

# Minutes

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Cutchogue Fire District

Date: February 10, 2026

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Time: 7:00 P.M.

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Meeting called to order by,

Steven Harned, Chairman of the Board

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## In attendance

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

Absent: Lawrence Behr, Commissioner

Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer, Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary

## Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of January 13, 2026, meeting as distributed to the Board members. Motion 26-200.

## Approval of Treasurer's reports

*See Attachments*

The Board approved the January 2026 Treasurers' reports for the general fund and capital buildings project as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motions 26-201 and 26-202.

## Correspondence Received

- 01-14-26: From Casson leasing termination letter for storage containers leased as part of the New Firehouse Building Project.
- 01-14-26: From Lupton and Luce District insurance provider, request to update roster for group life insurance policy.
- 01-19-29: From Waterway quote for 2026 pump testing of District apparatus. (See motion 26-206).
- 01-19-26: From Mayday communications service contract for radio voice recorder (See motion 26-222).
- 01-28-26: From Chief's Office, notice that member #630 has been removed from medical inactive status.
- 01-28-26: From Ford Motor Company, recall on rear camera on unit 8-5-15 (Fire Police).
- 01-28-26: From Chief's Office, notice that member #220 will remain on the medical inactive list.
- 01-30-26: From Carpenters union FOIL request. Information to come from Stalco Construction.
- 02-04-26: From Chief's Office, notice that member #563 has been placed on the medical inactive list.
- 02-05-26: From Ruddy Sunderman FRES Chief, notice that ambulance service contract is due to County.
- 02-10-26: From United Fire Company, report on February Company meeting.
- 02-10-26: From Bryanne Kmiotek, request to have girl scout troop tour firehouse. (Chief's Office to arrange).

## Correspondence Sent

- 01-20-26: Emailed Lupton and Luce update roster for group life insurance policy.
- 01-28-26: Emailed Island Tech (district IT provider) signed quote to move servers into the new building.
- 02-03-26: Sent via Priority mail to FRES, signed 5-year contract for ambulance service.
- 02-03-26: Emailed carpenters union response to FOIL request 26-001.
- 02-06-26: Emailed signed quote to IWT (district radio vendor) to repair antenna located on tower at police headquarters in Peconic
- 02-26-26: Certified letter to member #595 to update his status on the medical inactive list.

## Secretary Report

- 01-20-26: Ordered shop vacuum from Amazon per Commissioner Harned request.
- 02-04-26: Accepted delivery of 8 new self-contained breathing apparatus from South Shore Fire Safety. (2025 budget item).
- 02-09-26: Oversaw pickup surplus bucket sold on Auctions International website.
- 02-10-26: Ordered 5 coat stands from Amazon as per Commissioner Finnican request.

## Board Discussion

- Discussion was held on declaring surplus an enclosed trailer previously used by the drill team. (see motion 26-011).
- Discussion was held on the way door access is allowed in the new building, members have had trouble accessing the building during after-hours alarms.
- Discussion held on contacting insurance company to see if damaged antenna located on the Southold Town Police radio tower is covered under our policy. (Secretary to handle).
- Discussion held on tinting windows of new Commissioners office.
- Discussion held on possible purchase of a scissor lift for use in District buildings. Secretary to look into.
- Discussion held about moving old files into 3<sup>rd</sup>. floor storage room to clear space in the new Commissioners office.
- Discussion held about updating plaque to be placed outside the Commissioner's Office.

## Motions

- 26-200: Motion approve minutes from January 2026, regular meeting as distributed. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-201: Motion to accept report on general fund expenditures for January 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-202: Motion to accept report on capital project fund expenditures for January 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-203: Motion to approve warrants for January 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-204: Motion to approve antenna repair to repeater antenna located at police headquarters damaged during winter storm at a cost of \$10,448.15. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-205: Motion made to forward signed contract for cell tower lease to Elite Towers and Attorney Glass. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-206 Motion to enter into a 3-year contract with Waterway to test fire pumps on District owned apparatus at a cost of \$360 per unit in 2026, \$380.00 in 2027 and \$390.00 in 2028 Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-207: Motion to allow girl scout troop to tour firehouse on a date to be determined by the Chief's Office. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.

- 26-208: Motion to approve moving server into the new building by Island Tech. Services for a cost of \$360.00. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by C. Talbot All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-209: Motion to move radio recorders into the new building by Mayday Communications for a cost of \$1200.00. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed unanimously.
- 26-210: Motion to remove lettering and radios from surplus 2-13 Tahoe sold at auction by Auctions International. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by M. S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-211: Motion to declare as surplus enclosed trailer previously used by the Drill Team Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-212: Motion to approve activities and training requests in Chief Boken’s report. (see attached) Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-213: Motion to approve Chief Boken’s request to hold fund raiser for Chief’s Office on April 18, 2026, using the first floor of the new Firehouse. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- 26-214: Motion to allow Katherine Pearsall to take peer support training at a cost of \$250.00 as per request on Chief Boken’s report. Motion made by C. Finnican, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-215: Motion to approve request from Chief Boken to purchase 6 new nomex hoods for interior firefighters. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot.
- 26-216: Motion to deem as surplus unused rescue gear and donate it to the Terry Farrell Fund. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-217: Motion to approve request by Chief Boken to purchase 4 firefighting helmets. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-218: Motion to schedule gear fitting for members needing upgrade turnout gear. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-219: Motion to purchase as per Chief Boken’s request a DeWalt saw and spare blades as approved in the 2026 budget. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-220: Motion to host man vs. machine training class at headquarters and pay for up to 15 members at \$150.00 each. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-221: Motion purchase a large clock for \$100.00 and a large bulletin board for \$67.00 for use in the new building. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-222: Motion to table purchasing extended service contract for radio recorders, Motion made by C. Talbot, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor, motion passed.
- 26-223: Motion to adjourn made at 0834 PM. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by D, Blados

## Resolutions

- M26-01: New member #640 Kevin Rousell. (see attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Blados, Seconded by Commissioner Talbot.

Voting as follows:

Chairman Harned	Aye
Commissioner Blados	Aye
Commissioner Finnican	Aye
Commissioner Talbot	Aye
Commissioner Behr	Absent

Motion Carried.

- 26-02-01: Resolution to hire Yi Kun Liu as part time EMS coordinator to oversee District paid EMS program. (see attached)

Motion made by Commissioner Harned, Seconded by Commissioner Talbot.

Voting as follows:

Chairman Harned	Aye
Commissioner Blados	Aye
Commissioner Finnican	Aye
Commissioner Talbot	Aye
Commissioner Behr	Absent

Motion Carried.

## Commissioner Reports

### Commissioner Blados

- 8-5-4 (engine) inspected and serviced. Awaiting quote for front spring repair.
- 8-5-5 (rescue) inspected and serviced. Drivers side seat belt needs repair
- 8-5-1 (engine) inspected, oil leak from rear main engine seal.
- 8-5-3 (ladder) inspected and serviced. Anti-freeze leak repaired, software issue with outrigger repaired, relief valve repaired.
- 8-5-17 (ambulance) Will be inspected. Injector repair scheduled.
- 8-5-11 (utility) inspected and serviced.
- 8-5-80 (Responder) Inspected and serviced.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Round of physical completed.
- Installation to be held January 16, 2027 at Raphael vineyards in Peconic.

### Commissioner Finnican

- Received Co for new firehouse.
- Issues with heating systems being addressed.
- Issues with frozen pipes during recent cold spell being repaired.
- Kitchen dishwasher to be set up on 2-11-26.
- Getting ready for final disconnect of temporary dispatch trailer so it can be returned to leasing company.
- Roof leak being addressed.
- Floor cleaning machine being repaired.

### Commissioner Talbot

- Update on cell phone tower.

### Commissioner Behr

- Absent

### Commissioner Harned

- Repeater antenna repaired at police headquarters.
- Signed cell tower site lease with Elite Towers.
- Everything is in place for new part-time EMS coordinator. (see resolution 26-01).

## Chief's Reports

### Chief Boken

- Appointed tanker committee: Commissioner Blados, Commissioner Harned, Chief Boken, Chief Dinizio, Chief Hinton, Captain Pearsall Lt. K. Burns, Chief Driver, E; Helgans, Ex-Chief A. Glover and Firefighter W. Park.
- Will set up a date to tour facility in Connecticut.
- Question about non-members being attending Department/District functions.

