

**South Salem Fire District
Commissioner District Meeting
October 6, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Chairman Bauer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Yorke

Present Commissioners: Bauer, Amerling, Lombardi, Gossett, Scott

District Employees: Treasurer Blum, Secretary Mansfield

Department Officers: Chief Yorke, Assistant Chief Davison

Guest Attendees: Peter Ciacci, Scott Forbes, Nick DeLaurentis, Ian Llewelyn, Rob Dent

Approval of September 8th Regular District Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the September 8th District Meeting minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Gossett, all voted in favor.

Chiefs Report - attached and distributed to the Board

Apparatus - Engine 167 was returned from Firematic on September 19th and is back in service after undergoing extensive testing. Annual service will be completed on October 13th.

Tanker 2 annual service will be completed on October 14th.

U79 door installed on September 15th.

Membership - 13 members (7 Interior) responded or were on call in September.

Training Requests - Signal 73 volunteers requested, will update regarding instructor availability.

Department is hosting a Zone 2 construction class on November 24th.

Live Fire Training - In house drill is scheduled for November 17th.

Miscellaneous - Delivery of fire ground radio chargers and microphones is pending.

The Polaris Ranger that the Department purchased has an expected delivery date of March 2026.

Request from LVAC Assistant Captain Rich Barry to use the Department Fitness Center.

Request from Nicholas DeSantis, a Member of Miry Brook Volunteer Fire Department to become a mutual responder, pending board approval and of Miry Brook FD Chief. Treasurer Blum advised the Board that VFIS documentation would be needed for Nicholas DeSantis.

A motion to approve the request for \$1,900 for Signal 73 training and NFPA vehicles was made by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Lombardi. The motion passed (4-1) with Commissioner Amerling voting against.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to approve the request for LVAC Assistant Captain Barry to use the Department Fitness Center, pending doctor permission letter and signed liability waiver. The motion passed with Bauer, Gossett, and Lombardi voting in favor, and Amerling abstaining.

Public Comment Period

Nick DeLaurentis expressed support for authorized and insured non members to use the Fitness Center.

Ex-Chief Peter Ciacci expressed strong support for a firearms policy.

Ian Llewelyn expressed support for a policy that would only apply to on duty conduct.

Treasurer's Report

Budget YTD vs Actual, Intermonth - Transfers, Deposits Received, Bank Statement reconciliation reports.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Bauer, all voted in favor.

Audit of Pending Claims

A motion to approve the claims was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Bauer, all voted in favor. Commissioner Amerling confirmed that the bank statements have been reconciled for September without exception.

Correspondence

Jennings - See Unfinished Business

C.R.E.S.T. Grant Update - Commissioner Lombardi has inquired with Assemblymember Burdick's office. The application is currently being reviewed, and an update is expected soon.

Katonah Fire Department Inspection Dinner - 10/30

Association of Fire Districts of Westchester County Annual Business Dinner - 11/8

Administration

Flu shots - After discussion, the Board decided to direct members to their local pharmacies for immunizations for flu and Covid. Chief Yorke to add messaging to the Bulletin.

Firearms Policy Discussion (see Unfinished Business)

Budget Hearing - October 22nd at 7pm at the South Salem Firehouse

Unfinished Business

Pending Projects - Firehouse Entrance Alterations - Commissioner Gossett - has inquired about the progress on an issue with a door, and will meet with the architect on October 7th. The board discussed railing as an extra, versus a planter. A credit was discussed for the floor that has not yet been installed.

C.R.E.S.T. Grant Update - Application is currently being reviewed. An update is forthcoming.

District Policy Updates

Commissioner Amerling advised the board that the Policy working group will have the policy manual completed and released by the end of the year.

The attorney's proposed firearms resolution was read aloud to the Board. He advised that many Districts have a stand alone policy in place, or a larger workplace safety guide, and so the District's attorney has urged the Board to adopt the policy as written.

A motion was made to adopt the Firearms Resolution as written by Commissioner Amerling, second Lombardi. The motion passed (4-1) with Commissioners Amerling, Bauer, Lombardi, and Gossett voting in favor, and Commissioner Scott voting against. The resolution will be signed and added to Lexipol.

New Business

FOIL Request Processing Fees - Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to charge an administrative fee of \$25, and an additional \$.25 per copy. The Board reserves the right to waive the fees. The motion passed (4-1) with Commissioners Lombardi, Amerling, Scott, and Gossett voting in favor, and Chairman Bauer voting against.

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss employee salaries.

Next District Meeting - tentatively scheduled for Monday November 10th, 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Beth Mansfield
Secretary
South Salem Fire District