

Eggertsville Fire District

1880 Eggert Road
Eggertsville, New York 14226-2233

COMMISSIONERS:

BRIAN K. MULTERER – Chairperson
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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

RAYMOND F. BRAUN
Secretary/Treasurer
NICOLE L. WOODFORD
Asst. Secretary/Deputy Treasurer
BRANDON PETERS
Office Assistant

September 1st, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1702 by Chairman Multerer.

Attendance: Brian Multerer, John Kwiatkowski, Tyrone Smith, Patrick Galvin, Christina Mastrella

Also in attendance: Nicole Woodford, Brandon Peters, Asst. Chief Flynn, Asst. Chief Sikirica, David Mastrella

Absent:

Excused: Raymond Braun

Chairman Multerer suspended the Regular Order of Business for the purpose of reviewing and preparing the proposed 2027 Fire District Budget. The Board reviewed the preliminary budget calculations and discussed various options related to the proposed budget and associated tax levy. As part of its deliberations, the Board considered exceeding the statutory 2% Tax Cap by an additional 2%, which would result in an overall increase of approximately 4% compared to the 2026 budget. The Board discussed the financial and operational impacts associated with the proposed increase as part of the development of the 2027 Fire District Budget.

Motion by Mastrella, seconded by Multerer to prepare the 2027 Budget with a 4% increase, pending the Budget Hearing and final approval, carried unanimously.

Resuming the Regular Order of Business Chairman Multerer called for approval of minutes of the August 6th, 2026 Board meeting

Minutes Approval: Motion by Smith, seconded by Galvin, to approve the August 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted, motion carried.

Correspondence Sent:

08/01/26 Eggertsville Hose- Reimbursement for Installation
08/01/26 Cintas payment remittance
08/01/26 Amherst Hwy Department - May Fuel payment remittance
08/01/26 Brian Multerer- Reimbursement conferences- payment remittance
08/04/26 Aladdin Cleaners Payment Remittance
08/04/26 Witmer Public Safety - payment remittance
08/04/26 Positive Promotions - payment remittance
08/04/26 Hamburg Overhead Doors- payment remittance
08/04/26 National Fuel payment remittance
08/04/26 Verizon-payment remittance
08/04/26 Ed Young Hardware- payment remittance
08/04/26 Power Drives Inc- payment remittance

08/04/26 Scranton Thruway Builders supply- payment remittance
08/04/26 Woodcutters Headquarters- payment remittance
08/04/26 Eggertsville Hose- Drill Reimbursement- payment remittance
08/04/26 Sewing Technology - payment remittance
08/19/26 M&T Budget Checking CD matured and rolled over.
08/20/26 National Grid payment remittance
08/20/26 Cintas payment remittance
08/20/26 MES payment remittance
08/20/26 Philipps Bros. Supply Inc payment remittance
08/20/26 Modern Corporation payment remittance
08/20/26 Mesmer payment remittance
08/20/26 Goodyear payment remittance

Correspondence Received:

07/30/26 Cintas Invoice received
07/30/26 Amherst Hwy Department - May Fuel Invoice received
07/30/26 Brian Multerer- Reimbursement conferences- Backup received
08/04/26 Aladdin Cleaners Invoice received
08/04/26 Witmer Public Safety - Invoice received
08/04/26 Positive Promotions - Invoice received
08/04/26 Hamburg Overhead Doors- Invoice received
08/04/26 National Fuel Invoice received
08/04/26 Verizon-Invoice received
08/04/26 Ed Young Hardware- Invoice received
08/04/26 Power Drives Inc- Invoice received
08/04/26 Scranton Thruway Builders supply- Invoice received
08/04/26 Woodcutters Headquarters- Invoice received
08/04/26 Eggertsville Hose- Drill Reimbursement- Invoice received
08/04/26 Sewing Technology - Invoice received
08/19/26 M&T Budget Checking CD maturing emails with M&T Reps
08/20/26 National Grid Invoice received
08/20/26 Cintas Invoice received
08/20/26 MES payment remittance
08/20/26 Philipps Bros. Supply Inc Invoice received
08/20/26 Modern Corporation Invoice received
08/20/26 Mesmer Invoice received
08/20/26 Goodyear Invoice received

Motion by Multerer, seconded by Multerer, to receive and file the correspondence, carried unanimously.

Chief's Report:

Chief Sikirica presented a purchase request for the following items:

1. Upper storage/equipment room supplies - \$205.75
2. Organizational Supplies - \$108.49
3. Saw Straps - \$239.95
4. Water Can and Thermal Imaging Camera Straps - \$947.00
5. Binder Patient Lift System - \$1639.10

Motion by Smith, seconded by Galvin to approve all purchase requests made by the Chief, carried unanimously.