### Chief Dinizio

- Absent

### Chief Hinton

- Thanked Board for short notice approval of recent ice rescue training.

## Captain's Reports

### Captain Pearsall

- Absent.

## Audience Participation

- None.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.**

**Next meeting March 10, 2026 7:00 P.M. at CFD Headquarters.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Thomas Shalvey**

**Secretary**

Cutchogue Fire District  
 Abstract of Transactions For Approval  
 General Fund, February 10, 2026

Warrant 26-02

<u>Pay To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALBERTSON MARINE, INC.....	\$413.18
CASSONE LEASING, INC.....	\$701.00
ECOLAB INC.....	\$935.17
FIREMATIC SUPPLY.....	\$458.71
FULL CYCLE EQUIPMENT REPAIR.....	\$205.00
GERM FREE PRO.....	\$398.00
GLASS JR. WILLIAM F. ESQ.....	\$880.00
HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE EQUIP.....	\$12,245.96
ISLAND TECH SERVICES.....	\$1,456.40
J.R. HOME IMPROVEMENTS.....	\$3,256.99
LIGHTPATH LLC.....	\$842.73
M&T BANK CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.....	\$7,753.92
MASON W.B.....	\$97.14
MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES.....	\$286.35
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS, INC.....	\$200.00
NATIONAL GRID.....	\$3,196.79
NYCLASS BLDG RESERVE FUND.....	\$250,000.00
NYCLASS EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND.....	\$250,000.00
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI.....	\$582.82
OCEAN JANITORIAL SUPPLY INC.....	\$5,410.33
ORLOWSKI HARDWARE COMPANY.....	\$183.69
PATRIOT GROWTH INSURANCE SERV.....	\$28,706.79
PAYCHEX.....	\$908.92
PAYROLL.....	\$27,582.26
PECONIC PROPANE INC.....	\$992.37
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES.....	\$366.54
PSEG LONG ISLAND.....	\$6,270.37
SAFETY & ENV. SOLUTIONS, INC.....	\$60.00
SOUTHOLD TOWN RECEIVER OF TAXE.....	\$290.01
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES.....	\$438.06
SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS.....	\$300.00
TYLERS SCOTT AUTOMOTIVE.....	\$761.25
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS.....	\$2,123.20
VALERO CUTCHOGUE.....	\$391.00
VERIZON WIRELESS.....	\$97.16
XCL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES INC.....	\$764.06
<b>TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL 02/10/2026.....</b>	<b>\$609,556.17</b>

**Cutchogue Fire District (**  
**Abstract of Transactions For Approval**  
**Capital Projects Fund, February 10, 2026**

Warrant 26-02

<u>Pay To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MACCARONE PLUMBING INC.....	\$ 9,600.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS.....	\$ 16,321.25
STALCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.....	\$ 6,496.57
<u>TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL 2/10/26.....</u>	<u>\$32,317.82</u>

# Cutchogue Fire District

260 New Suffolk Road  
Cutchogue, NY 11935

## RESOLUTION

District Resolution 26-02-01

February 10, 2026

### *Resolution to Appoint Part-Time Senior EMT*

*WHEREAS, Board member Steven Harned has noted that the Cutchogue Fire District has the need to name a new part-time Senior EMT in order to supervise and schedule paid EMT's*

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion of Commissioner S. Harned, seconded by Commissioner C. Talbot, that Yi Kun Liu be hired to fill the part-position of Senior EMT for the Cutchogue Fire District. On roll call the vote was as follows:*

Chairman Harned:	Aye
Vice Chairman Blados:	Aye
Commissioner Finnican:	Aye
Commissioner Talbot:	Aye
Commissioner Behr:	Absent

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Shalvey Jr.

