

COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Treasurer Riley

PRESENT: Commissioners Jonathan Krill and Mike Herritt
Newly Elected Commissioners Brian Meservey and Dave Meservey
Chief Nick DiNovo
Attorney Alyssa Snyder
Secretary Dimana Pineo
Treasurer Dennis Riley

ABSENT: 1st Assistant Chief Jon Politis, 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, Dave Meservey, 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.
- I, Brian Meservey, 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 made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt to appoint Louis Reale as Commissioner of the Verdoy Fire District to fulfil the 2024-2028 term. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill and Mike Herritt voted in favor. All in agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt and seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to appoint Dave Meservey as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District for the year 2026. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. All in agreement. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 26-01:

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY: Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Louis Reale to appoint Dimana Pineo as Secretary to the Board of

Fire Commissioners of the Verdoy Fire District. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. 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 26-02:

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER: Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt to appoint Dennis Riley as Treasurer of the Verdoy Fire District. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. 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 26-03:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the D'Amato Law Firm is hereby appointed as attorneys for the Verdoy Fire District for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-04:

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt to appoint Nicholas DiNovo as the Chief of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department (Car 61) for the year 2026. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. 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 2026 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 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-05:

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt to appoint Jon Politis as the 1st Assistant Chief of the Verdoy Volunteer Fire Department (Car 62) for the year 2026. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. All in agreement. Motion carried.

WHERE AS, Jon Politis has been recommended to the Verdoy Board of Fire Commissioners as 1st Assistant Chief of the Department (Car 62) for the year 2026 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 1st Assistant Chief of the Department for the year 2026.

Oath of Office taken by Chief Nick DiNovo

Oath of Office will be taken by 1st Assistant Chief Jon Politis at the January Commissioners Meeting

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

RESOLUTION 26-06:

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

RESOLUTION 26-07:

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 the year 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-08:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Verdoz 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 22
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 22
November 19
December 17

Public Budget Hearing: Thursday, October 22
Commissioner's Election: Tuesday, December 8

RESOLUTION 26-09:

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

RESOLUTION 26-10:

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 26-11:

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

- International Association of Fire Chiefs

RESOLUTION 26-12:

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

- Adirondack Overhead Door
- Albany County Department of Health
- Alltek Energy Systems
- Verdooy Volunteer Fire Association/Paid Personnel
- Casella
- Comalli Group
- Cummins Northeast
- Doyle Security
- Emergency Services Marketing
- EMTech
- EOS Technologies
- McGee Elevator
- Northeast IS
- Northeast Pest Control
- Firefly
- ProTech
- Sutphen Aerial Units
- UniFirst
- Vander Molen Sales & Service

RESOLUTION 26-13:

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

RESOLUTION 26-14:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the Verdox Fire District is authorized to pay only upon approval of this Board of Fire Commissioners of the Verdox 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 26-15:

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

RESOLUTION 26-16:

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

RESOLUTION 26-17:

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

RESOLUTION 26-18:

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2026, milage will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate at the time of reimbursement.

RESOLUTION 26-19:

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Commissioner Dave Meservey and Commissioner Louis Reale to countersign checks \$5,000.00 and over as of January 1, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-20:

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

RESOLUTION 26-21:

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

RESOLUTION 26-22:

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

RESOLUTION 26-23:

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

RESOLUTION 26-24:

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 2 reports for the previous year.

RESOLUTION 26-25:

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

RESOLUTION 26-26:

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

RESOLUTION 26-27:

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 26-28:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves the form of security as a surety bond for not less than two million dollars for treasurer, and \$25k for secretary.

Motion made by Commissioner Jonathan Krill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Herritt to accept the list of Resolution 26-01 to Resolution 26-28. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. All in agreement. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt and seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Krill to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Commissioners Brian Meservey, Dave Meservey, Jonathan Krill, Louis Reale and Mike Herritt voted in favor. All in agreement. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dimana Pineo
District Secretary

Appendix A: 2026 Verdoy Fire District Board of Commissioners Assignments

Chairman Dave Meservey:

District Administrator Supervisor
Personnel Committee (Current)
Building & Grounds Day-to-Day Operations
Airport Liaison
2nd Signatory for Checks
Office Furniture
Plumbing
Auxiliary Liaison

Commissioner Brian Meservey:

Building Security
IT

Commissioner Jonathan Krill:

Building HVAC (Heating, Cooling) & Electrical
Small Vehicles & Large Apparatus
Firematic Equipment
Fire Association Liaison

Commissioner Mike Herritt:

Insurance/Cancer Policy
Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)
Town of Colonie Emergency Services

Commissioner Louis Reale:

Bank Statements
2nd Signatory for Checks
Kitchen & Banquet Hall
Board of Directors Liaison