

Stony Brook Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: May 14, 2026

Present: Commissioner's Holsberg, McAllister, Roberts, D'Agostino, Leonard District Manager Schwenker, District Coord. Fealey, Chief McNeil, Chief Seelin, District Attorney, Ring, Treasurer Mejia, District Secretary Degen.

Public Attendees': LynnAnn Tapani

Quorum: Five (5) Commissioners.

Commissioner Holsberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes: Minutes of April 9th, 2026 (Regular) meetings were read silently. M/M McAllister/Roberts to accept all the reviewed minutes as presented. AIF-Motion carried

Bills: M/M D'Agostino/McAllister to pay all bills listed and reviewed all bills paid prior to meeting all were found to be acceptable. – AIF-Motion carried

Correspondence:

Read Invite for St. James Fire District Installation Dinner at the Watermill in Smithtown, Saturday 5/30/26. Polled BoFC and no one could make event. Declined.

Read Invite for Nissequoque Fire District Installation Dinner at the Smithtown Landing Surf Club in Smithtown, Saturday 6/6/26. Polled BoFC and no one could make event. Declined.

More Correspondence .will be read under District Managers report.

Chief's Reports:

Chief Simonsen (Not in Attendance Chief McNeil Read– Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening,

- Mutual Aid response and District EMS Staff
 - Believed will be addressed by Commissioner Roberts.
 - SUNY Emergency Services has resumed quarterly meetings in an effort to keep all agencies informed of any and all upcoming events on SUNY property.
 - Chief McNeil attended the first meeting which was held on 5/5. The next is scheduled for 8/11, we plan to have representation.
 - Reminder: As the weather improves and summer is upon us, Department meetings plan to resume at station 2 under the pavilion on June 9. Would it be possible to have the apparatus and equipment removed and ready by that time? -Thank you.
 - Safety Glasses request from Safety Officer for extrication purposes. Safety Officer Cornell has attempted to supply members with safety glasses over the course of time but unfortunately this has become inconsistent and no longer feasible.
 - Provided by the fire district as equipment issued
 - Or
 - Possibly leave boxes of them on respective apparatus.
 - Note: District Manager Schwenker commented that each truck has safety glasses and Leather gloves.
 - Request for Explorers to attend Memorial Day Parade/Services in Stony Brook and Setauket.
 - Apparatus to attend are TBD.
 - M/M McAllister/Roberts for approval. AIF Motion Carried.
 - Request from advisors to take Field trip with the Explorers to Top Golf Wednesday May 27 at 1900 hrs.
 - Would like permission to use 5A3-29 and SUV to transport.
 - M/M McAllister/Roberts For Explorers to attend.
 - Request for the Chief's office to order and fire district to purchase two (2) floral sprays for upcoming Memorial Day Commemoration.
 - 1) Stony Brook Memorial
 - 2) Setauket Village Green Memorial
 - M/M Leonard/McAllister to purchase, AIF, Motion Carried.
 - Request to attend a meeting amongst neighboring depts from Centereach FD. An invitation letter is attached.
- [Scan05-07-2026-144935.pdf](#)
- Requests and justification received from the below to attend the Firehouse Expo at Mohegan Sun in Conn. 10/21/26-10/24/26. All fit the criteria of the fire district travel policy.

- Asst. Chief Trapani
- Captain Luke Ciota
- FF Lynnann Trapani
- M/M Leonard/McAllister to attend this unique training that was just outside NY and could not be obtained in NY.
- Request for Coffee Room TV by removing the tac board and putting up Flat Panel TV, 65" screen per Commissioner McAllister.
- M/M McAllister/Roberts to approve, AIF, Motion carried.
- Draft application for Stony Brook FD Juniors: Discussed sample.
- Letter submitted by Department President to Chief's Office reference Department Badges for non-Firematic Officers.
- District Manager Schwenker stated he had given the Chief President and Vice President badges already.
- M/M McAllister/Leonard to also purchase badges for Department Secretary and Treasurer. AIF, Motion carried.

Chief McNeil (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening, Commissioners.

