

# Minutes

## Board of Fire Commissioners Cutchogue Fire District

Date: April 23, 2026

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Time: 6:30P.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, Lawrence Behr Commissioners.

Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary

### Board Discussion

- Discussion was held on the purchase of 3 narcotics safes for use in EMS storage room and on District ambulances. (Motion 26-428).
- Discussion was held on the publishing of a permissive resolution for the purchase of a new ambulance. The Board passed a resolution (See attached 26-04-02) to publish the required notice.
- Discussion was held on the possible need to install a dashboard camera on the new ambulance. Board was informed by Suffolk County EMS that requirement isn't effective until October of 2026 and is not required for units already in service.
- Update on cell tower project was given. Cutchogue tower is included in recent Town Board discussion, currently awaiting signed applications (Being reviewed by Attorney Glass).
- Discussion was held on possibility of purchasing a pumper-tanker as requested by the Chief's Office. Options included purchase of the tanker purchase of a new pumper at this time and purchase of tanker in 2027. After lengthy debate Board passed a resolution 26-04-03 to go out to bid for a pumper-tanker.

### Motions

- 26-428: Motion to purchase 3 narcotics safes and associated monitoring plan as recommended by EMS Coordinator Liu for a cost of \$8,780.00. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-429: Motion purchase new turnout gear from Croker Fire Equipment under state contract for a cost of \$42,168.80. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 26-430: Motion to adjourn made at 7:40 p.m.. Motion made by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.

**Resolution:**

- Resolution 26-04-02, to publish permissive referendum in Suffolk Times to purchase a new ambulance for a cost of \$457,705.00 from Hendrickson Fire Apparatus.

**Voting as follows:**

- Chairman Harned: Aye
- Vice-Chairman Blados: Nay
- Commissioner Behr: Aye
- Commissioner Finnican: Aye
- Commissioner Talbot: Aye

**Resolution passed (see attached)**

- Resolution 26-04-03 To solicit public bids for the purchase of a new pumper-tanker.

**Voting as Follows:**

- Chairman Harned: Nay
- Vice-Chairman Blados: Aye
- Commissioner Behr: Aye
- Commissioner Finnican: Aye
- Commissioner Talbot: Aye

**Resolution passed (see attached)**

- Resolution 26-04-04, to publish permissive referendum in Suffolk Times to purchase a new pumper/tanker for a cost of \$460,000.00 from successful bidder.

**Voting as follows:**

- Chairman Harned: Nay
- Vice-Chairman Blados: Aye
- Commissioner Behr: Aye
- Commissioner Finnican: Aye
- Commissioner Talbot: Aye

- **Resolution passed (see attached)**

**Commissioner Reports**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.**

**Next meeting May 12, 2026 7:00 P.M. at CFD Headquarters.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Thomas Shalvey**

**Secretary**

# CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 26-04-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS the Cutchogue Fire District (hereinafter "The Board") has determined there is a critical need to upgrade or replace existing emergency medical services (EMS) equipment to ensure the health and safety of the community, and

WHEREAS The current ambulance is reaching the end of its useful service life.

WHEREAS the Board has identified a suitable ambulance to be purchased under a competitive contract from Hendrickson Fire Apparatus under a Sourcewell contract, which complies with NYS general municipal law, and

WHEREAS The total cost of the new ambulance is not to exceed \$458,000.00 including necessary equipment and, if applicable, financing costs, and

WHEREAS Funds are available for this purchase from the "equipment reserve fund".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cutchogue Fire District authorizes the purchase of one new 2025 Type 1 ambulance from Hendrickson Fire Apparatus for an amount not to exceed \$258,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Chairman of the Cutchogue Fire District is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, purchase orders or financing agreements necessary to effectuate this purchase, subject to review by the designated fire district attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to NY law.

Motioned by: Commissioner Harned

Seconded by: Commissioner Behr

**Voting:**

Commissioner: Harned.	Aye
Commissioner: Behr.	Aye
Commissioner: Talbot.	Aye
Commissioner: Finnican.	Aye
Commissioner: Blados.	Nay

Thomas Shalvey Jr.  
Secretary

# CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 26-04-03

### AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR A NEW FIRE ENGINE

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District on the recommendation of the Chief's Office has reviewed the operational needs of the District and determined that the acquisition of a new fire engine/tanker is necessary to maintain effective emergency response capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with New York State General Municipal Law §103, procurement of equipment exceeding the statutory monetary threshold must be obtained through a formal competitive bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has directed that detailed technical specifications for the fire engine be prepared and filed with the Office of the District Secretary for public inspection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The District Secretary is hereby instructed to issue a public notice inviting sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new fire engine/tanker, in strict accordance with the specifications on file.
2. Said notice shall be published in the District's official newspaper(s) and posted in all customary public locations, stating the deadline for submission and the date, time, and place of bid opening.
3. All bids must be submitted in sealed form, clearly labeled "Fire Engine Bid," and delivered to the District Secretary no later than May 28, 2026.
4. The Board retains the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor irregularities, and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal meets the District's requirements.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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**By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners  
Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2026**

Steven Harned, Chairperson

Motioned: Commissioner Blados

Seconded: Commissioner Behr

**Voting:**

Chairman Harned: Nay

Commissioner Blados: Aye

Commissioner: Behr Aye

Commissioner: Finnican Aye

Commissioner: Talbot Aye

Thomas Shalvey Jr.  
Secretary

# CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 26-04-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PUMPER/TANKER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS the Cutchogue Fire District (hereinafter "The Board") has determined there is a critical need to upgrade the current fire apparatus equipment to ensure the health and safety of the community, and

WHEREAS The truck replacement committee assembled by Chief Michael Boken has determined that the 2015 Spartan pumper no longer suites the current needs of the fire district. The committee has recommended replacing it with a combination engine/tanker unit

WHEREAS the Board has agreed with the committee recommendation it has approved a resolution seeking bids for a pumper tanker capable of pumping a minimum of 1500 gallons of water per minute and having a tank capable of carrying a minimum 4000 gallons of water

WHEREAS The total cost of the new tanker/pumper is not to exceed \$460,000.00 including necessary equipment and, if applicable, financing costs, and

WHEREAS Funds are available for this purchase from the "equipment reserve fund".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cutchogue Fire District authorizes the purchase of one new 2026 tanker/pumper unit from the lowest qualified bidder for an amount not to exceed \$570,000.00 including trade in of the surplus unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Chairman of the Cutchogue Fire District is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, purchase orders or financing agreements necessary to effectuate this purchase, subject to review by the designated fire district attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to NY law.

Motioned by: Commissioner Harned

Seconded by: Commissioner Behr

**Voting:**

Commissioner: Harned.	Nay
Commissioner: Behr.	Aye
Commissioner: Talbot.	Aye
Commissioner: Finnican.	Aye
Commissioner: Blados.	Aye

Thomas Shalvey Jr.  
Secretary