

Minutes

Board of Fire Commissioners
Cutchogue Fire District

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by,

Steven Harned, Chairman of the Board

In attendance

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

Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer, Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of February 10, 2026, meeting as distributed to the Board members. Motion 26-300.

Approval of Treasurer's reports

See Attachments

The Board approved the February 2026 Treasurers' reports for the general fund and capital buildings project as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motions 26-301 and 26-302.

Correspondence Received

- 02-12-26: From Patriot insurance. Updated quote to insure new building.
- 02-18-26: From Suffolk FRES, Update on information available for background checks.
- 02-19-26: From McNeil insurance, acknowledgement of claim for damaged repeater antenna.
- 02-24-26: From Chief's Office, member #563 has been removed from medical inactive status.
- 02-25-26: From Chief's Office, member #595 will remain on medical inactive after 6-month review.
- 02-26-26: From Orient FD, announcement of annual installation 3-27-26.
- 02-26-26: From ALTEC, notice of recall on bucket truck, new owner notified.
- 02-26-26: From Capitol area districts, notice of training available.
- 02-26-26: From Capitol area districts, notice of financial training available.
- 02-26-26: From Auctions international, results of recent sale of surplus equipment.
- 02-26-26: From PAC signs, mock up of proposed LED sign.
- 02-26-26: From McNeil insurance notice of receipt of claim for damaged antenna.
- 03-02-26: From Relay Communications, invoice to remove radio from surplused Tahoe.
- 03-02-26: From Chief's Office, member #275 is off medical inactive and move to restricted duty.
- 03-03-26: From Hurwitz-Fine, FOIL request for fire in Mattituck on 11-29-24.
- 03-04-26: From Greenport FD, announcement of annual installation on 4-18-26.
- 03-04-26: From PAC signs, quote for new LED sign.
- 03-05-26: From McNeil insurance, settlement for damaged antenna on repeater.
- 03-09-26: From Southold Planning Dept. site plan for Rich's auto body in rt 25.
- 03-10-26: From United Fire Co., report on March Company meeting.

Correspondence Sent

- 02-19-26: Request to Mayday Communication to remove radios from 2013 Tahoe
- 02-19-26: To Lupton & Luce, Claim on wind damaged repeater antenna.
- 02-26-26: To McNeil insurance, invoice for completed repairs to damaged repeater antenna.
- 03-03-26: To Hurwitz-Fine, reply to FIOL request

Secretary Report

- 03-03-26: Ordered hydrant snow markers.
- 03-05-26: Ordered toaster oven for break room.

Board Discussion

- Discussion was held on status of cell tower project, Secretary to contact vendor.
- Discussion was held on lawn care to 2026 season, Secretary to solicit bids using legal notice.
- Discussion was held on renting gathering hall to outside groups, more information regarding insurance and liability factors needed.

Motions

- 26-300: Motion approve minutes from February 2026, regular meeting as distributed. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-301: Motion to accept report on general fund expenditures for February 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-301: Motion to accept report on capital project fund expenditures for February 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-302: Motion to approve warrants for February 2026 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-303: Motion to install leveling blocks on unit 8-5-4 (pumper) by Riverhead Brake. Motion made by S. Harned Seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-304: Motion made to table implementing scheduling program for paid EMS and employees Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-305 Motion to purchase supplemental Medicare insurance for full time custodian. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-306: Motion to approve items 1-4 training on Chief Boken's report. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-307: Motion to approve items 1-3 activities on Chief Boken's report. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by C. Talbot All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-308: Motion to approve tour for girl scout troop on Chief Boken's report. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-309: Motion to approve purchase of 3 wrenches and a pair of bolt cutters as requested by Chief Boken. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by M. S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-310: Motion to approve fund raiser for Southold Chief's Council in HQ building as requested by Assistant Chief Hinton. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-311: Motion to purchase computer for Commissioners Office from Island Tech Services for \$1590.00 including installation and set-up. Motion made, D. Blados Seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-312: Motion to amend motion made in October to pierce the state tax cap. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by L. Behr. All present in favor, motion passed.

- 26-313: Motion to table motion to create a Class-D level of membership pending clarification from attorney, insurance company and NDI. Motion made by C. Finnican, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-314: Motion to purchase a new conference table and chairs for Board Room. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor, motion passed.
- 26-315: Motion to purchase additional speakers for AVTEC radio system from Integrated Wireless Technologies for a cost at \$915-30 as part of the New Firehouse Building Project. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor, motion passed
- 26-316: Motion to adjourn made at 0829 PM. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by D, Blados

Resolution:

- Resolution M26-02, to approve Evan McCaffery as member #641 of the Cutchogue Fire Department.
 - Voting as follows:
 - Chairman Harned: Aye
 - Vice-Chairman Blados: Aye
 - Commissioner Behr: Aye
 - Commissioner Finnican: Aye
 - Commissioner Talbot: Aye
- Resolution Passed.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Blados

- 8-5-5 (Heavy rescue) Had airline leak repaired.
- 8-5-80 (Responder car) Had charger repaired.
- 8-5-19 (Utility) checked for anti-freeze leak none found.
- 8-5-9 (Large van) Had yearly service done.
- 8-5-4 (pumper) Spring repair (Motion 26-303)

Commissioner Finnican

- Final walk through of new building complete.
- New shut off valves for 1st. floor shower being installed.
- Wall in utility room on 1st. floor to be insulated.
- Issue with elevator #2 during snowstorm to be addressed

Commissioner Talbot

- No Report.