Chief Sikirica presented updated on the following projects

1. The annual SCBA inspection is upcoming
2. Communication Room is closed for renovations
3. 10-75 performing updates to the Knox Box in Car 9 (no cost)
4. PS Trax is making good progress and training will begin soon
5. Statistics on Hours Program – Hour's members have performed 427 inspections, attended 151 drills, 1220 incidents, and conducted 2,696 hours of standby coverage. Full report presented to the Board of Commissioners.
6. Discussion on retrofitting the old utility trailer and turning it into a training trailer
7. One Firefighter suffered a minor ankle injury during a sponsored non-incident related activity
8. Hosting Town wide Day Drill September 9th at 9am
9. Outreach event with local Boy Scouts scheduled for October 29th at 1830
10. Truck 6 / Engine / Utility 5-1 will participate in Tunnel to Towers event

President's Report:

1. President Yap presented a purchase request to replace the kitchen dishwasher at a cost of \$1,456

Motion by Smith, seconded by Mastrella to approve the dishwasher, carried unanimously.

Report of Committees:

Alarm and Hydrant Committee:

1. The Alarm project is pending scheduling of the work

Apparatus Committee:

1. Brandon Peters advised the first draft of Engine 2's specification has been sent to the Chief and Counsel for initial comments
2. The Board discussed the feasibility of installing a plow in Rescue 7-1, Commissioner Galvin presented concerns regarding back-up and storage of equipment. Was unable to locate a vendor willing to be a "back-up". Chairman Multerer discussed rental research he conducted with a neighboring department and their operations. The Board will publish an RFP for Snowplowing/Salting services for the 2026/2027 Winter season.
3. The Board discussed maintenance issues with the Apparatus Bay exhaust system. The Board reviewed a proposal for annual preventative maintenance of the system at a cost of \$1,575.

Motion by Multerer, seconded by Mastrella to approve the annual maintenance, carried unanimously.

Convention Committee:

1. Airfare for B. Peters for travel to Symposium in the Sun \$738.80

Motion made by Mastrella, seconded by Multerer to approve the reimbursement, carried unanimously.

2. B. Multerer advanced Per Diem for Saratoga Springs Convention \$280.00

Motion made by Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mastrella to approve the Per Diem, carried unanimously.

Finance Committee:

No Report

Health Care Committee:

1. Annual Physical Letter in in process of being sent to qualified members.

House Committee:

1. District Caretaker provided a quote for new Counters/Cabinetry in Communications Room at a cost of \$4,685

Motion by Multerer, seconded by Galvin to approve the Counters/Cabinetry quote, carried unanimously.

1. Garbage Tote Cleaning costs presented, after brief discussion the Board feels they can be maintained inhouse.
2. The Board discussed various reasons behind fruit flies in the firehouse. After discussing several reasons and in an effort to identify a cause, the Board and the President agree to suspend the use of the Soda Gun in the Club Room and replace with canned beverages. The Board requested the President remind the membership to rinse out cans prior to recycling. The Board will re-evaluate in the near future.
3. Chairman Multerer asked for an update on the concrete project. Commissioner Smith provided an updated on the one vendor that bid on the project. He is re-distributing the specifications to various vendors and also looking into alternative methods to increase visibility of the project.

Information Technology Committee:

1. Old iPads will be sold.

Inspection Committee:

1. Venue book for June 2027

Insurance Committee:

1. Insurance for Eggertsville Hose Company trailer completed

Jacket and Uniform Committee:

1. Jackets have been distributed

Service Awards Committee:

No report

Motion by Mastrella, seconded by Kwiatkowski to approve the committee reports, carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Job Descriptions discussed. Commissioner Mastrella will continue to draft these and present at the November meeting. Commissioner Galvin reached out to a neighboring department to gather information and an example of a daily checklist for care taker.

New Business:

1. Training trailer sketches provided by Assistant Chief Sikirica. Trailer will be stored behind the garage and out of site. 1000

Motion by Multerer, seconded by Mastrella to approve the training trailer and spending up to \$1,000 to build, carried unanimously.

2. Discussion on “fill-in” employee scheduling and the approval process. The Board approved \$20/hr for “fill-in” employees. Additional discussion regarding employee benefits, and time off procedure. The Board will be building these processes into new job descriptions. As of now, if Caretaker is off more than one consecutive day, a “fill in” employee will be scheduled through Nicole Woodford.

Unfinished Business:

None

Executive Session:

None

Treasurers Report:

Motion by Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mastrella to pay August bills totaling \$58,407.95, carried unanimously.

Upcoming meeting Dates:

Next regular meeting: October 1st, 19:00 hrs

2027 Budget Hearing: October 20th, 1900 hrs

Special Board Meeting: October 20th Immediately following Budget Hearing

Motion by Kwiatkowski, seconded by Multerer, to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 2019 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole L. Woodford,
Assistant Secretary/Deputy Treasurer

Brandon Peters,
Office Assistant