

Hampshire Fire Protection District
Board of Trustee Meeting
October 8, 2025

1. Call meeting to order
2. Secretary – Roll Call

Brian Pechtold - Present
Steve Gustafson – Present
Rick Heine- Absent
Edward Saunders- Present
Bill Misner – Present

Administration:

Dave Schmidt – Fire Chief
Eric Larson- Deputy Fire Chief
Sheri Stadie - Captain
Jody Remakel – Financial Director

Staff Present:

Zack Rice

3. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

4. Minutes

- a. Upon review of the September 10, 2025 Regular Hearing minutes, Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Saunders seconded the motion and it was passed by all those present.

5. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Discussion and Approval of Revised 5/31/25 financials. – Due to an incorrectly recorded unrealized loss on a C.D. the financials were adjusted and needed to be reviewed and approved again. Ms. Remakel reviewed the changes explaining that the change did not affect expenses or income. Trustee Misner moved to approve the revised 5/31/25 financials. Trustee Gustafson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.

Ayes – Steve Gustafson, Brian Pechtold, Edward Saunders, Bill Misner

Nays – None

Abstain – None

Absent- Rick Heine

- b. Discussion and Approval of the September 2025 Warrant List - Upon review of the October warrants, Trustee Pechtold questioned some of the maintenance payments. They were answered to his satisfaction. There being no further questions, Trustee Misner moved to approve the October warrants for \$368,994.24. Trustee Saunders seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously by all those present.

Ayes- Steve Gustafson, Brian Pechtold, Edward Saunders, Bill Misner

Nays- None

Abstain- None

Absent- Rick Heine

- c. Approval of the September 2025 Financial Report – Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the September 2025 Financial Report. Trustee Saunders seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved by all those present.

Ayes- Steve Gustafson, Brian Pechtold, Edward Saunders, Bill Misner

Nays- None

Abstain- None

Absent- Rick Heine

6. Chief's Report

- a. The Chief reviewed his monthly report with the Board. He stated the last couple of months have been slower and expects a 4% increase over the previous year at this pace. He reported that overall there was a 9% increase in simultaneous calls. Trustee Gustafson asked if we could get another ambulance staffed on the weekends. The Chief responded that it would depend on who is working with the school schedules.
- b. Approval of Contingency Transfer – Ambulance. The Chief reported that when they purchased the Ambulance, they initially did not include the warranty and an additional \$14,000 in items in the budget, which left the budget \$30k short for the ambulance. He would like to transfer \$30,000 from the Operating to Equipment fund for the mentioned purchases. Ms. Remakel reported that the cost of the ambulance with these additions is still the \$410,000 that was previously approved by the Board, it simply was not budgeted correctly. Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the contingency transfer from Operating to the Equipment fund. Trustee Misner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.
- c. The Chief reported on the construction progress. It was reported that there were 17 items being done. The contractor has been wonderful and have donated supplies when they have had them. He also reported that the fitness room was now framed in. He also reported that starting next week there would not be a women's bathroom. He stated that the

contractor took a look at an issue that is occurring at Station 2 with the grill due to the direction of the wind. The contractor provided some great ideas. He also reported that the new exhaust system will only be 5 weeks away and not the 10, so it should be done by Thanksgiving. It would require that he and Ms. Remakel move out of their offices during that time, due to potential exposure to the exhaust. He also reported that ComEd was coming in to replace lights and fixtures. It would normally cost \$9,000 but there was \$4,800 in incentives that the contractor found, so the cost is going to be down to \$4,100 and is supposed to save the District \$2,400 in bills.

Lastly, he reported that they had pictures of 1411 which should be arriving in early December and the ambulance would be arriving in October.

7. Deputy Chief's Report – The deputy reviewed his training report with the Board.
8. New Business – Discussion and Approval of IGA with the Village for Red Tags – The reported that after the last fire it raised a lot of issues with who would be responsible for red tagging a building after an incident until the Village's safety officer could get there to inspect. The IGA give the Fire Chief authorization to red tag a building when the Village or their inspection teams are not available. Trustee Gustafson moved to approve the IGA with the Village. Trustee Misner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by those present.
9. Approval of Ordinance #25/26-02 Ambulance Billing rates – Chief Schmidt explained that GEMT costs increased significantly due to a significant amount of capital purchases from the District. They would like to increase the District rates, because they cannot charge a lower rate to the residents if they are billing Medicare for the higher rate. Trustee Gustafson asked if the other departments would be in agreement to this increase and not collecting on any overage of insurance payments for our residents if they are asked to respond. The Chief responded that they would waive any fees to our residents beyond what the insurance paid.
10. Trustee Comments – Cherry Valley Training. Ms. Remakel reminded the group that the Cherry Valley training was Nov 8th, so if anyone wanted to be registered they should contact her in the next couple of days.
11. Set the Levy Hearing date – Ms. Remakel provided the Board with a draft of the levy. Based on her calculations she was recommending that the Board hold a Levy hearing. The Board agreed. Trustee Gustafson moved to schedule a Levy Hearing date for December 10th at 5:55pm. Trustee Misner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.
12. There was no public comment

13. There was no closed meeting.

14. Trustee Gustafson moved to adjourn the meeting at 17:53. Trustee Saunders seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by all those present.

Reminder – Levy Hearing, Wednesday, December 10th 5:55pm

Next regular meeting- Wednesday December 10th, 2025, 6pm