Secretary

Cutchogue Fire District

**Cutchogue Fire District**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL RESOLUTIONS**  
**Member Resolution M26-01**  
**Member #640**

***Resolution to Accept Member Residing Within District/ Area Protected [Town Law§176-B]***

*WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the Cutchogue Fire Department has approved the proposed membership of applicant Kevin Rousell residing at 6805 Alvahs Lane, Cutchogue, NY 11935 within the territorial boundaries of the Cutchogue Fire District/ area protected, and*

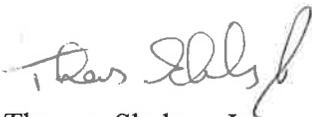
*WHEREAS, the Board has been further informed that the applicant has been cleared for membership based upon the successful completion of the arson/ sex offense records check performed in accordance with Executive Law §837-o;*

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:*** On a motion made by Commissioner Blados and seconded by Commissioner Talbot. *be approved for membership in the Cutchogue Fire Department subject to his/her completion of the oath of membership and probationary requirements. On roll call the vote was as follows:*

Chairman Harned:	Aye
Vice Chairman Blados:	Aye
Commissioner Finnican:	Aye
Commissioner Talbot:	Aye
Commissioner Behr:	Absent

*The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.*

Respectfully submitted;



Thomas Shalvey Jr.  
Secretary



**UNITED FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**  
**CUTCHOGUE FIRE DEPT.**  
CUTCHOGUE, L.I., N.Y. 11935  
(631) 734-6907

February 10, 2026

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Cutchogue Fire District  
260 New Suffolk Road  
Cutchogue, NY 11935-2037

**Re: Regular Company Meeting #1171**  
**February 5, 2026**

Gentlemen:

Please be advised of the following action that took place at the above referenced meeting or as noted.

➡ Kevin Rousell was elected as a member and assigned company number 640. His application is attached for your records. **Attachment 1**

I have enclosed a copy of the calendar of events for the current month. Chief Boken or Captain Pearsall can inform you of any changes, additions or deletions. **Attachment 2**

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance or you may direct your inquiries to Captain Pearsall or Chief Boken.

Firematically yours,  
THE UNITED FIRE COMPANY No. 1

*Tom*

Thomas Cybulski  
Recording Secretary

cc: Chief Michael Boken  
Captain Kenneth Pearsall

Attachments 2



# CUTCHOQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Office of the Chief

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Michael C. Boken  
*Chief*

Christopher Dinizio  
*1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief*

Joseph Hinton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief*

Christian Figurniak  
*Department Secretary*

Thomas Roslak  
*Chaplain*

**February 10, 2026**

### Fire School/Training

- 1- Monthly In-House Training Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> 7PM Truck Orientation.
- 2- In-House Training Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 9AM PESH Class.
- 3- In-House Ice Rescue training, Dates to be announced based on weather conditions.

### Activities:

- 1- Greenport FD Washington Birthday Parade Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> 1PM.
- 2- Southold Town Chiefs Council Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> 7PM Orient FD.
- 3- Southold FD has requested CFD to Standby Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1:45PM – .10PM at their HQ 1 engine and 1 Ambulance.

### Equipment/Repairs:

- 1. All issues being addressed by Commissioner Blados.

### Requests:

- 1. Request for the Chiefs to hold the Raffle and Cocktail party on District grounds in the new building on the apparatus floor Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 5-8PM.
- 2. Request for Cathy Pearsall to attend a Peer Support Leader Training course fee is \$250.00. information attached.
- 3. Request 6 Nomex hoods style and price and style attached.
- 4. Request to purchase 2 yellow and 2 Black fire helmets stock is low. Prices and style attached.
- 5. Request to allow Asst. Chief Dinizio to schedule a gear fitting for members in need of gear replacement in 2026, approved in 2026 budget.
- 6. Request to purchase the approved DeWalt cut off saw and blades approved in the 2026 budget.

7. CFD Rescue Squad has old rescue gear they ask to surplus as it is taking up space, a list of all documentation is included.
8. Asst Chief Hinton is requesting to host a Man vs Machinery 8 hour Training class at CFD there will be a fee per attendee and will be open to other departments. Course information included. The date is to be determined.

**Misc.**

1. As per the request of the board regarding a possible tanker purchase, the following members have been selected for the tanker committee, Chairman of the Board Steven Harned, Co- Chairman David Blados, Chiefs 30,31,32, Company Captain, Ex-chief Allan Glover, Lt Ken Burns, Chief Driver Ethan Helgans and Member Will Park. A mutual date will be set up to tour the Bulldog facility in Ct. to view a Fouts Brothers Tanker.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Chief Michael C. Boken*