SPRING BRROK FIRE DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Meeting 9/8/2026

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Mamon with pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Mamon, Joe Gnojek, Szwaczkowski, Jay Gnojek and Meaney present. Sec. Carol Szwaczkowski and Treas. Melinda Collins present. Attorney Paul Notaro excused. Chief Tyler Tedesco, 9-1 Michael Fitzgerald and 9-2 Santo Tedesco present. President Andy Barlow present. Deputy Treasurer Bethge present.

Public Comments: Firefighter Michael Fitzgerald inquired about when and how the service award firm contacts retirees-Deputy Treasurer Bethge said paperwork will be sent directly to firefighter's home close to their birthday. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To close public comments section of meeting and return to regular order of business. 5 ayes.

m/m Mamom 2nd Szwaczkowski To go out of regular order of business at 7:04 p.m. to hear presentation from Buffalo Construction, on behalf of Moog, with plans for liquid nitrogen tank behind Plant 27 at 611 Jamison Road. 5 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Jay Gnojek To return to regular order of business at 7:07 p.m. 5 ayes.

m/m Mamom 2nd Szwaczkowski To go out of regular order of business and go into executive session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To go out of executive session and return to regular order of business at 7:18 p.m. 5 ayes.

The Chairman noted that the Secretary had provided a copy of the Minutes of the previous meeting to all members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and that all members have had the opportunity to review same. The Chairman then asked if there were any additions, deletions, corrections or modifications to the Minutes of the previous meeting. Motion by Commissioner Szwaczkowski seconded by Commissioner Joe Gnojek To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. 5 ayes.

Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer Melinda Collins showing total cash funds of $221,111.28. m/m Meaney 2nd Szwaczkowski To accept the Treasurer's Report as read. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize payment of the bills as they have been duly audited and approved for payment by Commissioners Joe Gnojek, Szwaczkowski and Meaney. 5 ayes.

Communications: Letter from firefighters Andy Barlow and Robert Soluri requesting permission to attend 2026 Vital Signs Conference in Niagara Falls, NY November 12, 13 and 14, 2026 at a cost of $295.00 ea. with use of 5-1 for transportation; 2026-2027 winter snow removal contract from Tedesco Excavation LLC for 20 plows at a cost of $7,960, more than 20 plows will be $125.00 per plow, front load, if requested, $350.00/hr. and dump truck services $200/hr. ; Letter from Michael Fitzgerald indicating he is available to snow blow the truck garage immediate perimeter and sidewalk; Letter from VFIS Claims Management stating a check was issued in the amount of $3,215,01 for 2020 Chevrolet First Responder vehicle repair costs; $3,215.01 check from VFIS Claims Management for repairs to 2020 Chevrolet First Responder (gave to treasurer to deposit); Letter from Town of Elma indicating fire dispatch services for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 is $23,229.75 (paid tonight); SEQR review referral from Town of Elma for property at 850 Bullis Road (gave to Chairman Mamon to complete); Letter from Elma Water Department regarding annual backflow test due September 2026 (test has been completed); Information Page Payroll

Report from The State Insurance; NYS Archives August and September 2026 newsletters; Notices from NYS Archives for webinars on August 27, 2026 and September 10, 2026; GrantFinder Newsletter (gave copies to Commissioners Joe Gnojek and Meaney); Notice of NYSEG smart meters; Notice of Vital Signs 2026 Conference November 10-14, 2026 in Niagara Falls, NY; AFDSNY August-September 2026 newsletter (each commissioner and attorney received a copy); Iroquois Central Schools newsletter; My Safe Domain annual website service bill and Business Radio Licensing bill (both determined to be scams); Advertisement from Medidose.com On the question: Commissioner Jay Gnojek reported on his conversation with Saia communications regrading radio frequencies. Commissioner Meaney requested Deputy Treasurer to submit a written report on his attendance at Summer Seminar at South Line on July 22, 2026-Deputy Treasurer will do so. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To accept and file communications as read. 5 ayes.

Chief's Report: Activities, appointments, reports and requests listed. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To accept chief's report. 5 ayes.

