

Claryville Fire District

Minutes July 7, 2026

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:41pm, July 7, 2026, at the Claryville Fire House Community Hall.

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

Representing the Fire Department: Chief Paul Metzger

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Minutes of the June 3 Meeting were read and approved as corrected Upon Motion by Tom, Seconded by Mike S., None Opposed.

The Treasurer's report for July 2026 was read and approved Upon Motion by Andy, Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

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

500.00	personnel	treas	1192	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	1193	Anne-Marie Kremer
1,800.00	building	rent	1194	Claryville FD
181.52	util	telephone & internet	1195	Spectrum / Charter Communications
92.75	util	telephone	1196	Verizon
999.38	util	elec	1197	Central Hudson
165.00	building	other	1198	East-Tek Security Systems
13.94	misc	supplies	1199	Advance Auto
188.50	mileage	mileage	1200	Larry Cole.
543.03	mileage	mileage	1201	Glenn Vandenberg
368.16	mileage	mileage	1202	Paul Metzger
52.79	contract	info tech	1202	Paul Metzger
908.06	equipt	misc equipt	1203	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
304.65	mileage	mileage	1204	Tom Matthews
125.98	mileage	mileage	1205	John Coobms
428.10	fire equipt	repair/maint	1206	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
175.98	equipt	supplies	cc xfer	cc: Amazon
429.84	building	other	cc xfer	cc: Home Depot
62.35	fire equipt	fuel	cc xfer	cc: Rock Hill Citgo
31.71	fire equipt	fuel	cc xfer	cc: Neversink Sinclair
35.54	building	other	cc xfer	cc: Amazon
(31.84)	building	other	cc xfer	cc: Home Depot
23.96	contract	office supplies	cc xfer	cc: Amazon

Fire Chief's Report:

July 2026 Report

- 3 calls in June
 - Standby at GFD. 11 members
 - Tree down, Red Hill 5 Members
 - SAR Team Call at Neversink Gorge 3 members
- 8 Drills in June
 - Equipment Checks
 - 65-61 to IFO class
 - Neversink Pool fill
 - Extrication Part 2
 - Pool fill @ FV
 - 2 times: Pool fill @ April's
 - Station Cleanup
- Other
 - Invited to participate in Forceable Entry Drill at CVFD
 - Stations' Clean-up
 - Sub-station organized, new shelving installed, swept clean
 - Main Station, 3 trailer loads removed
 - Old and out- of - service equipment to Glenn's
 - Excess equipment moved to substation
 - Re-organized Space.
 - Paperwork, manuals reorganized.

- Re-organized equipment and supplies
- More to do.
- Physicals and Fit tests are scheduled for 7/13
- Hose Testing is scheduled for this week, 7/9
- UC Parade is Sat. 7/25
- Paul completed FO2
- 65-64 back in shop

Old Business:

Tom reviewed the plan to purchase the Polaris UTV and gave a status update:

The Polaris two feet longer than the current UTV which would require a lot of changes including a new brake system, new brackets – nothing fits easily. The water wagon could not go behind the Polaris if retrofitted.

Several options were discussed:

1. Keep the Polaris as is for rescue calls and use the existing UTV for brush fires.
2. Do nothing and purchase a new UTV as per the Capital Plan replacement schedule.
3. Retrofit the Polaris and sell the old UTV. Would require either buying a new trailer or re-doing the existing trailer.
4. Keep both vehicles and make a decision later.

Andy made the Motion to assess the feasibility of conversion of the Polaris but not to start the work on conversion until after the fire season is over. Purchase the Polaris. Dave Seconded the Motion - Andy, Mike V., Mike S., Dave voted in favor; Tom is Opposed. The Motion carried.

Two new SOP's are being drafted by Paul: Discipline Policy and Light Policy.

Dave will review the SOP about guidelines for using lights.

Tax problem is still being worked on.

When the total amount for repairs on 65-65 are known – replenish the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Tom received quotes for Fire Police Badges and holders.

New Business:

Generator was serviced recently.

Mike V. discussed the idea to get Starlink for the Fire House. Paul will look into it.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm Upon Motion by Mike V. Seconded by Andy. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary