

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

October 23, 2025

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:00 PM

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** 7:01 PM

**Present:** Commissioners Bob Napier, Dave Meservey and Jonathan Krill, Administrator Dimana Pineo, Treasurer Dennis Riley, Chief Nick DiNovo, Captain Phil Giguere, Attorney Greg Serio

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

### PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

*Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to waive the reading of and approve the previous month's minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that as of September 30, 2025, the District's funds totaled \$1,582,954.24

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

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

**BILLS: \$52,438.51**

Company	Amount
Albany Fire Extinguisher	\$135.95
All Type Professional Door Service	\$22,585.00
Alpine Software Corporation	\$950.00
Capital One	\$7,112.20
Casella Waste Services	\$88.56
Chris' Coffee Service, Inc.	\$19.50
Colonie EMS	\$675.00
Culligan Troy, NY	\$65.95
Davey Tree Expert Company	\$650.00
Dennis Riley	\$1,029.68
Dimana Pineo	\$2,074.83
Fort Orange Press	\$860.00
George's Market & Nursery	\$420.00
Grainger	\$78.43
H&K Towing	\$500.00
Hartford Steam Boiler	\$110.00
Hoffman Car Wash Circle, LLC	\$60.00
Home Depot	\$1,415.14
J. Ellrott Excavating, Inc	\$275.00
Latham Water District	\$1,655.00
MES	\$3,042.96
NAPA Auto Parts	\$99.96
National Grid	\$1,323.77
Northeast IS	\$2,491.10
Northeast Pest Control	\$110.00
Town of Colonie	\$769.42
Trilateral Technologies LLC	\$1,000.00
UniFirst Corporation	\$98.60
Upstate New York Plow & Truck Body LLC	\$415.00
Vander Molen Inc.	\$1,800.88
Verizon Wireless	\$526.58

*Bills from Connor Industries - Stanley Aluminum Boats for \$60,326.50 and Bulldog Fire Apparatus for \$27,722.00, which are not part of the current outstanding bills abstract, have been approved for payment by the Board of Fire Commissioners.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill 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 Bob Napier.*

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

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

## **2026 BUDGET:**

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to amend the Proposed 2026 Verdoy Fire District Budget to reflect \$1,500 increase in the District Administrator's annual salary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

## **RESOLUTION 25-33**

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District, must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 which includes an estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and

WHEREAS the Board did adopt its proposed budget in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS the Verdoy Fire District held its annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 23, 2025, wherein the Board considered the proposed budget and comments received for and against the proposed budget at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the fire district for 2026 needs to exceed the real property tax cap established pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c for that budget year to financial considerations discussed by the board at its meeting in preparation of the budget, and

WHEREAS the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap which allows a tax levy of no more than 2%, and

WHEREAS pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, the fire district may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year only if the Board of Fire Commissioners first enacts a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners approves this resolution to override the real property tax cap for the year 2026 budget only, in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap which permits only a 2% which will result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$1,230,291 and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman David Meservey: Aye

Commissioner Robert Napier: Aye

Commissioners Jonathan Krill: Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to adopt Resolution 25-33 to exceed the 2% Real Property Tax Cap for the 2026 Verdoy Fire District Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

#### **RESOLUTION 25-34**

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District, must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 which includes an estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing, and

WHEREAS the Verdoy Fire District held its annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 23, 2025, wherein the Board considered the proposed budget and comments received for and against the proposed budget at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap which allows a tax levy of no more than 2%, and

WHEREAS pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, the fire district may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year only if the

Board of Fire Commissioners first enacts a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the fire district for 2026 needs to exceed the real property tax cap established pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c for that budget year due to financial considerations discussed by the Board at its meeting in preparation of the budget, and

WHEREAS preceding this resolution, the Board passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2026 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Final Budget for the Verdoy Fire District for 2026 attached hereto and made part hereof in the amount of \$1,230,291.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman David Meservey: Aye

Commissioner Robert Napier: Aye

Commissioners Jonathan Krill: Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

*Motion made by Commissioner Bob Napier to approve the final 2026 Verdoy Fire District Budget as presented before the Board of Fire Commissioners and adopt Resolution 25-34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill.*

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

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- *Letter from the Fire Association regarding members who have changed status or resigned thus far during 2025*
- *The Fire Association has voted to accept Thorne Sperry for a 6-month probationary period as a volunteer firefighter*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to accept Thorne Sperry as a new probationary member of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

*All in favor, motion carried. Welcome aboard Thorne Sperry!*

## **PUBLIC SESSION:**

*No members of the public present.*

## **SPECIAL REPORTS:**

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

1. One new member was accepted: Thorne Sperry and letter sent to district on 10/13/25.
2. One possibly new member from Open house has been contacted a couple times so we will let you know if accepted by Association.
3. During the October association meeting, the membership asked that a Commissioner liaison be present to answer questions or give a report.