Committee Reports: *Apparatus*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek still waiting for quote for #1; *Audit*-All bills have been audited by Commissioners Szwaczkowski, Joe Gnojek and Meaney. *Building and Grounds*-Great Lakes put in lines needed and camera into day room; Discussed trimming of bushes and shrubs cost; May be a hornets nest on one of the trees on property per Property Accents Landscaping-chiefs investigated and could not locate a nest; Water spigot has been repaired; Cintas said hose left from wash station is districts to keep; Chiefs put cones around sunken in catch basin on Pound and Old Pound until town repairs the problem; Tyler Tedesco will repair hose reel. *Equipment*-Commissioner Mamon took snow blower in for service; Commissioner Meaney reported on issues with copy machine upstairs; Commissioner Jay Gnojek stated Firematic has been in contact with insurance adjustor and currently waiting for a few parts to come in. *Legislative*-Commissioner Meaney submitted request to attend 2026 AFDNYS Conference in Saratoga, NY October 7-10; Commissioner Meaney asked for approval of Board to send out link on IAM Responding regarding NYS tax relief benefit for members to sign petition for Governor Hochul to sign legislation into law. *Liaison Town of Elma*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek e-mailed Board information he received from town- budget process can now begin with a budget workshop to be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at district hall 7:00 p.m. *New Apparatus*-Discussed replacing 9-2 and #5 vehicles next year; Commissioner Jay Gnojek informed chief that vehicle needs to go to Ziebart's by end of September-all chiefs refused to go to Ziebart's because of environmental issues. *Planning and Development*-Budget workshop will be held Monday, September 14, 2026 at district hall 7:00 p.m. *Records Management*-Secretary Szwaczkowski updated NYS Archives LGS-1 Book. *Rules and Regulations*-Assistant Chief Fitzgerald working on updates; Commissioner Meaney stated that per Appendix B of NYS Authorities Budget Office, the reason for executive session can no longer be "personnel issue"- reason must be as specific as possible (gave copy to secretary). *Safety and Training*-Commissioner Joe Gnojek will send out notices of on-line building and codes classes to all members; Chief asked if district is still using same policies for Officers Elections; Chief will contact members who need blood borne pathogens completed; Discussed who was qualified to drive 5-1 on calls. *Service Award Program*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek reported on August 6, 2026 meeting. *Erie County Fire District Officers*-Next meeting September 16, 2026 at Seneca Hose. *West Seneca Associated Board of Fire Commissioners*-Next meeting October 27, 2026 at East Seneca. *West Seneca Chiefs*-Next meeting October 27, 2026 at East Seneca. *East Aurora Chiefs*-Next meeting September 16, 2026 at Blossom. *President's Report*-Greenauer has been approved to expand parking lot to rear and side of building; Fund drive activities will begin on September 9, 2026; Held Labor Day steak roast on September 5, 2026 which was well attended; New tractor has been damaged. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek. To accept committee reports. 5 ayes.

Old Business: m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To renew Sansio contract for EPCR programming for 3 years . 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To authorize Property Accents to trim shrubs and bushes including fall cleanup at a cost not to exceed $1,400 per quote submitted in spring 2026. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To have snow blower serviced at a cost not to exceed $300.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize chiefs to provide breakfast and take members out to lunch who participate in Fire Prevention at a cost not to exceed $300.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Jay Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To surplus writable CD's. 5 ayes.

New Business: m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To authorize secretary to send letter to Elma Planning Board indicating the Board and 3 chiefs have no issues with Moog's installation of nitrogen tank. 5 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Joe Gnojek To allow Andy Barlow and Rob Soluri to attend 2026 Vital Signs Conference in Niagara Falls on November 12, 13 and 14 at a cost of $295.00 each and the use of 5-1 for transportation with chief's permission. Participants will need to give Board a written report. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize Guiding Eyes to use training room from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026. 5 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize Michael Fitzgerald to snow blow sidewalks at $75.00 per snow blowing and $25 per salting. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase chiefs EMS requests as follows: 12 ea. Zoll ECG rectangular electrodes @ $1.49 ea., 3 ea. Stat-Padz electrodes with green AED connector adult @ $65.99ea., 2 btl. For a GD 20 test strips @ $20.79 ea,, 6 ea. Curaplex nasal cannula adult @ $1.09 ea., 12 ea., Curaplex cold pack large @ $1.19 ea., 3 ea. Purple nitrile exam gloves small @ $23.39 ea., 2 ea. Purple nitrile exam gloves medium @ $$23.399 ea., 1 ea. Purple nitrile exam gloves large @ $23.39 ea., 2 ea. Purple nitrile exam gloves extra large @ $23.39 ea. at a cost not to exceed $500.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase candy for Truck or Treat not to exceed $200.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize chief to purchase part(s) needed to repair #1 hose reel not to exceed $50.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To approve Tedesco Excavation, LLC contract for 2026-2027 snow removal at $7,960.00 which includes 20 plows during contract period-any additional plows beyond 20 will be $125.00 per plow. Front load services can be provided per request at $350.00/hr. and dump truck services at $200.00/hr. both requiring a 2 hour minimum. Half of total cost is due first meeting in October 2026-balance is due in January 2027. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize Commissioner Meaney to send out link on IAM Responding regarding NYS tax relief benefit for members to sign petition for Governor Hochul to sign legislation into law. 4 ayes 1 abstention (Commissioner Meaney)

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Mamon To hold budget workshop on Monday, September 14, 2026 at district hall 7:00 p.m. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To exceed 2% tax cap if necessary. 4 ayes 1 abstention (Commissioner Meaney)

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To purchase wires to hook up copier with computer upstairs at a cost not to exceed $40.00. 4 ayes 1 abstention (Commissioner Meaney).

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd To allow chiefs to use vehicles for various activities within the county. No second on motion. Tabled until next meeting for legal counsel.

m/m Mamon 2nd Szwaczkowski That AI is not used as main source of reference. 3 ayes 2 abstentions (Commissioners Meaney and Joe Gnojek).

m/m Mamon 2nd Szwaczkowski That written reports on conferences and seminars attended by Board approved personnel have a minimum of three sentences per sessions attended and said reports are received and reviewed without prejudice. In addition, no oral report is necessary. Discussion followed. Commissioner Szwaczkowski rescinded his second on the motion. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Mamon 2nd Szwaczkowski To remove minutes from website after one month of posting. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Mamon 2nd Szwaczkowski To not list name of commissioner(s) who abstain or vote nay on motion(s) in minutes. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Jay Gnojek 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize Commissioner Meaney to attend AFDNYS Conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. October 7-10, 2026. 4 ayes 1 abstention (Commissioner Meaney).

m/m Jay Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To adjourn meeting. 5 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Szwaczkowski
Secretary