

July 14, 2025

GARRISON FIRE DISTRICT

1616 Route 9

Garrison, NY `10524

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Attendees: Commissioner Brower (DB), Commissioner Copeland (JC), and Commissioner Prentice (NP). Garrison Fire District Chief Reich and Garrison Volunteer Fire Company President Viveros.

NP called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Attachments [Scan Jul 15, 2025 at 2.45 PM](#)

Key decisions

1. Following a motion by JC, which was seconded by DB, DB, JC and NP voted to approve the Chief's report (a copy of which is attached). 3 Yays, 0 Nays
2. Following a motion made by DB, which was seconded by NP, DB, JC and NP voted to decommission the Hurst - Lifting Air Bags as recommended by Chief Reich (see the Chief's report. The air bags are over 20 years old and no longer in safety compliance). 3 Yays, 0 Nays
3. Following a motion by NP, which was seconded by JC, DB, JC and NP voted to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$63240.55. 3 Yays,0 Nays
4. Following a motion by DB, which was seconded by NP, DB, JC and NP voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. 3 Yays, 0 Nays

Action items

1. NP to request JPM Chase to transfer \$300,000 in cash to the District's related account at the M&T Bank.

2. Chief Reich to follow up with New England Fire Equipment about their interest in purchasing the 2007 Marion/Spartan Pumper.

Details

1. The attending commissioners were not able to approve the April 14 or May 12 Meeting Minutes.
2. They did discuss the GFD's Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2025, which was part of the June Treasurer's Report.
3. Mike Viveros made the following Company President's Report:
 - A. The Sanford truck is parade-ready (Mike and Pete Wilke drove it in the Cold Spring 4th of July Parade)
 - B. The Company will be discussing the possible elimination of two officer positions: 2nd Assistant Chief and 2nd Lieutenant (because of the reduced size of the roster).
 - C. The Company will be hosting a family celebration of the new Mini-Pumper on Saturday July 26th.
4. DB made the Buildings and Grounds Report. A plumber named Jack Ward was engaged to fix the toilet in the ladies room at Station 2 and replace a valve in the boiler at Station 1 so that it could pass inspection.
5. Under the topic Finance and Insurance, the Commissioners did discuss the preliminary 2026 budget that was prepared by Commissioner Lomonaco and Diane Hess. DB commented that he hoped that the tax levy could be kept under \$800,000 (which would mean that the taxpayers could see no increase this year). He also volunteered to contact our insurance brokerage rep (Michelle Candela) to inquire about the cost of increasing our coverage on the large engine.
6. Under the topic Policies and Procedures, DB reminded the Commissioners that we will need to vote on the possible adoption of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse policy being proposed by the Company.
7. No reports or comments under the topics Correspondence, Apparatus, Community Relations, LOSAP, District Safety and Health, Web, Old Business, New Business and Public Comments.

Respectfully submitted, Nat Prentice Fire Commissioner