

# CUTCHOQUE FIRE DISTRICT

## AGENDA

Date: 09/09/2025

Time: 1900

Secretary Thomas Shalvey Jr.

### Board members

Larry Behr Chairman | Steve Harned Vice-Chairman, David Blados, Michael Finnican, Christopher Talbot Commissioners All present

Time	Item
1900	Salute to flag
	Roll Call of Officers {Quorum Met} [ X ]
	Approval of Distributed Minutes [ X ]
	Approval of Distributed Treasurers Report [ X ]
	Approval of Audited Bill as presented by Treasurer [ X ]
	Correspondence and Action Taken
	Commissioners Reports
	To do:
	1. Approve 2026 Munistat bond agreement.
	2. Motion for 8-5-2 12-volt upgrade.
	3. Approve Island tech quote for equipment for new building.
	4. Approve IWT quote for new building equipment.
	5. New member resolution.
	6. Change of status for Antone Berkoski.
	Chief's Report and Action Taken: <b>See Attached</b>
	Old Business, If Any.
	1) Alvahs Lane well update.
	New Business
	1) Tanker purchase.
	2) Used radio purchase.
	3) Bucket truck status.
	4) Grant application with Jamesport.
	Public Participation <b>Thomas Roslak (See minutes)</b>
	Adjournment Time: <b>09:32pm</b>

# Minutes

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Cutchogue Fire District

Date: September 9, 2025

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Time: 7:00 P.M.

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Meeting called to order by,

Lawrence Behr, Chairman of the Board

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## In attendance

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

Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer, Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary

## Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of August 12, 2025, meeting as distributed to the Board members. Motion 25-900.

## Approval of Treasurer's reports

*See Attachments*

The Board approved the August Treasurers reports for the general fund and capital buildings project as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motions 25-901 and 25-902

## Correspondence Received

- 8-14-25: From Lightpath service order to install internet access as part of the new firehouse building project.
- 8-15-25: From Suffolk County Water, site plan for propose water main extension on Oregon Road in Cutchogue.
- 8-22-25: From Chief's Office notice that member #444 has been removed from the medical inactive list.
- 8-22-25: From Chief's Office, notice that member # 275 has changed in status from medical inactive to restricted active duty.
- 8-22-25: From Hendrickson, question about equipment placement in new ambulance being constructed.
- 8-22-25: From Bond,Schoeneck & King, Notice of builders lien on new building.
- 8-22-25: From Justin Saper, update on cell tower project.
- 8-22-25: From Firefly, contract for 2026 services.
- 9-01-25: From Southold Town Planning, site plan for 28970 Main Road property renovation.
- 9-02-25: Lupton & Luce, insurance cards for 2025-26.
- 9-03-25: From Fine Care Lawn Services, bill for August lawn care.
- 9-03-25: From McNeil insurance, request for update on 8-5-23 accident repairs.
- 9-03-25: From Firefly, Notice of final payments for deceased members.
- 9-03-25: From Pinsky Law group, Notice of upcoming training.
- 9-06-25: From Island Tech (computer service provider) Quote for additional equipment needed for New Firehouse Building Project Motion 25-904.
- 9-08-25: From McNeil insurance, update on K. Hartmann claim.
- 9-08-25: From McNeil insurance, update on D. Blados claim.

- 9-08-25: From Jamesport Fire Department, paperwork for joint grant application to the Grant Guys.
- 9-08-25: From United Fire Company, report on September meeting.
- 9-09-25: From Bulldog Fire Apparatus, quote for new tanker truck. (See motion 9-017)
- 9-09-25: From Chief's Office, member #607 has been removed from medical inactive status.

## Correspondence Sent

- 8-13-25: To Denooyer Chevrolet, Paperwork on purchase of 2025 Chevy Tahoe Chief's Vehicle.
- 8-13-25: To Island Tech. Contract for contact points to be installed in New Firehouse Building Project.

## Secretary Report

- 8-13-25: Scheduled pick up of damaged fire nozzles by South Shore Fire for possible repair. Nozzles cannot be repaired.
- 8-14-25: Sent signed boat dock lease to 945 Orchard Street LLC.
- 8-31-25: Scheduled Redline Gear cleaning for cleaning turnout gear.
- 9-08-25: Scheduled meeting on 9-15-25 @ 10am with reps from cell tower project.

## Board Discussion

- Discussion was held with Tony Hill, President of Firefly the manager of the District Length of Service Award Plan (LOSAP) plan about the possibility of raising the amount paid to qualified members in the District LOSAP plan. Mr. Hill will gather more information and present it to the Board at a later date.
- Extensive discussion on status of current fleet of fire apparatus. Chief is requesting purchase of a tanker to add to the fleet. Commissioner Behr questioned if there is a formal plan for apparatus that will need to be replaced. Commissioner Blados recommended purchasing a tanker from Bulldog fire apparatus to meet Chief's request. After further discussion among all Board members it was decided to table the purchase (Motion 25-017) pending further review and more information from the Chief's Office.
- Discussion was held on why this Board paid for turnout gear from the Mattituck Fire Department was cleaned as part of Cutchogue gear cleaning package. Chief Boken explained that Mattituck gear was soiled by overspray from a Cutchogue unit and he felt it would be best to offer the service to Mattituck Fire Department.
- Discussion was held on status of sale of Class-C truck to the Riverhead Fire Department. Commissioner Behr reported that we have still not received payment for the truck.

## Motions

- 25-900: Motion approve minutes from August, 2025, regular meeting as distributed. Motion made by C. Talbot seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-901: Motion to accept report on general fund expenditures for August 2025 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-902: Motion to accept report on capital project fund expenditures for August 2025 as presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by D. Blados. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-903: Motion to renew service plan with Firefly to manage District LOSAP plan for 2026. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by L Behr. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-904: Motion to accept quote from Island Tech Services for \$3,436.00 to new firewall and router as part of the New Firehouse Building Project. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-905: Motion to contract with Grant Guys to apply for a regional grant for turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus with the Jamesport Fire District. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-906: Motion to approve change in status for Firefighter Antone Berkoski from active to Honorary as per his request at the September Company meeting. Motion made by M. Finnican, Seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.

- 25-907: Motion hold resolution to approve new member Bobby Freeman until successful completion of required physical by NDI. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by D. Blados All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-908: Motion to approve Munistat as manager of building bond plan for 2026. Motion made by, C. Talbot, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed unanimously.
- 25-909: Motion to purchase 12-volt upgrade kit to be installed on antique unit 8-5-2 for \$1,000.00. Motion made by D. Blados, Seconded by C. Talbot All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-910: Motion to approve additional contract with Island Wireless Technologies (IWT) for additional equipment and labor needed to complete their portion of the New Firehouse Building Project. Motion made by C. Talbot, seconded by M. Finnican. All present if favor motion passed.
- 25-911: Motion to approve quote of \$32,709.66 from Commander Electric to install an outdoor connection for remote generator access as part of the New Firehouse Building Project. Motion made M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-912: Motion to allow Cutchogue-New Suffolk Historical Council use of the Annex parking lot for a graveyard tour on October 5, 2025 with a rain date of October 19, 2025 as long as they provide proof of insurance. Motion made by M. Finnican, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-913: Motion to purchase 8 Self-Contained breathing units with masks and air cylinder form South Shore Fire Safety for \$74,586.64 (NYS contract #PC 69034) Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-914: Motion to approve items 1-3 Training. On Chief Boken's Report. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor motion passed.
- 25-915: Motion approve itmes1-6 activities on Chief Boken's report. Motion made by S. Harned, Seconded by M. Finnican All present In favor motlon passed.
- 25-916: Motion to approve Chief Boken's request to purchase 2 additional DeWalt batteries for use in 8-5-3 smoke ejectors. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by M. Finnican. All present in favor, motion passed unanimously.
- 25-917: Motion to table further discussion of purchase of tanker pending further review by the Board and Chief's Office. Motion made by S. Harned, seconded by L. Behr. In favor S. Harned, L. Behr, C. Talbot, M. Finnican. opposed D. Blados.
- 25-918: Motion to approve proposed operating budget for 2026. Motion made by L. Behr, seconded by M. Finnican. All present if favor, motion passed.
- 25-919: Motion to adjourn at 09:32 pm. Motion made by C. Talbot, seconded by S. Harned. All present in favor, motion passed.

## Resolutions:

- M25-03. Approve Bobby Freeman as member #636 of United Fire Company #1 of the Cutchogue Fire Department.

## Commissioner Reports:

### Commissioner Blados

- 8-5-15 to All Power for turbo repair.
- 8-5-4 Had step repaired.
- No recent issues with circuit breaker on 8-5-17 (Ambulance).
- Looking into replacement of rear tires on pumper 8-5-1
- 8-5-18 (Bucket truck) to have new batteries installed.

### Commissioner Finnican

- Progress on new firehouse building project.
- Floors in new building being painted.
- Small entry doors to be changed out.

### Commissioner Talbot

- Update on town feeling towards cell phone towers. Height restriction rules are being changed by the town.

**Commissioner Behr**

- Still awaiting payment for C-Truck from Riverhead Fire Department.
- Paperwork with Lupton and Luce signed for insurance coverage for 2026.

**Commissioner Harned**

- Board should look into creating an account with Handy Pantry Store in Mattituck so Ladies Auxiliary can have access to supplies in event of a major incident.

## Chief's Reports

**Chief Boken**

- See Attached

**Chief Dinizio**

- Gear cleaning completed

**Chief Hinton**

- Getting ready for fire prevention at area schools in October

## Captain's Reports

**Captain Pearsall**

- Absent

**Captain Brewer**

- Absent

**Captain Burns**

- Absent

**Captain Nicholson**

- Absent

## Audience Participation

- Thomas Roslak addressed the Board about have a non-member being allowed to join the band. Board to take under advisement and render a decision.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.**

**Next meeting October 14, 2025 7:00 P.M. at CFD Annex**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Thomas Shalvey Jr.**

**Secretary**

Cutchogue Fire District  
Abstract of Transactions For Approval  
General Fund, September 9, 2025  
Warrant 25-09

<u>Pay To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ALL POWER PERFORMANCE.....	\$1,305.00
ARNOLD FIRE EQUIPMENT LLC.....	\$4,164.08
AZAMA DE CHAPETON MARGARITA.....	\$455.00
BIG GEYSER INC.....	\$305.70
CASSONE LEASING, INC.....	\$919.00
DENOoyer CHEVROLET.....	\$59,714.86
DRAGON FIRE DISTRIBUTION.....	\$396.52
FINE CARE LANDSCAPE, INC.....	\$1,500.00
FIREHOUSE TRAINING PLUS+.....	\$2,750.00
FIREMATIC SUPPLY.....	\$65.25
FIREPENNY FIREFIGHTER EQUIP.....	\$194.95
GLASS JR. WILLIAM F. ESQ.....	\$568.00
HAAS HOLLY.....	\$503.70
ISLAND TECH SERVICES.....	\$1,381.52
M&T BANK CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS.....	\$4,103.42
MASON W.B.....	\$314.36
MATTITUck ENVIRO SERVICES.....	\$682.60
MORGAN AUTO SUPPLY.....	\$12.62
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI.....	\$216.09
PAYCHEX.....	\$167.77
PAYROLL.....	\$26,042.63
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES.....	\$264.95
PSEG LONG ISLAND.....	\$4,462.58
SOUTHOLD HARDWARE.....	\$189.96
SOUTHOLD PHARMACY.....	\$108.00
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES.....	\$1,155.01
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.....	\$87.85
TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS.....	\$60.72
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS.....	\$1,993.06
VERIZON WIRELESS.....	\$97.04
WATERWAY, INC. (HOSE TESTING).....	\$4,713.50
XCL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES INC.....	\$88.23
<u>TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL 9/9/2025.....</u>	<u>\$118,983.97</u>

Cutchogue Fire District  
Abstract of Transactions For Approval  
Capital Projects Fund, September 9, 2025

Warrant 25-09

Pay To	Amount
11400 LLC.....	\$34,930.00
COMMANDER ELECTRIC, INC.....	\$96,300.00
PARK EAST CONSTRUCTION CORP.....	\$76,777.00
STALCO CONSTRUCTION, INC.....	\$1,176,045.12
ULTIMATE POWER, INC.....	\$236,839.75
Total bills for approval 9/9/2025.....	\$1,620,891.87



# CUTCHOQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Office of the Chief

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**September 9, 2025**

### **Fire School/Training**

1. Inhouse fire school Maze training at HQ Thursday September 18, 2025 7PM.
2. PSEG Live Line Electric Hazard training at Southold FD Sunday September 21, 2025 9:30AM.
3. Fire school at Yaphank Thursday September 25, 2025 Subject Class A trucks lv HQ at 6PM.

### **Activities:**

- 1 Mattituck H.S. Patriots Day Ceremony Thursday September 11, 2025 8-5-3 has been requested with MFD for a flag arch, Ceremony starts at 7:50AM.
- 2 Cutchogue East School Patriots Day Ceremony Thursday September 11, 2025 at 1:30PM no equipment requested just asking for members for the Ceremony.
- 3 Southold Town Chiefs Council 9/11 memorial September 11, 2025 at Cochran Park 6PM 8-5-3 for a flag arch and vehicles for transportation needed.
- 4 CFD Family Picnic Saturday September 13, 2025 2PM to be held on the HQ grounds.
- 5 Harvest Point Fire Prevention Demonstration (at their clubhouse) Friday September 19, 2025 5PM.
- 6 Adopt A Highway cleanup Saturday September 20, 2025 9AM.

### **Equipment/Repairs:**

1. Step on 8-5-4 damaged but in the process of being repaired.
2. Request to Purchase 2 DeWalt batteries for the fan on 8-5-3 when purchased it only came with 2 batteries no spares. (DeWalt Flexvolt 9AH 20v/60v max batteries)
3. 8-5-3 in need of additional power outlets in compartments. We also request to have the DeWalt battery chargers mounted inside the driver side compartment.
4. During the recent mulch fire at the Southold Landfill, Mattituck FD personnel were accidentally hit with wet mulch contaminating their gear, during todays gear cleaning 4 complete sets of gear and 1 pair of bunker pants were included in our Redline cleaning appointment.





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

September 8, 2025

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

**Re: Regular Company Meeting #1166**  
**September 4, 2025**

Gentlemen:

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

- ▶▶▶ Ex-Chief Antone Berkoski (c/n 444) was placed on the Honorary List as per his request.  
**Attachment 1**
- ▶▶▶ Bobby Freeman was elected as new member and assigned company number 636. His application is attached for your records.  
**Attachment 2**

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 3**

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 3