

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2026

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:01 PM

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** 7:02 PM

**Present:** Commissioners Dave Meservey, Mike Herritt and Louis Reale, Administrator Dimana Pineo, Treasurer Dennis Riley, Chief Nick DiNovo, Captain Phil Giguere, Attorney Greg Serio

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

### PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:

*Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to waive the reading of and approve the previous month's minutes. 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.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported that as of March 31, 2026, the District's funds totaled \$2,097,440.52.

*Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale 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:** \$46,716.13

Company	Amount
Access Compliance	\$7,230.00
Albany Fire Extinguisher	\$88.35
Aramco Inc.	\$136.45
Capital District Digital	\$864.00
Capital One	\$5,061.02
Casella Waste Services	\$94.76
Chris' Coffee Service, Inc.	\$61.90
Culligan Troy, NY	\$73.45
Dennis Riley	\$1,025.90
H&K Towing	\$450.00
Hoffman Car Wash Circle, LLC	\$95.00
Home Depot	\$259.84
Kiskis Tire Co., Inc.	\$306.75
NAPA Auto Parts	\$12.98
National Grid	\$2,796.75
Northeast IS	\$571.40
Northeast Pest Control	\$110.00
Pittsfield Communications Systems, Inc.	\$450.00
Rescue Direct	\$432.00
UniFirst Corporation	\$92.53
Upstate New York Plow & Truck Body LLC	\$661.60
Vander Molen Inc.	\$23,920.40
Verizon	\$526.05
W. & E. Phillips Locksmith, Inc.	\$1,395.00

*Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale 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 the Verdoy Fire Association stating that Andrew Kahrs has been elected 4th Lieutenant*
- *Letter from the Verdoy Fire Association stating that Thorne Sperry has changed his membership status from Active to Resigned effective April 13, 2026*
- *A Thank You card from district resident, Janice Kirshenbaum, thanking the department after they responded to a call at her residence*

## PUBLIC SESSION:

*1 member of the public present. No comments.*

## SPECIAL REPORTS:

### ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT BRIAN CANEY:

Inspection Dinner receipts to be provided

*The topic of reimbursement for the 2026 Verdoy Fire Department Installation Banquet will be discussed under new business*

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

— No Report Provided —

*Discussion regarding the 2026 Municipal Training Agreement insurance requirements*

## CHIEFS' REPORTS:

### CHIEF NICK DiNOVO:

1. We would like to purchase the new radios for the news Rescue 11. The quotes are attached.

*Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale to authorize the purchase of new radios for the new Rescue 11. 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.*

2. Would like to purchase two saws for the station so that we cut our own wood for the door simulator. We currently do not have a way to cut our own wood without borrowing a member's tools. Looking for up to \$800.

*Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale to authorize funds of up to \$800 for the purchase of two saws. 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.***

3. Would like to purchase top 10 gifts for the members from 2025. Looking to purchase 10 gift cards for \$100 each.

*Monetary gifts cannot be purchased by the Fire District. More details will be forthcoming.*

4. Looking for an update regarding the standby credit.

*Discussion regarding standby credit criteria. Standby credit can be approved only if the member is present at the fire station for a minimum of 4 hours and available to respond to calls.*

*Chief DiNovo would like to purchase a new helmet for 4<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Andrew Kahrs.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to authorize funds of up to \$600 for the purchase of a new officer helmet. 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.***

*Discussion regarding the timeline and logistics of selling the current Rescue 11.*

*Discussion regarding Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed all proposed SOPs:*

- #2026-1: General Operating Guidelines*
- #2026-2: Incident Command System*
- #2026-3: Radio Procedures & Communication*
- #2026-4: Protective Clothing*

- #2026-5: Fire Alarm Guidelines
- #2026-6: Decontamination
- #2026-7: Extinguishment of Fires
- #2026-8: Personal Escape System
- #2026-9: On-Scene Rehabilitation
- #2026-11: Hazardous Materials Incidents Standard Operating Guidelines & Procedures

*Motion made by Commissioner Louis Reale to authorize the adoption of all Standard Operating Procedures presented before the Board tonight. 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.***

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

— No Report Provided —

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN DAVE MESERVEY:**

1. Town training tower agreement.
2. Leak in association office to be addressed on Friday 4/10.

*Contractor could not locate the leak. We will wait until the next significant rain storm to see if we can pinpoint where the leak is coming from.*

3. Apparatus doors PM. Quoted in Feb for \$1079. Move forward?

*This item will be discussed at a later date. At this time the project will not move forward.*

4. Floor machine is acting up again.

*Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to authorize the Fire District to enter into a one-year agreement with Alltek Energy Systems, Inc. for the preventative maintenance of Verdoy Fire Station's HVAC systems. 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.***

*Banquet Reimbursement Discussion. The Fire District has authorized \$10,000 for expenses incurred by the Verdoy Fire Association. The Association will have to complete claim forms and provide receipts for both the 2025 Chief's Drill and 2026 Installation Banquet reimbursement. Administrator Dimana Pineo will send a letter to the Verdoy Fire Association advising them of this decision.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to authorize reimbursement of \$1,783 for expenses incurred by the Verdoy Fire Association for the catering of the 2025 Chief's Drill and \$10,000 for the reimbursement of expenses incurred for the 2026 Verdoy Installation Banquet. 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.*

**COMMISSIONER BRIAN MESERVEY:**

IT Services have been switched over to Repeat business solutions.

**COMMISSIONER JONATHAN KRILL:**

— No Report Provided —

*Discussion regarding the removal of the old fire station diesel generator. Ben Weitsman of Albany will provide a Certificate of Insurance (COI) and receipts for the transport and labor involved in removing the generator from Verdoy Fire District's property.*

**COMMISSIONER LOUIS REALE:**

— No Report Provided —

**COMMISSIONER MIKE HERRITT:**

*LOSAP numbers have been submitted.*

*Repairs of 483's rear tailgate can proceed. The salter will be replaced with the same model Boss.*

- ❖ *Brief meeting break called at 7:50 pm*
- ❖ *Meeting resumes at 7:58 pm*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Entering Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

*Motion made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to enter an Executive Session. 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.*

- ❖ *Meeting paused at 8:30 pm for a fire call*
- ❖ *Meeting resumes at 8:52 pm*

*Coming out of Executive Session at 8:52 pm.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Hearing no further business from the floor, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Herritt to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. 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.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dimana Pineo  
District Administrator