Operational Updates & Inter-Agency Coordination

Following a briefing with the Stony Brook University (SBU) Office of Emergency Management on May 6, 2026, they are preparing for significant campus activity:

- Graduation, 5/22
- FIFA World Cup Watch Party at LaValle Stadium (June 12), featuring Third Eye Blind.
- Summer soccer tournaments (June 21–26)

Training Initiatives

- Thank you to Commission Roberts for getting the Blackhawk Evolution - Last night, Station 2 hosted the Army National Guard
 - Thank you Commissioner Roberts for coordinating this opportunity.
 - Huge turnout from neighboring departments
 - This drill serves as a prerequisite for the multi-agency marine evolution in Smithtown Bay scheduled for later this summer.
- Reviewed shutdown procedure, safe approach, fuel/generator, capabilities, extrication

Administrative & Compliance

- Annual Required Training: The membership is expected to complete this process by the end of the month

Request

- Permission to use district apparatus for Junior transportation to the Prom
 - Possibly Antique 8 to match Great Gatsby Theme 6/25
 - M/M Roberts/D'Agostino to use 5A3-8 for Prom detail. AIF, motion Carried.

Chief Seelin (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening all I like to start out with thanking the district with all the help we been getting with setting up department training and yaphank. Also like to thank them for the support for our brush fire yesterday.

The department is attending class A on the 26th in yaphank.

Bailout with ECRS looking at June 6th and July 1st working to secure space with setauket station 3 if out window will not be available by then

July 19 requesting to go to smithtown for class A ladder engine and ambulance for department training.

M/M McAllister/Leonard to attend training. AIF Motion carried.

Chief Trapani (Not in Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening,

I apologize for not being in attendance tonight. I am currently at the Active Chiefs Meeting in North Patchogue.

I would like to thank the District for purchasing the shirts for the probationary members.

I would also like to thank the District for allowing the trucks to go to Smithtown on Monday night. I apologize for the mix-up regarding the dates — that was my mistake.

Additionally, I would like to thank Tom for helping me get enrolled in an EMT class. I will not be at the next two meetings due to classes being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays over the next two months.

The Department voted and approved applicant Laurel Edwards. Paul currently has the application.

New Member submitted application to department (Laurel Edwards of 17 Spencer Lane, Stony Brook.

Commissioner Leonard is requesting a copy of her driver's license to reflect the address in the S section. Her License currently comes back to Bohemia, Therefore the application should be placed on hold until the license reflects her in the District.

M/M Leonard/ McAllister to accept as a member pending the license change reflecting a Stony Brook or Setauket address.AIF, motion carried.

Thank you.

Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner D'Agostino: (In Attendance)

- Discussed Mechanic to do maintenance on the 1932 Mac. Truck needs a tune up, oil change and Maintenance. We cannot use Dick Wulforst's friend as a mechanic, as he has no license or insurance. Commission Leonard stated we need to get this troubleshooted. Dick Wulforst and District Mechanic, along with a member of the Board need to speak about this.
- M/M Roberts/McAllister to move forward with the plan to have our District Mechanic discuss meet with them and do the work.
- Commissioner Leonard stated we need a estimate in writing to approve funds with a specified hourly rate to obtain diagnosis and it must be stored indoors.

Commissioner Roberts: (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

1. I was advised that Eric Weissbard never was offered an Ex-Chief's ring. I did advise him to follow up with the standard authorized ring at Fox Jewelry.
M/M Roberts/Leonard to purchase Ring, AIF, Motion Carried.
2. Ex-Chief Brennan has requested a donation of any available surplus turnout gear, for the Davis Park FD. M/M Roberts/Leonard for Surplus, AIF, Motion Carried.
3. Discuss Ronkonkoma mutual aid pattern of sending paid ambulance to unhandled alarms. I believe on one particular weekend we were mutual aided four times. I am further informed that they have removed Centereach from their mutual aid plans. Therefore we are expected to respond. It is a financial burden to the Stony Brook taxpayers. More importantly it is taking our ALS ambulance out of service to our residents. For discussion, I would propose that we limit the paid staff from mutual aid with the following exceptions: They are to respond to any bordering districts within the Town of Brookhaven. They are to respond to any Delta requests to any bordering district regardless of Township. They are authorized to respond to any individual alarm with the Authority of the Stony Brook IC.
Commission Leonard stated that Ronkonkoma has increased staff.
St. James has gotten a lot better.

Commissioner Roberts Discussed brookhaven town line separating and that St.James has an ALS provider that they charge other Departments for, but want us for free.

Important to note; We get a mutual benefit from Setauket and Centereach who are there for us.

M/M Roberts/D'Agostino as presented by discussed proposal and to keep ALS intercept the same with make amendment to policy, AIF, Motion Carried

Commissioner Leonard: (In Attendance)

- Referencing Vehicles Everything is going well.
- Status of our Water Rescue truck, Chris will go over in District Report.
- Thank you to Department President for professionalism and tone at the fire departments meeting concerning the member application for Thad Holsberg. I have issues the way the application was presented. Also have issues that no one from the Chief's Office contacted him with the results.
- Requests an Executive Session

Commissioner Holsberg: (In Attendance)

- Excellent job with the cement work at Station 1. .

Commissioner McAllister: (Not In Attendance)

- Requests an Exec. Session..

District Manager Report:

District Manager Schwenker(In Attendance)

1. Vent Master Saws have been purchased, received, and were placed in service today on 5A3-2, 5A3-4 & 5A3-16. The Cutters Edge Roof Saw formerly on 5A3-16 was relocated to 5A3-5. We had to move some equipment around to fit it in the saw compartment. I will make notes and forward them to the Chief's.
2. Concrete work at Station 1 was completed. The sidewalk area is open for use by the public, the apron in front of 5A3-4 still needs some time to cure so the steel plates will remain in place for another week.
3. 5A3-26 was brought into the shop today. The mechanic has temporarily closed off the through-hull intake for the old pump and the cold water exhaust from the motor. We are preparing to put it in service with NO fire pump. Once the new pump and motor arrive we will determine the best course of action.

4. 5A3-22 will be brought into the shop once the boat has been placed at the yacht club, so repairs can begin on that unit.
5. We will be moving all the items out from underneath the pavilion within the next week or two to prepare for the summer meeting months.
6. Spoke to the Electrician this afternoon re: Station Lighting Projects. I will be meeting him on Monday morning to discuss further and devise a course of action.
- 7.

District EMS Coord. Report:

District EMS Coord. Fealey(Not In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

- EMT Courses:
 - Multiple Posted
 - Request Approval to attend:
 - A/C Ryan Trapani
 - FF Conner Frank
 - FF Felicity Solberg
 - M/M Leonard/McAllister to attend training, AIF, Motion Carried.
- Personnel:
 - Request Additional Full-time Paramedic (3rd Paramedic - weekend hours)
 - Discussed Having a lot of trouble filling shifts on the weekends (very Short Handed). Budget is still funded (Allison Marvelli fills this gap, moving from peridium spot to a full time position.

M/M Leonard/McAllister to hire, AIF, Motion carried.

- Uniforms - In need to replenish T-Shirts (Last purchased 2022) and Polos (2020)

Category	Total Units	Pride Embroidery	Inkterprise
T-Shirts	144	\$1,707.80	\$1,116.00
EMT Polos	104	\$2,763.60	\$1,768.00
Paramedic Polos	104	\$2,763.60	\$1,768.00
Additional Fees	N/A	\$126.89	\$272.00

Total Cost	\$7,361.89	\$4,924.00
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M/M McAllister/D'Agostiono to purchase not to exceed \$5,500, AIF, Motion Carried.

- Equipment:
 - Part 800 Changes Implemented

Attorney's Report:

Christopher P. Ring Esq. (In Attendance)

- Reviewed all audits and nothing was from long island was anything unique.
- 5/19/26 Resolution Election.
- Last month we went over membership application review. He is going over and will have something next month for feedback.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mario Mejia (in Attendance, Electronically submitted)

- Kaitlyn is home sick with the kids.
- Budget is going well and on target.
- 35K Lease payment for the radios is being put in proper budget line.
- Audit is going well from EFPR
- Submitted Electronically to BoFC

M/M McAllister/Roberts to accept the treasurer's Report. AIF Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None.

M/M McAllister/Roberts to go into Exec Session at 8:24 PM. AIF-Motion carried.

Out of Exec. Session at 9:08 PM.

Voted on Mutual Aid Ambulance Policy amended
M/M McAllister/Roberts to reflect this policies amendments.

At this time, 9:14 PM, having no further business to discuss, M/M McAllister/Roberts to adjourn the meeting. - AIF-Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Degen
District Secretary