

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

January 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:01 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE: 7:02 PM

Present: Commissioners Dave Meservey, Brian Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Mike Herritt and Louis Reale, Administrator Dimana Pineo, Treasurer Dennis Riley, Chief Nick DiNovo, Assistant Chief Jon Politis, Captain Phil Giguere, Attorney Greg Serio

Absent: Association President Brian Caney and Attorney Alyssa Snyder

PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale to waive the reading of and approve the previous month's minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that as of December 31, 2025, the District's funds totaled \$1,261,555.58

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: \$65,162.20

Company	Amount
Brennan Landscaping	\$374.36
Buhrmaster, Jeff	\$250.00
Capital One	\$2,479.50
Casella Waste Services	\$94.76
Chris' Coffee Service, Inc.	\$154.55
Culligan Troy, NY	\$73.45
Dennis Riley	\$1,029.68
Firefly Admin Inc.	\$2,850.00
Hoffman Car Wash Circle, LLC	\$60.00
Home Depot	\$1,218.47
Kimberly J. Cuva	\$534.29
McGee Elevator Inc	\$1,337.68
MES	\$264.24
National Grid	\$4,738.97
Northeast IS	\$3,042.50
PERMA	\$38,173.00
Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.	\$131.46
The D'Amato Law Group, LLP	\$2,500.00
Times Union	\$45.99
Town of Colonie	\$1,545.96
UniFirst Corporation	\$122.40
Vander Molen Inc.	\$1,285.36
Verizon	\$525.58
VFIS	\$2,330.00

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 Mike Herritt.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- *Letter from Assembly Member Phil Steck regarding the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant*
- *Letter from the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association regarding Rylan Kleber's resignation effective 1/1/2026*
- *Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) 2025 Points Report submission from the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association*

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public present.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRIAN CANEY:

1. Status of review of Alcohol policy by District lawyer
Attorney Greg Serio has shared an updated draft of the alcohol policy. Discussion regarding aforementioned policy.

2. 1 member as resigned as of 1/1/26 - Rylan Kleber. Letter still being sent

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

— No Report Provided —

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

CHIEF NICK DiNOVO:

1. The bailout wall has been painted with textural paint. Just waiting on the Plymovent to be removed before we begin training.
2. The mask/self-rescue maze is almost complete. Is there more money that can be utilized for more materials? I would like to add to what has already been constructed. I would also like to purchase a Vent Enter Search window simulator. The simulator would allow

members to experience real-life situations in forcing entry through a window and entering the attempt to make a rescue. I have reached out for prices and waiting to hear back for more. As of now, they average around \$3,500 plus shipping of \$250.

The following quotes have been obtained regarding the installation of a self-closing safety gate: Kevin Hulett - \$1,480; AFSCO - \$1,800. Discussion regarding the installation of a safety gate.

3. The Knox Box on Truck 11 is not operational and unable to be repaired. Knox no longer makes that particular box, or the parts to repair it. I have attached a quote to replace the box.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to authorize funds of up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a new Knox Box for Truck 11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

4. Starting in February, the apparatus will be going to Vander Molen for the annual PM service, NYS inspection, and pump testing.
5. There is a Chiefs convention with seminars and hands on training in Long Island on January 30 - February 1. Looking for permission to send any members who are interested in attending.

Motion made by Commissioner Brian Meservey to authorize travel to Long Island. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Louis Reale.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

6. Colonie EMS has asked to borrow 2 of our ice rescue suits for a drill they are conducting on January 27th in Lake George.

Discussion regarding ice rescue drill. Authorizing another department to borrow gear from Verdoz Fire District is at the discretion of the Chief of the Department.

The Safety Committee will conduct an inspection of the new training simulator on Monday, February 2, 2026.

Members of the apparatus committee will be traveling to Ohio in February 16-18, 2026. Travel with a department vehicle is authorized by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Discussion regarding the proposed new business tax bracket. Attorney Serio will have an update for the Board of Fire Commissioners in the near future.

Discussion regarding the possibility of docking Boat 11 in district. More details will be forthcoming as they become available.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF JON POLITIS:

— No Report Provided —

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN DAVE MESERVEY:

1. Review of Commissioners' duties
2. Discussion regarding the recent incidents pertaining to small vehicles and vehicle/driving policy.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a new salter and backup camera for M-483 (Chevy Silverado 2500 Pickup Truck). The Safety Committee has met twice and are discussing changes to the Verdoy Fire District's driving policy. The committee will have an update for the Board of Fire Commissioners at their next meeting.

3. Discussion regarding Purchasing Agent's Health Policy

Discussion will take place in Executive Session.

4. Training

Discussion regarding Commissioner Training. For anyone interested in attending a training seminar, CAFDA will host Commissioner Training on February 21, 2026 at Verdoy Fire Station.

5. Discussion regarding the roof

Two claims have been filed regarding leaks in the fire station.

6. Commissioner office

Discussion regarding reorganization of the Commissioners' Office.

7. Verdoy Fire Association Alcohol Policy discussion

A draft of the Verdoy Fire Association Alcohol Policy will be distributed to the Board of Fire Commissioners for review. Discussion will continue during February's Board meeting.

Discussion regarding the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant.

COMMISSIONER BRIAN MESERVEY:

1. Discussion regarding Northeast IS services/bill.

Discussion regarding IT services and separating billing for services between the Fire Association and Fire District.

2. Working on camera system not recording.

COMMISSIONER JONATHAN KRILL:

— No Report Provided —

COMMISSIONER LOUIS REALE:

— No Report Provided —

COMMISSIONER MIKE HERRITT:

Brief update and discussion of LOSAP

The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) 2025 Points Report and posting will be further discussed under New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Entering Executive Session at 8:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

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

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

Coming out of Executive Session at 9:09 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to authorize funds of up to \$2,400 for a healthcare stipend for calendar year 2025 for the Fire District Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

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Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding recently deceased Commissioner Bob Napier's remaining Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) benefit. The Verdoy Fire District's Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) has a payment guarantee to be paid for the greater of a member's lifetime or 10 years. The Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed copies of Bob Napier's LOSAP benefit statement for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to authorize Firefly Inc to split the remainder of Bob Napier's guaranteed lifetime Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) payments among his two contingent beneficiaries Robyn Napier and Richard Napier. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) 2025 Points Report. The report submitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners tonight does not include the total points earned for Non-Incident Activity: Offices Held. The 30-day posting for the membership will include this disclaimer.

RESOLUTION 26-29

In the matter of approving the 2025 certified points:

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Association, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty (50) points during 2025 to qualify for service credit;

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Association includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Fire District to be in effect during calendar year 2025, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Association, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members;

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Association to be posted for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Association for posting for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

Following a review of the Verdoy Fire District Service Award Program 2025 Points Report by all commissioners present, motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to adopt Resolution 26-29. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business from the floor, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Meservey.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	OPPOSED	ABSENT
Dave Meservey	x			
Brian Meservey	x			
Jonathan Krill	x			
Mike Herritt	x			
Louis Reale	x			

All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dimana Pineo
District Administrator