

SPRING BRROK FIRE DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Meeting 7/7/2026

Tom

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

Commissioners Mamon, Joe Gnojek, Szwaczkowski and Meaney present. Commissioner Jay Gnojek excused. 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: m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To close public comments section of meeting and go onto regular of business as no one is here for public comments. 4 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 Joe Gnojek To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting. 4 ayes.

Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer Melinda Collins showing total cash funds of \$356,253.05. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To accept the Treasurer's Report as read. 4 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 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. On the question: Commissioner Meaney noted there is no receipt for voucher #5824 from Leo's Pizzeria in the amount of \$97.49 and he will attest to validity of purchase. Commissioner Meaney also is not in agreement with processing Commissioner mileage as presented tonight without having detailed information for individual mileage reimbursement-a new form should be implemented before next mileage reimbursement is due. 3 ayes 1 abstention (Commissioner Meaney).

Communications: June-July 2026 AFDSNY newsletter (each commissioner and attorney received a copy); Letter from Michael Fagan regarding Moog 75th anniversary; NYS Archives July 2026 newsletter; NYS Archives GrantFinder newsletter; Notice of NYS Archives Managing Case Files webinar; Notice from Federal Licensing regarding renewal (notice was determined to be a scam); Request to purchase tickets from Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center; Notice and registration form from FASNY for annual convention in Ellicottville August 19-22, 2026; Minutes of March 18, 2026 Erie County Fire District Officers Association (each commissioner and attorney received a copy); ECFDO Newsletter (each commissioner and attorney received a copy); National Fire Protection Association Survey of Fire Departments for U.S. Fire Experience during 2025; Letter from Senator Charles Schumer regarding Grant Opportunities from US Department of Homeland Security; Notice of ECFDOA Summer Seminar at South Line Fire Company July 22, 2026 at a cost of \$100 per person; Thank you letter and card from Ed Sauer, President of Elma Cert Inc. and Cert participants for use of district hall in Spring 2026 and request to use district hall for Fall 2026 Cert training on September 1, 15, 22, 29 and October 6th through 27, 2026; Summer 2026 Allied Perspective newsletter; Advertisements from Medidose, Holmatro Rescue Tools and American Heart Association. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek. To accept and file communications as read. 4 ayes.

Chief's Report: Activities, appointments, reports and requests listed. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To accept chief's report. 4 ayes.

Committee Reports: Apparatus-Commissioner Mamon updated Board on repair service on #5-repair is not permanent because truck is 20 years old; Commissioner Meaney reported that Digital Alert System on #1's 5 year subscription plan expires in December-Commissioner Meaney asked for approval from the Board to ask for extension on subscription. Audit-All bills have been audited by Commissioners Szwaczkowski, Joe Gnojek and Meaney. Building and Grounds-Commissioner Joe Gnojek updated Board on electrical progress with drop lines, lights; overhead doors now working properly; Old stove has been removed and replaced with new one; Cintas Car wash system has been removed; Leaky faucet has not been repaired yet; Tree stumps have been removed by Rich Dzubella; Discussed camera quotes and need of cameras for security purposes-on hold until next meeting. Equipment-Commissioner Meaney reported Firehouse Subs Foundation grant application has been denied; Commissioner Joe Gnojek reported he did not submit FEMA grant application because of fees involved-recommends hiring a grant writer; Commissioner Meaney updated Board on digital phone system; Commissioner Mamon reported trash pumps are back in service and tow behind sprayer is in for service. Insurance-Post entitlement checks have been received. Legislative-Commissioner Meaney

reported on progress of NYS tax credit bill. Records Management-Commissioner Joe Gnojek stated training records have been added to member's files; Commissioner Meaney will forward email FOIL request to Attorney Notaro. Safety and Training-Two individuals who did not get physicals were sent letters and have not responded -Commissioner Joe Gnojek will contact the individuals regarding their intentions going forward; Discussed possible numbering exterior doors for safety reasons-consensus is no. Erie County Fire District Officers-Commissioner Joe Gnojek and Deputy Treasurer Bethge reported on last meeting; Summer Seminar July 22, 2026 at South Line benefitting Bob Monkelbaan's candidacy for 2nd Vice President AFDSNY; Next meeting July 16, 2026 at West Seneca Hose; Conference in Ellicottville August 18-22, 2026; Fire Rescue Conference in Kansas August 12-14, 2026. West Seneca Associated Board of Fire Commissioners-Next meeting September 12, 2026 at Union. West Seneca Chiefs-Next meeting September 12, 2026 at Union. East Aurora Chiefs-Next meeting September 16, 2026 at Blossom. President's Report-Accepting bids for parking lot expansion; Clam shack has been knocked down and in process of being cleaned up; Submitted final 2026 Fish Fry report to Board; Jay Gnojek working on recreational activities for company; To date, recruitment has not been successful-looking for suggestions to improve recruitment process; Will participate in Elma Village Green activities August 26, 2026. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To accept committee reports. 4 ayes.

Old Business: m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Mamon To install one (1) security camera not to exceed \$3600. Quote does not match cameras needed. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To adopt absentee ballots for 2026 district commissioner election. Proposed absentee ballots would cost a substantial amount of additional money to execute. 4 nays. Motion did not carry.

m/m Mamon 2nd Joe Gnojek To not purchase a utility box for #5 due to condition of vehicle. 4 ayes.

New Business: m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To extend future district commissioner election hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 1 aye 3 nays (Commissioners Joe Gnojek, Mamon and Szwaczkowski). Motion did not carry.

Discussion took place regarding reclassifying Rescue 7 as an air truck or blocker. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase EMS supplies s follows: 2 pk. Glutose 15 oral glucose gel pack @ 15.99 ea., 3 ea. Hi-flow suction canister with aerostat filter and float valve shutoff, 800cc @ \$5.59 ea. at a cost not to exceed \$50.00. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase 1 Harrington 2-way Bail Valve Mid-size 2.5" NH female swivel inlet x (2) 2.5" NH Male Outlets from Witmer at a cost not to exceed \$705.00. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize 10-75 Emergency Vehicles to make necessary repairs to 2025 F150 vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$2600.00. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To approve chief to spend up to \$1,000.00 for recruitment supplies. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To hold work session on Monday, July 20, 2026 at district hall 7:00 p.m. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize up to 5 district personnel to attend ECFDOA Summer Seminar July 22, 2026 at South Line Fire Company at a cost not to exceed \$500.00, Participants required to submit written report on seminar at next meeting. 4 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To remove Nick Lawrence from probation status. 4 ayes.

Discussion took place regarding commissioner mileage reimbursement submission. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek Effective July 1, 2026, commissioners must keep a mileage log stating date, starting address, ending address, purpose and distance of travel for semi-annual mileage reimbursement. Tabled until next meeting.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To go out of regular order of business and go into executive session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. 4 ayes.

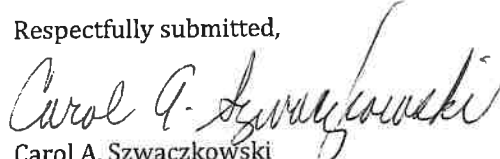
m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Joe Gnojek To go out of executive session and return to regular order of business at 9:39 p.m. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To purchase one (1) security camera at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. 4 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To adjourn meeting. 4 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Szwaczkowski
Secretary