

SPRING BROOK FIRE DISTRICT  
Minutes of Meeting 5/4/2026

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Paul Mamon with pledge to the flag at 7:02 p.m.

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

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To proceed with regular order of business as no one is here from the public for public comments portion of agenda. 5 ayes.

The Chairman noted that the Secretary had provided a copy of the Minutes of the previous meeting to Commissioners 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 Jay Gnojek To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. 5 ayes.

Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer Melinda Collins showing total cash funds of \$412,818.38. m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Jay Gnojek 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 and Szwaczkowski. 5 ayes.

**Communications:** Letter of request from Commissioner Meaney to attend AFDSNY Cheektowaga Mini Summit May 15, 2026 at South Line; Request for donations from Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center in West Seneca; Credit statement from Stryker for \$141.57; NFPA Survey of Fire Departments for 2025 Fire Experience (gave to Commissioner Jay Gnojek); VFIS Spring newsletter; Notice of NYS Mental Health & Wellness Symposium June 8, 2026 in Saratoga Springs, NY; \$60.00 refund check from Key Bank for inadvertently charging maintenance fees (Treasurer Collins deposited check). m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek 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 Meaney reported a new HAAS Alert System for #1 is being shipped to replace old unit-Commissioners Mamon and Meaney will install when received. Audit-All bills have been audited by Commissioners Szwaczkowski and Joe Gnojek. Building and Grounds-Commissioner Meaney updated board on digital phone system; Need to put another Request for Bids for black top sealing in the East Aurora Advertiser; Commissioner Szwaczkowski reported Cintas will give demonstration on how to use car wash system May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Equipment-Commissioner Meaney successfully submitted a grant request for \$16,700 for 12 Circul-Air Mobile Gear Lockers from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and not apply for NY Highway Grant because no fire districts or fire companies were awarded grants last year; Commissioner Meaney updated Board on progress of setting up new computers; Discussed repairing upstairs copier. Insurance-Discussed Reliance Insurance Policy-Deputy Treasurer Bethge informed Commissioner Joe Gnojek Alliance policy was attached to Service Awards Program not with Chris Boltz. Legal-Discussed recent FOIL request from Virginia-attorney said it is probably a scam and we are not obligated to respond in PDF form. Legislative-Attorney Notaro working on letter for firemen's benefits. New Apparatus-Need to have written plan for apparatus replacement. Planning and Development-Secretary will post notice of work session May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. on outdoor sign board. Safety and Training-Training session with Erie County instructors scheduled for May 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. West Seneca Associated Board of Fire Commissioners-Next meeting June 23, 2026 at Reserve. West Seneca Chiefs-Next meeting June 23, 2026 at Reserve. East Aurora Chiefs-Next meeting May 20, 2026 at Wales Center. President's Report- May 16, 2026 annual garage sale with food trucks; Had audit April 8, 2026-all is in order; Final report on Fish Fry's in progress; Waiting for information on Memorial Day Parade. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To accept committee reports. 5 ayes.

**Old Business:** Treasurer Mindy Collins updated board on progress with NYClass. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To authorize Chairman Mamon to sign letter to Key Bank stating NYClass Liquid Assets Securities have access to our General Fund for ACH transfers. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize any or all commissioners, secretary, treasurer, deputy treasurer and chiefs to attend Mini Summit at South Line if sessions apply to their position. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To authorize secretary to send another letter to Leslie Clark thanking her for donating use of house for firematic drills indicating full market value, square footage, etc. of home for tax purposes. 5 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize secretary to put a another Request for Bids notice in East Aurora Advertiser for parking lot sealing and striping 5 ayes.

**New Business:** m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase organizer for the Kiosk room not to exceed \$35.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To purchase one (1) four gas detector and one (1) mini gas detector not to exceed \$5450.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase new mobile radio unit including transfer and installation costs from Saia Communications not to exceed \$1600.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase 2 hand held mini portables for 9-1 and 9-2 not to exceed \$650.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase 1 Logitech wireless presenter tool for 2026 laptop in training room not to exceed \$35.00.

Commissioner Meaney brought up having absentee ballots for Commissioner Elections. He urged the Board to read and review items from NYS Fire District Officers guide regarding absentee ballots before next meeting as he will make a motion to have absentee ballots at that time.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To authorize chiefs to take necessary equipment to Memorial Day parade. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To authorize refreshments for all members who attend Memorial Day festivities not to exceed \$300.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To authorize Engine 3 be taken to Alden on May 9, 2026 for standby. 5 ayes.

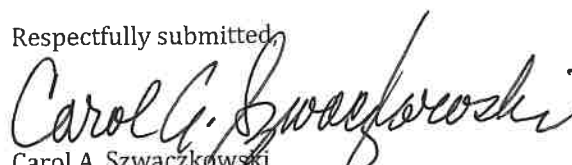
m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek Anyone who wants to attend an out of state conference will need to submit a written statement to the Board with reason or reasons why they want to attend conference. 2 ayes 3 nays (Commissioners Mamon, Szwaczkowski and Jay Gnojek). Motion did not carry.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To approve all commissioners who want to attend Clearwater Conference in November 2026 be authorized to do so. 3 ayes 2 nays (Commissioners Joe Gnojek and Meaney)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carol A. Szwaczkowski  
Secretary