

Claryville Fire District

Minutes March 10, 2026

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:37 pm, March 10, 2026, at the Claryville Fire Department Community Hall.

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

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

Public: None

Minutes of the February 3, 2026, Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Andy, 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 Andy, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

500.00	personnel	treas	1114	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	1113	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	1115	Claryville FD
181.61	util	telephone & internet	1116	Spectrum / Charter Communications
92.70	util	telephone	1117	Verizon
1,417.46	util	elec	1118	Central Hudson
755.42	util	lpg	1119	Rez-Bear Energy
1,635.20	building	snow removal	1120	Sheeley Oil Excavating
1,231.20	building	snow removal	1120	Sheeley Oil Excavating
500.00	FF exp	training	1121	John Coombs
20.96	contract	postage	1122	Mike Schiffer
35.61	FF exp	training meals	1123	Neversink General Store
47.32	equipt	misc supplies	1124	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
43.25	equipt	misc supplies	1125	Paul Metzger
1,349.00	insurance	fire fighter	1126	McNeil&co
297.00	equipt	misc supplies	1127	Claryville FD

Chiefs' report:

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John at Co meeting: “I said that there were no calls since the last meeting and that drills have been well attended”.

Paul at District:

- No Calls in Feb
- Drills in Feb:
 - Equipment Checks
 - Donning SCBA
 - Gas Meter/Thermal Imager
 - Radios/IAR/Pagers
- Training
 - Mike is doing good job planning Drill several months ahead.
 - A lot of training classes are being attended.
- John, Mike, and Paul worked on SAR gear on Sunday 3/8 and put all gear in service. We have some more equipment to order.
- Admin matters:
- We are fully on NERIS (replace NIFIRS)
- We closed the claim with McNeil related to the accident on Vet’s day with Ellenville. No payouts were made.
- I filled 2025 NYS DOL SH 900 forms in file cabinet – this is a new NYS requirement regarding workplace injuries. A few depts in Sullivan have been audited on this.
- SOP and Policies are ready to be printed and distributed. All active members will be required to sign acknowledgement of receipt of SOPs.

- We have implemented the idea of “Core” drills that are conducted once a month. All Active members are expected to attend Core Drills.
- At Batt. 3 meeting Jack introduced two new ideas:
 - Storm Mode
 - MA Box alarms setup
 - Also, we received refund for 2025 IAR due to county contract
- We need to move on Class A’s if we’re going to have them for summer Parades.
- Need to submit Reimbursement for BEFO and DEC wildland fire.
- Submitted 2026 Department Demographics to NYS DHES
- Station Clean-up ahead of extension construction.
- Need to discuss Gas Meters at District Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee – All balances check.

Old Business:

Equipment recovery from former Department members – follow up continuing.

Battalion Meeting- will upgrade Radio Systems and Reprogramming at no cost to District.

Tom proposes discussion with Neversink Fire Department for Mutual Aid Calls in order to boost our call volume.

Paul reported that the DEC Grant for 2025 was denied.

Policies have been approved and will be going to print.

SOPs are ready to print.

Estimated cost is around \$1,000.00. Dave made the Motion to approve the printing cost, Seconded by Andy, None Opposed.

Search and Rescue gear is now in service – still need to buy more at approximate cost of \$785.00. Mike V. made the Motion to approve the expenditure, Tom seconded it. None Opposed, One Abstention.

New Business:

Fire Hall is now tied into an answering service for fire alarms.

Tom has proposed to install alarms in the Truck House and FV substation with answering service to call 911. Cost estimate \$6,265.00 for the main station and \$6,265.00 for the Frost Valley substation. In addition, \$440.00 per station (\$880.00) for monitoring. Subject to a Permissive Referendum Motion to proceed with installation made by Andy, Seconded by Dave, None Opposed.

Acquisition of the second-hand truck by the Company and donated to the District if the District will accept it and do required repairs. Permissive Referendum required for cost of repairs. Dave made the Motion to proceed, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

Mike S. to bring proposal for 4 gas meters to the next Meeting.

Class A uniforms – Paul to get cost.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Dave, None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary