

Claryville Fire District

Minutes February 3, 2026

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:31 pm, February 3, 2026, at the Claryville Fire Department Community Hall.

Present: Chairman/Commissioner Mike Schiffer, Commissioners Tom Matthews, Mike VanDenBerg, and Andy Kremer and Dave White (Zoom).

Representing the Fire Department: Chief Paul Metzger, and 2nd Assistant Chief Glenn VaDenBerg.

Public: Dave Bodenstein explained the Insurance Policy for 2026.

Minutes of the January 6, 2026, Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

The Treasurer's Report for February 3, 2026 was read and approved Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

Communication and Bills: The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

Bills approved with adjustment of voucher for payment to Company for Amazon purchases to total of \$304.59.

500.00	personnel	treas	1095	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	1096	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	1097	Claryville FD
166.95	util	telephone & internet	1098	Spectrum / Charter Communications
93.17	util	telephone	1099	Verizon
987.48	util	elec	1100	Central Hudson
614.69	util	lpg	1101	Rez-Bear Energy
10.90	contract	office supplies	1102	Paul Metzger
1,383.40	building	snow removal	1103	Sheeley Oil Excavating
370.00	fire equipt	scba	1104	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
229.18	travel	travel	1105	Mike Schiffer
125.00	contract	other	1106	Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY
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2,275.00	building	other	1107	East-Tek
7,878.12	work comp	ulster co	1108	Ulster County Self-Insurance

Chief's Report

February 2026 Report

- 1 Call in January
 - 1/30 Activated Alarm. Frost Vallery YMCA. 10 members. 65-1, 65-2, 65-31 on scene
- 4 Drills in January
 - Equipment checks
 - SCBA bottle fill review
 - HazMat Refresher at GFD
 - Maint: Snow Removal
- Worked on potential Grant for station extension
- Finishing up District Policies and SOPs

Committee Report: The FV substation renovation completed. Looks very professional.

Old Business:

- Certified letters to inactive members have been sent in an effort to recover gear. There has been no response to previous requests.
- Fire Police Registration is in progress.

New Business:

- District Policy #1 Code of Ethics with acknowledgement distributed to District Commissioners, Chief and Assistant Chiefs, Secretary and Treasurer.
- A Code of Ethics will be included in SOPs for active members.
- Tom will look into alarm panel in truck house and substation that could connect to an answering system to connect to 911.

Makes sense to monitor all buildings. Tom will follow up.

- Is “Swearing In” a requirement? Mike will ask at Commissioner Training.
- Annual Financial Report from Treasurer – Motion to accept the AFR made by Mike S., Seconded by Mike V. None Opposed.
- John Coombs asked if District would cover the cost of EMT training - \$500.00. Tom made the Motion to approve the request, Seconded by Mike V. None Opposed.
- The Company is applying for the NYS VFire Grant to build a 24 x 40 - foot addition to the Truck House. The grant would be used to build and equip the structure The addition would create additional storage space to declutter the truck house, a decontamination room, open space for drills, an exhaust system, and achieve some of the OSHA requirements. The Company voted enthusiastically for the grant.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm Upon Motion by Mike S., Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/ Secretary.

