

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners Cutchogue Fire District

10/30/25 05:30pm | *Meeting called to order by* Lawrence Behr, Chairman of the Board
Meeting opened with a Salute to the Flag

In Attendance

Lawrence Behr, Chairman, Steven Harned Vice Chairman, Michael Finnican, David Blados, Christopher Talbot
Commissioners

Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary, Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer

Board Discussion

- Special meeting held to approve 2026 budget. It was reported that the tax cap information was filed with the NYS Comptroller as required.

Motions

- 25-1026: Motion to present adopt the 2026 budget as presented on October 21, 2025. Motion by C. Talbot, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-1027: Motion to have Fine Care Lawn Services fertilize and treat District property located at 355 New Suffolk Road Cutchogue for a cost of \$525.00. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-1028: Motion made by Commissioner Harned to go into executive to discuss personnel matter, seconded by Commissioner Behr. Meeting in executive session at 05:45 hours. Executive ended at 06:15 hours
- 25-1029: Motion to adjourn meeting at 06:18 P.M. Motion by M. Finnican, seconded by L. Behr. All present in favor motion passed.

Resolutions

- 25-10-02: Resolution to adopt the 2026 budget as prepared. Motion made by Chairman Talbot, seconded by Commissioner Harned. Roll call vote. Talbot, aye, Behr, Aye, Blados Aye, Finnican, aye, Harned, aye. Resolution passed. (see attached)

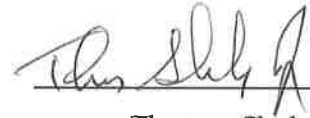
Audience Participation

None

Next Meeting

11/11/24, At CFD Annex 32470 Main Road Cutchogue @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted;



Thomas Shalvey Jr.

Secretary

**CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 25-10-02
OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 29, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 21, 2025 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2026 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 budget to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap with an increase in said tax levy over the two (2%) percent limit and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$2,742,149.00, and

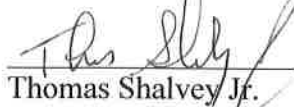
The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman	Talbot)	
Commissioner	Behr)	
Commissioner	Blados)	AYES
Commissioner	Harned)	
Commissioner	Finnican (Absent)	

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: October 21, 2025

Cutchogue, New York


Thomas Shalvey Jr.
Secretary