

Claryville Fire District

Minutes September 8, 2026

The regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:33 pm, September 8, 2026, at the Claryville Fire House Community Hall.

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

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

Public: F. Doot

Minutes of the August 4, 2026 Meeting were read and approved Upon Motion by Tom and Seconded by Mike V., None Opposed.

Reminder of Budget Hearing followed by Regular Meeting on October 20 – Commissioners requested a date change to Wednesday, October 21, and Secretary will send in a Notice to the Townsman. A reminder that the November Meeting will be on November 4th.

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

The Treasurer explained that money needs to come out of the Reserves to pay for bills not covered in the budget. Tom made the Motion that the Treasurer would compile the dollar amounts for Resolutions (to be presented by the Secretary) to alleviate the budget overages from the Equipment Reserve and Equipment Repair Reserve funds. Seconded by Mike S., None Opposed.

Communications and Bills: Chief Metzger wrote a letter of support for the Town of Denning Public Safety Communication Towers petition.

The following Bills were approved for payment Upon Motion by Tom Seconded by Mike V.

500.00	personnel	treas	1234	Altair Service 216, LLC. / Paul Metzger
300.00	personnel	sec	1235	Anne-Marie Kremer
181.81	util	telephone & internet	cc xfer	Spectrum / Charter Communications
95.01	util	telephone	cc xfer	Verizon
848.06	util	elec	cc xfer	cc: Central Hudson
1,800.00	building	rent	1236	Claryville FD
42.37	fire equipt	gas/diesel	cc xfer	Ferndale Mobile
7.18	misc	supplies	cc xfer	Etsy
21.16	contract	office supplies	cc xfer	Amazon
84.04	contract	office supplies	cc xfer	Amazon
16.48	contract	new apparatus	cc xfer	Amazon
77.83	contract	new apparatus	cc xfer	Amazon
626.95	contract	new apparatus	cc xfer	UTV Direct
479.00	contract	new apparatus	cc xfer	UTV Direct
(0.94)	contract	other	cc xfer	credit for Aug overpayment
6,888.00	equipt	ppe	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
2,415.00	equipt	hose	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
139.00	equipt	misc	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
1,300.00	fire equipt	SCBA Service	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
900.00	FF exp	Physicals & Fit Test	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
434.50	equipt	misc supplies	1237	Haight Fire Equipment Supply
3,351.00	FF exp	Physicals & Fit Test	1238	TEK Medical Services
293.50	equipt	radio	1239	KJBL Electronics
281.00	equipt	Station Wear/Class A	1240	Everyday Apparel
1,735.00	equipt	Station Wear/Class A	1240	Everyday Apparel
167.15	equipt	misc supplies	1241	Advance Auto
24.54	equipt	misc supplies	1241	Advance Auto
171.94	personnel	fed taxes	1242	irs. 2024 944 interestt
37.92	FF exp	Training/Cty Mtgs	1243	neversink general
7.51	fire equipt	gas/diesel	1244	Claryville FD
23.33	fire equipt	gas/diesel	1244	Claryville FD
9.98	equipt	misc supplies	1245	Tom Matthews

Chief's Report

September 2026 Report

- 2 calls in August
 - MVA – Red Hill. 8 Members, 65-1, 65-61
 - Gas Odor – Denning Rd, 6 members, 61-1,3,7,61
- 7 Drill in August
 - Equipment Checks. 11 members
 - Clear out shed – 8 members
 - New UTV Training and qualification – 9 members
 - Wildland Equipment and training – 10 members
 - Simulated Structure Fire Response – 12 members
 - Water Supply webinar – label and pack new hose – 7 members
- Public Service – 2 Events
 - Tri-valley Bear Bash – 2 members (Mike V. and Doot)
 - Grahamsville Fair UTV duty with Grahamsville EMS
 - Glenn, Tom, Mike V., Mike S., Robert, Luis, and Paul.
- Training
 - Paul and John completed FF2-IMAT
- Physicals
 - 4 Interior: Coombs, Metzger, Stokes, M. Vandenberg
 - 10 Exterior: Kremer, Kurihana, Lee, Letohic, Matthews, Quinn, Rivenburg, Schiffer, White, G. Vandenberg
 - 3 Fire Police: Cole, Fassi, Hulse
 - Admin: Doot, Forger
 - Other: Said asked to get a physical so he can remain active
- Other
 - Participated in UC parade in Napanpoch. New uniforms looked GREAT!
 - Submitted paperwork to Sullivan County FF Assoc for 50 years of service for: Stan Fitchner, Charlie Breiner, and Tom M.
 - Carissa Pomeroy has resigned
 - Letter to UC Exec on support of public safety radio towers
 - Potential Issues with 31: Elec system, Air

Committee Reports: Tom reported on the Provident Webinar Series for September 15, 7:00 pm about lithium-ion batteries, toxic threats, Response and Code.

Old Business:

Revisit Starlink in 2027.

Status update on Grant.

65-31 has an alternator problem and an air brake problem.

New Business:

Siren will blow at intervals in remembrance of 9/11. Let Denning know and put on FD sign.

One firefighter in the Company is a minor. FASNY recommends minors be treated as restricted firefighter. Add blue tape to helmets of minors. Mike will write up SOP to add to SOP booklet.

Compensation for Firefighter Bill needs support. District should discuss and write a letter in support. Tom will make copies of the information.

Dave made the Motion to adopt the proposed Budget with changes, Seconded by Tom None Opposed.

Comments from the Public: None

Adjournment at 8:25 Upon Motion by Dave, Seconded by Mike S. None Opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary