

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:58 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 6:58 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE: 6:59 PM

Present: Commissioners Bob Napier, Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, John Krill and Jonathan Krill, Administrator Dimana Pineo, Treasurer Dennis Riley, Chief Nick DiNovo, Assistant Chief Jon Monaghan, Captains Brian Meservey Jr and Phil Giguere

Absent: Assistant Chief Jon Politis, Association President Brian Caney, Attorneys Greg Serio & Alyssa Snyder

7:02 PM: Commissioner Brian Meservey has submitted a letter stating he is resigning from the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners effective immediately.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that as of May 31, 2025, the District's funds totaled \$1,979,891.93.

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: \$115,425.08

Company	Amount
Access Compliance	\$710.00
AC's Towing and Recovery	\$1,400.00
Alpine Software Corporation	\$3,467.10
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	\$3,736.40
Brian Meservey Jr.	\$60.00
Capital One	\$3,560.79

Company	Amount
Casella Waste Services	\$88.56
Cedar Tree Properties	\$155.00
Chris' Coffee Service, Inc.	\$94.90
Comalli Group, INC	\$11,350.37
Crisafulli Bros. Plumbing & Heating Contractors	\$223.50
Culligan Troy, NY	\$65.95
Dennis Riley	\$1,029.68
Dimana Pineo	\$2,074.83
George's Market & Nursery	\$60.00
Grainger	\$157.94
Grassland Equipment & Irrigation Corp	\$83.97
Hoffman Car Wash Circle, LLC	\$80.00
Home Depot	\$411.80
National Grid	\$1,565.77
Northeast Pest Control	\$110.00
NY Fire Equipment	\$481.16
PenFlex, Inc.	\$900.00
Philip Giguere	\$60.00
Stanley Aluminum Boats	\$72,391.80
T. P. Monahan Inc	\$1,009.32
TargetSolutions Learning, LLC	\$1,350.18
Times Union	\$109.98
Town of Colonie	\$849.63
Trilateral Technologies LLC	\$1,112.50
Upstate New York Plow & Truck Body LLC	\$355.00
Vander Molen Inc.	\$4,832.87
Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association	\$850.00
Verizon Wireless	\$636.08

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier 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 John Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request from Dynamic Environmental Associates Inc regarding the property located at 968 Albany Shaker Road
- 2 letters from the Verdoy Fire Association:
 - At the June 9, 2025 meeting of the Verdoy Fire Association, Tommy Kelly was accepted for a 6-month probationary period as a volunteer firefighter
 - At the June 9, 2025 meeting of the Verdoy Fire Association, Luis Ascencio Brito was accepted for a 6-month probationary period as a volunteer firefighter

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to accept Luis Ascencio Brito and Thomas Kelly as new probationary members of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

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

All in favor, motion carried. Welcome aboard Luis and Thomas!

PUBLIC SESSION:

1 member of the public present. Discussion on Fire District Alcohol policy and its application to members ensued based upon concerns which were raised over a recent alcohol related incident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entering Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to enter an Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

7:48 PM: Commissioner John Krill has submitted a letter stating he is resigning from the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners.

End of Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRIAN CANEY:

At the June Verdoy Fire Association meeting, two new members were accepted for a 6-month probationary period.

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

— No Report Provided —

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN DAVE MESERVEY:

- Personnel committee - will discuss as well as executive session
 - Agreement given to attorney to revise and get the contract updated to modern times.
- Truck 11 is back from being repaired. Insurance claim was submitted.
- American Flag was changed out and will be disposed of properly
- J. Ellrott is currently on a parts delay - more to follow
- Grounds- would like to discuss the changeover for the gas weed whackers to Milwaukee Battery operated as well as leave blower too
 - Painting of parking spots for firefighters came out good. Waiting on quotes for signs. The crew is trying their best with the rain.
 - With all rain we have had the crew is doing a good job of the upkeep of the grounds

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to authorize funds of up to \$2,000 for the purchase and installation of parking lot sign posts and signs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

The Chief will direct the day staff to drain the fuel from the weed whacker and add TruFuel.

Administrator Dimana Pineo will contact the contractor responsible for weed prevention to advise them that the garden beds have weeds growing again and will need to be retreated.