Commissioner Behr

- No Report

Commissioner Harned

- Looking to get 80 car state certified.
- Stillwater and 25 well to be taken out of service.
- New Suffolk Road well to be taken out of service.

Chief's Reports

Chief Boken

- See attached.

Chief Dinizio

- No Report

Chief Hinton

- Report on possible fund raisers.

Captain's Reports

Captain Pearsall

- No Report.

Audience Participation

- Yi Kun Liu, EMS Coordinator reported on state certification of 8-5-80 car. Asked Board to look into a new program for scheduling work shifts for District employees (See motion 26-304)

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Next meeting April 14, 2026 7:00 P.M. at CFD Headquarters.

Respectfully Submitted



Thomas Shalvey

Secretary

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

Warrant 26-03

<u>Pay To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALL POWER PERFORMANCE	\$ 2,317.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$ 1,777.67
BREWER WILLIAM	\$ 2,500.00
BUSINESS ELECTRONICS	\$ 1,940.00
COASTLINE CESSPOOL & DRAIN	\$ 2,350.00
COMMANDER POWER SYSTEMS	\$ 780.90
FIREMATIC SUPPLY	\$ 130.50
GLASS JR. WILLIAM F. ESQ.	\$ 2,273.00
GLOVER BROTHERS LLC	\$ 1,500.00
INTEGRATED WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES	\$ 10,448.15
ISLAND TECH SERVICES	\$ 4,252.92
JAMES PUBLISHING, INC.	\$ 175.00
JENDCO SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	\$ 2,675.85
LAKE JON & SONS PROP. MAINT.	\$ 600.00
LI TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ELEC	\$ 796.50
LIGHTPATH LLC	\$ 1,678.84
M&T BANK CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS	\$ 7,907.52
MAGNUM ELECTRONICS, INC.	\$ 820.35
MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES	\$ 417.96
MORGAN AUTO SUPPLY	\$ 949.91
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS, INC.	\$ 9,410.00
NATIONAL GRID	\$ 3,407.20
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI	\$ 400.46
OCEAN JANITORIAL SUPPLY INC	\$ 552.51
ORLÓWSKI HARDWARE COMPANY	\$ 261.41
PATRIOT GROWTH INSURANCE SERV	\$ 23,550.90
PAYCHEX	\$ 188.08
PAYROLL	\$ 18,997.50
PECONIC PROPANE INC	\$ 1,223.05
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES	\$ 276.43
PSEG LONG ISLAND	\$ 4,415.45
RIVERHEAD BRAKE SERVICE LLC	\$ 4,964.17
SAFETY & ENV. SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$ 1,685.00
SHEEHAN & COMPANY	\$ 8,000.00
SOUTH SHORE FIRE & SAFETY	\$ 74,641.14
SOUTHOLD PHARMACY	\$ 210.00
SOUTHOLD TOWN DEPT SOLID WASTE	\$ 11.20
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES	\$ 1,475.23
SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECT.	\$ 20.10
TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS	\$ 17.91
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS	\$ 1,458.89
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 97.25
XCL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$ 114.17
<u>TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL 03/10/2026.....</u>	<u>\$ 201,670.12</u>



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1st Assistant Chief

Joseph Hinton
2nd Assistant Chief

Christian Figurniak
Department Secretary

Thomas Roslak
Chaplain

March 10, 2026

Fire School/Training

- 1- In-house training Thursday March 19, 2026 at 7PM. Subject SCBA Confidence course
- 2- Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Scholarship Friday March 27, 2026 @Clare Rose in Shirley Topic is Fire Service Leadership Asst Chief has a sign-up sheet. Cost is \$50 per attendee.
- 3- In-house training April 7, 2026 at 7PM subject Disoriented Firefighter Drill.
- 4- As was approved at the February District meeting the Vulcan Man vs Machine Training class here at CFD, The classroom will be Wednesday May 13th and the hands on with a limited amount of participants will be Sunday May 17th.

Activities:

- 1- Tanker committee bus trip to Bulldog Equipment in CT Friday March 13, 2026, use of the bus requested.
- 2- North Fork Chamber of Commerce St Patrick's Parade in Cutchogue Saturday March 14, 2026 2PM.
- 3- Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Meeting in Ronkonkoma Tuesday March 24, 2026. Transportation will be needed.

Equipment/Repairs:

Nothing to report.

Requests:

- 1- Request from Juliet Carlson (Ladies Aux President) to arrange a tour of the fire dept and equipment date to be determined.
- 2- Request 3 12" adjustable wrenches for the 3 Chief's vehicles. Price attached from Amazon.
- 3- 8-5-31 vehicle needs a pair of bolt cutters vehicle was never outfitted. Price attached from Amazon.

Misc:

Suffolk Fire Rescue recently received a grant and issued all Suffolk County FD's new Radiation Detectors which is placed on 8-5-5.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chief Michael C. Boken



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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 #1172
March 5, 2026**

Gentlemen:

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

➡ Evan McCaffery was elected as a member and assigned company number 641. 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

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