10:02 pm to discuss negotiations relating to apparatus acquisitions.

*Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to enter an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

*Coming out of Executive Session at 10:29 pm*

## ADJOURNMENT:

*Hearing no further business from the floor, motion was made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Bob Napier	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
John Krill				x

***All in favor, motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Dimana Pineo  
District Administrator