*The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to request a member of the Verdoy Fire Association's Board of Directors (BOD) and/or the Fire Association President to provide report and be present at Commissioners Meetings. Administrator Dimana Pineo will send an official letter to the Fire Association's Recording Secretary.*

4. Does the District have a budget item to replace stove in the community room kitchen with an Auto-Ignition stove? This would help members from "laying on ground" to light pilot lights, etc.

*There is currently no budget line to accommodate this request, however the Board can revisit at a future date.*

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

— No Report Provided —

*Discussion regarding a proposed water rescue plan and memorandum agreement between the Albany County Airport Authority and Verdoy Fire District.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve the proposed memorandum of agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

## CHIEF'S REPORTS:

### CHIEF NICK DiNOVO:

1. I would like to thank all the members, auxiliary, life members, social members and Commissioners for their attendance and support during this year's fire prevention week and open house. The turnout by our members and Commissioners was incredible and has not gone unnoticed.

*Discussion regarding the fire prevention burn pod.*

2. During the open house, one of our Holmatro cutters had the cutting tips sheared in half. The cutter has since been removed from service and was picked up on Monday from the Holmatro rep. The tool is being sent back to Holmatro for full testing of the cutting tips and the tool itself. They have provided a replacement tool for the time being.
3. Construction has begun on the bailout simulator. With that being said, I would like to start constructing the search and rescue room in the Mezzanine once the bailout simulator is completed. However, I am not sure how much money is available to complete the work, if an updated number can be provided that would be appreciated.
4. The Line Officers completed a demonstration on stabilization struts last week and have a second one scheduled for next week. Based off the quotes we have received so far, we are estimating the cost of the struts up to \$28,000. I will be asking for this purchase request under my report.

*Discussion regarding stabilization struts.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve funds of up to \$28,000 for the purchase of stabilizing struts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

*All in favor, motion carried.*

*Discussion regarding purchase of new laptops.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve funds of up to \$5,400 for the purchase of three (3) new Dell laptops. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

*Discussion regarding the Plymovent line in Bay 4.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to remove the Plymovent in Bay 4 and sell back to manufacturer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

*Discussion regarding the logistics of docking new Boat 11 in-district. More details will be forthcoming as they become available.*

*Discussion regarding NFPA Standards.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF JON POLITIS:**

— No Report Provided —



## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

### CHAIRMAN DAVE MESERVEY:

- Approve fire district budget for 2026

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to approve funds of up to \$750 for the pruning of trees on the fire station's property by Davey Tree Expert Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

- Discussion of rescue 11 for Menands FD (Chief DiNovo)

*Discussion regarding Rescue 11. Attorney Greg Serio recommends that a fair market value be obtained for Rescue 11.*

*Commissioners Dave Meservey and Jonathan Krill have met with the Fire Association Board of Directors and Fire Association President. The only time that the Fire District and Board of Fire Commissioners can become involved in disciplinary action of a member is at a fire call, firematic function or a Fire District function.*

*Commissioner Intent Letters will be distributed in the Members' Room on November 1, 2025 and posted on the fire district's website.*

## RESOLUTION 25-35

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District must appoint a Board of Elections officials, to serve during the 2025 Fire District Commissioner Election beginning at 6 pm and ending at 9 pm with compensation not to exceed \$70 per individual election official,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that following individuals are appointed to serve as the 2025 election officials of the Verdoy Fire District:

Chairman: Amy Jasiewicz

Ballot Clerk: Jackie Jasiewicz

Election Inspector: Linda Meservey

*Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to adopt Resolution 25-35 appointing the Verdoy Fire District's 2025 Commissioner Election Inspectors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

**COMMISSIONER ROBERT NAPIER:**

1. MTB:
  - a. Vote on lease to Albany County
  - b. Copy of opinions
  - c. Vote yes or no
  - d. Budget issues 2027

*Discussion regarding the proposed Training Center and possible implications for Verdoy Fire District.*

2. Pat Germaine Request
  - a. Deceased members all NYS Departments
  - b. Looking to store it here
  - c. Our past chief Rigali's name is on it

*Discussion regarding the request to store the memorial truck at Verdoy Fire Station. The Board of Fire Commissioners have decided that there is no sufficient space at Verdoy Fire Station at this time to accommodate this request.*

**COMMISSIONER JONATHAN KRILL:**

1. The low fuel alarm on the generator was on, but it was showing full. Cummings came and fixed it. It was just wired backwards.
2. We should look at getting a maintenance agreement on the new generator

*Commissioners Jonathan Krill has stated he will contact Kathleen Pugliese to follow up on this request.*

3. Dimana has reached out to FASNY about the old generator, waiting on them to respond back

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Hearing no further business from the floor, a motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Napier.*

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dimana Pineo  
District Administrator