

Hampshire Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Open Session
March 11, 2026
5:00 PM
Hampshire Fire Station 1
202 Washington Ave
Hampshire, Illinois

1. Call to Order

President Brian Pechtold called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Trustees Present

Brian Pechtold
Eddie Saunders
Rick Heine
Steve Gustafson
Bill Misner

Trustees Absent

None

Staff Present

Chief Dave Schmidt
Deputy Chief Eric Larson
EMS Captain Sheri Stadie
Lieutenant John DePauw
James Howard – Contract Financial Manager

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion: Rick Heine
Second: Brian Pechtold
Voice Vote: All in favor.

Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Treasurer's Report

February 2026 Warrant

The Board reviewed the February warrant list. Discussion included clarification of electric utility billing between Station 1 and Station 2 and health insurance payment entries.

Motion: Steve Gustafson

Second: Bill Misner

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Gustafson – Aye

Rick Heine – Aye

Bill Misner – Aye

Eddie Saunders – Aye

Brian Pechtold – Aye

Motion carried.

February 26, 2026 Financial Report

James Howard presented the financial report for the nine months ending February 28, 2026, including revenue performance, ambulance fee collections, expenditures, capital spending, and fund balance.

Motion: Bill Misner

Second: Eddie Saunders

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Saunders – Aye

Bill Misner – Aye

Rick Heine – Aye

Steve Gustafson – Aye

Brian Pechtold – Aye

Motion carried.

Annual Treasurer's Report

The Board reviewed the Annual Treasurer's Report required to be filed with the county.

Motion: Rick Heine

Second: Eddie Saunders

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Saunders – Aye

Bill Misner – Aye

Rick Heine – Aye

Steve Gustafson – Aye

Brian Pechtold – Aye

Motion carried.

6. Administrative Reports

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Dave Schmidt reported on departmental activities including receipt of a \$1,000 Casey's grant for thermal imaging equipment, update on Engine 1412 warranty repairs, station training room renovation progress, ambulance procurement status, and February operational statistics.

Deputy Chief's Report

Deputy Chief Eric Larson reported 900 training hours completed in February, Traffic Incident Management training, Fire Apparatus Engineer certification, and submission of reimbursement claims to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Correspondence

Chief Schmidt reported receipt of a \$1,000 donation from Pipestone, a letter of appreciation from Genoa-Kingston Fire Department, and several thank-you letters from residents.

7. Old Business

Replacement of Chassis – 2014 Dodge

Discussion occurred regarding replacement of the chassis. The item will be revisited at the April meeting pending final cost information.

8. New Business

Fire Commission and Trustee Vacancies

Discussion occurred regarding vacancies on the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Trustees.

Annual Dinner

Staff will contact the previous venue to determine available dates and provide options to the Board.

9. Closed Session

A motion was made to enter Closed Session to discuss appointments to the Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Trustees.

Roll Call Vote:

Eddie Saunders – Aye

Bill Misner – Aye

Rick Heine – Aye

Steve Gustafson – Aye

Brian Pechtold – Aye

Motion carried.

The board entered closed session at 5:43 PM

10. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:17 PM.

A motion was made to maintain the closed status of the January 14, 2026 and February 11, 2026 closed session minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

11. Adjournment

President Pechtold yielded the floor to Trustee Eddie Saunders, who made a motion to adjourn.

Second: Steve Gustafson

Voice Vote: All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: _____

Board President

Board Secretary