

**South Salem Fire District
Commissioner Meeting
January 13, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bauer at 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Assistant Chief Davison

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

Department Officers: Assistant Chief Davison

Absent: Chief Yorke

District Employees: Treasurer Blum, Property Manager Andros, Secretary Mansfield

Guest Attendees: Rob Dent

Approval of December 8th Regular District Minutes

A motion to approve the December 8th Regular District Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Gossett, all voted in favor.

Public Comment Period - none

Chiefs Report - attached and distributed to the Board

Equipment Requests:

(6) Scott NFPA Air Paks for \$50,896.62. Contract PC69006.

(3) Sets of gear for members Mendola, Caviola and DeVito for \$10,971.84. NYS Contract Award # 23361 PC 70805.

(3) Lenovo Laptops, (3) Monitors with Mounts, (3) New Workstations and (1) Service Call totaling \$5,834.82.

Apparatus - Requesting lighting upgrade to Car 2452 for a cost of \$1,257.17.

Apparatus - Requesting lighting upgrade to Car 2453 for a cost of \$1,257.17.

Membership - Andrew Williams and Jack Johnson were approved by the Department as probationary trainees, District approval is requested.

Members Jones and Posadas transferred to Associate Membership.

Training requests - The Department requests District approval to build a new roof prop on District grounds with Department / Benevolent Association funding.

A motion to approve the request for the training prop was made by Commissioner Bauer, second Scott, all voted in favor.

A motion to approve \$50,896.62 for the 6 Airpacks was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Scott, all voted in favor.

A motion to approve the request for 3 sets of gear for Mendola, Caviola, and DeVito was made by Commissioner Bauer, second Commissioner Scott, all voted in favor.

A motion to approve the request for 3 laptops totaling \$5,834.8 was made by Commissioner Scott, second Lombardi, all voted in favor.

A motion to accept the lighting upgrade request for Cars #2452 and #2453 totaling \$2,514.34 was made by Commissioner Scott, second Gossett, all voted in favor.

A motion to approve Andrew Williams and Jack Johnson as probationary trainees was made by Commissioner Scott, second Lombardi, all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

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

Approval of Treasurers Report

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Gossett, all voted in favor.

Audit of Pending Claims

A motion to accept claims, with the exception of Lexipol, was made by Commissioner Lombardi, second Bauer, all voted in favor.

Commissioner Amerling reports that bank statements have been reconciled without exception. Treasurer Blum requests and is given permission by the board to pay the additional claims: VESO Life (\$3,334.12) Monaco, Cooper, Lamme and Carr (\$399), and Tom Beck (\$1,575).

Correspondence

SSFD - Probationary Trainees Johnson and Williams have been approved.

SSFD - Members Matty Jones and Tyler Posedas are now Associate Members

AFDSNY Commissioner Training: 1/24 Thornwood FD

3/26 White Plains Sonesta

Supervisor Gonçalves Requesting South Salem Firehouse as Polling Place - Secretary Mansfield will follow up with Supervisor Gonçalves to relay concerns of the board - costs needing reimbursement.

CREST Grant Update - Commissioner Lombardi

FOIA - Additional information requested. The board will discuss in Executive Session.

District Property Report

Building Usage - 3/21 Andrew Llewellyn

3/28 Mike Kis

Building Projects - n/r

Pending Projects - N95 mask testing - The board decided to stop testing the N95 masks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lombardi to approve the building usage requests, second Commissioner Scott, all voted in favor.

Administration

Commissioner Election 12/9/25- Keith Bauer was elected to a five year term.

Unfinished Business

Pending Projects: Firehouse Entrance Alterations: Commissioner Gossett will update the board regarding punch list at the February meeting.

Live Fire Training - n/r

Truck Replacement Committee - n/r

District Policy Updates - discussed

New Business

Insurance Increases for Apparatus Replacement

1.4m - \$2,140

1.5m - \$3,445

1.6m - \$4,342

After discussion, the board decided to not increase coverage.

FASNY - Recruitment and Retention

Commissioner Lombardi reported on the paid on-call and county call assistance in rural areas initiatives.

Executive Session

The board entered Executive session at 9:02pm. The board exited Executive session at 9:38 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Next District Meeting - scheduled for February 9, 2026.

Beth Mansfield

Secretary

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