

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
South Farmingdale Board of Fire Commissioners
May 27, 2025

At approximately 7:01 pm, Commissioner Forry called the meeting to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner P. Fullshire, Commissioner M. Mackie, Commissioner M. Suwalski, Commissioner J. Tasch and the District Secretary were also in attendance.

Three (3) new members were sworn into the department by Commissioner Forry at 7:03 pm.

The minutes from May 13, 2025, were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Fullshire to approve the minutes with all changes, seconded by Commissioner Suwalski.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire				X
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Total warrants for May 27, 2025 are \$34,208.33

Allmark Door Company	\$ 1,087.00
ATLANTIC PC, INC.	\$ 1,800.00
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	\$ 35.00
COMMANDER FLEET CORP.	\$ 1,349.23
Elan Financial Services	\$ 3,394.35
FOX HOLLOW RESTAURANT & CATERERS	\$ 1,000.00
Michael Coakley	\$ 76.33
NYSIF Workers' Compensation	\$ 7,808.38
SALERNO BROKERAGE CORP	\$ 7,968.69
South Farmingdale Fire Dept	\$ 1,317.43
GUARDIAN LIFE	\$ 69.50
PROCLAIM	\$ 1,702.42
1st HALF BOND INT	\$ 6,600.00
TOTAL:	\$ 34,208.33

Motion by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire to accept the warrant and pay all bills.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Apparatus – Commissioner Forry

9711: The right rear tire had a screw in the tire tread. Barnwell House of Tires repaired the tire on May 19, 2025.

Hendrickson is asking for payment to Spartan for the heavy rescue vehicle.

Audit & Bonds

Status Quo

Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Fullshire

We received the new barbecue grill and it has been put into service. The Senior House Maintainer is cleaning up Station 2. Quotes are being gathered to repair the deficient electrical issues at Station 2 and the electrical cord reel on the 979 vehicle.

Capital Improvements – Commissioner Fullshire

Gathering roof specifications to create a bid to repair the roof at headquarters.

Communications & Alerting – Commissioner Mackie

We are waiting for the delivery date of the new apparatus vehicles. Radio installation will be set up at that time.

We were notified by Lightpath that our UHF channel would be down. Chief McFarlane notified Firecom before it went down, and the system was reset the next morning.

District Reports, Communications & Petitions – District Secretary

We have submitted our records management grant application and should hear back sometime in June.

Emergency Preparedness – Commissioner Tasch

Alcohol has been removed from the walk-in cooler because many members under twenty-one (21) need access to the walk-in cooler for rehab. Going forward, we will only use water and Gatorade Zero for rehab.

Equipment – Commissioner Fullshire

Various equipment has been delivered for the new apparatus vehicles, including the Dewalt cut-off saws, hand lights, and the sawzalls.

Fuel – Commissioner Tasch

All paid up for April. Fuel receipts need to be submitted on time.

IT Computers / Printers / Cable – Commissioner Mackie

New computers have been ordered for Commissioners Tasch and Fullshire due to the incompatibility with Windows 11. The bulletin desktop will also need to be replaced for the same reason. We will be looking to redeploy existing equipment where applicable.

Insurance & Personnel – Commissioner Tasch

The insurance for the new vehicles has been paid. Once the old trucks are gone, they will be removed from our insurance policy.

Legal / Government – Commissioner Suwalski

Nothing to report.

LOSAP – Commissioner Tasch

Losap investments are trending up for April. I reached out to RBC Wealth Management to set up a conference call on July 22, 2025 to discuss our investments.

Medical & Fit Tests – Commissioner Tasch

Two (2) applicants have been sent for their physicals and fit tests.

The district physician has agreed to re-evaluate medicals to determine member status.

Policies & Procedures – Commissioner Suwalski

Nothing to report.

Trainings – Commissioner Mackie

EV plug and vehicle training needs to be scheduled as soon as possible.

EMS members who become firefighters must have probationary shields on their firefighter helmets until they finish their firematic probation period.

Eddie Pullen will begin the bailout window at Station 2 in the first week of June.

Miscellaneous:

We will be having a follow-up meeting with the Long Island Railroad regarding the recruitment banner. The banner has been inspected, and we are waiting for a date for installation.

Unfinished Business

Status Quo.

New Business

Motion by Commissioner Forry, seconded by Commissioner Tasch to create a permissive referendum to withdraw \$300,000.00 from the Vehicle Reserves Fund to apply to the first lease installment for the new apparatus vehicles.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry	X			
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire at 8:50pm.

Siobhan Domingo
District Secretary