COMMISSIONER ROBERT NAPIER:

1. FireFly letter of engagement has been signed. Penflex has been advised that we will be terminating services with them and the transition period should begin soon.
2. The Verdoy Fire Association has been advised of the change in third-party management for the Verdoy Length of Service Award Program.
3. Our insurance policies have been renewed for the year. One claim has been started to see if they will cover the cost of fixing Truck 11.

The insurance company has denied coverage for the claim for the cost of repairs to Truck 11, however they have issued a check for the cost of towing. Wear and tear and manufacturer defects are not covered under the Fire District's insurance policy. Unless we can prove that the brake drum failed due to being struck by an object on the road, they will not compensate the Fire District for the cost of repairs.

COMMISSIONER JOHN KRILL:

— No Report Provided —

COMMISSIONER JONATHAN KRILL:

1. Will have a quote for the ground wire to be done

Comalli has not provided a quote in time for tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to authorize funds of up to \$750 for the repair of a ground wire. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

2. Talking to a few companies about our generator fuel to be cleaned
3. Comalli should've fixed the laundry light
4. Besides me telling everyone about the American flag on the flag post, it kinda looks like the other two flags could be replaced
5. Since we have to change the meeting for certain individuals I might not be able to attend

COMMISSIONER BRIAN MESERVEY:

1. The overhead door motors have been ordered. There is a 4-6 weeks turnaround time for the parts to be delivered and we can then schedule an installation date
2. We are still trying to find the issue with the XoGo box in the hallway
3. Update on the new Fire District phones for the Commissioners and Chiefs

Discussion regarding fire district phones and usage. The commissioners feel there is no longer a need to issue phones to the Board and Chiefs. Administrator Dimana Pineo will contact Verizon and cancel the new lines. The new fire district phone policy will not be discussed or adopted at tonight's meeting.

4. Update on the IT transition with Northeast IS

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

CHIEF NICK DI NOVO:

1. I would like to host an Officer Development course for our line officers. The course will cost up to \$2,000 for four (4) sessions. The course would be taught by Calderwood Training Solutions.

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to authorize funds of up to \$2,000 for the officer development course. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

The Officer Development course will be offered in late summer or early autumn.

2. The front bumper on Truck 11 somehow became crooked. It was discovered earlier in the week, not sure how or what exactly happened. Vander Moles Fire Apparatus will be here next week to re-adjust the bumper.
3. The Officers would like to move forward with having the decontamination sink in the gear wash room. Dimana was going to contact our plumber to see if they can give us a price and possibly complete the install when they install the new water meter.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to authorize funds of up to \$4,400 for the purchase and installation of a decontamination sink in the fire station's laundry room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

4. The Officers would like to purchase 3-point harnesses for bailout training. The total would be around \$1,500.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to authorize funds of up to \$1,500 for the purchase of three safety harnesses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion about firefighting gear containing polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Commissioner Jonathan Krill would like a report on how many current sets of gear contain PFAS.

5. A Fuller Road fire fighter works in our district quite frequently and is interested in riding our apparatus for calls when in the district. I have a letter from his Chief that I will have for the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve Nate Hildreth to respond with Verdoy Volunteer Fire District on calls. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

6. The Officers would like to purchase five (5) new sets of turnout gear. I will have prices for the meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to approve funds of up to \$27,000 for the purchase of five new sets of turnout gear. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

The purchase will come out of replacement equipment.

7. Discussion on the rear hose bed of Truck 11. Also discussion on the plan to mirror the rear hose bed's of Truck 11 and Engine 451.

Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to approve funds of up to \$515 for the purchase of one gated wye. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Chief DiNovo has a quote for purchasing custom-made dividers for Truck 11. This purchase can come out of new equipment. The topic will be brought back to the Board at next month's meeting.

8. List of items to be DX'd from inventory

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve the provided list of items for decommissioning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF JON POLITIS:

— No Report Provided —

2ND ASSISTANT CHIEF JON MONAGHAN:

— No Report Provided —

New Boat 11 discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve funds of up to \$2,400 for the purchase of four headsets and safety clips for Boat 11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve funds of up to \$860 for the purchase of a fan and tow bar for Boat 11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entering Executive Session at 9:09 pm to discuss a matter regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners.

End of Executive Session at 9:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business from the floor, a motion was made by Commissioner Bob Napier to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.

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

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dimana Pineo
District Administrator

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