SPRING BRROK FIRE DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Meeting 8/3/2026

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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 excused. 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. 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.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To accept minutes of the work session held on July 20, 2026 as presented by Commissioner Meaney. 5 ayes.

m/m Mamon 2nd Jay Gnojek To go out of regular order of business at 7:06 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To go out of executive session and return to regular order of business at 8:09 p.m. 5 ayes.

Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer Melinda Collins showing total cash funds of $281,332.76. m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To accept the Treasurer's Report as read. 5 ayes.

m/m Szwaczkowski 2nd Meaney To authorize payment of the bills as they have been duly audited and approved for payment by Commissioners Joe Gnojek, Szwaczkowski and Meaney. Commissioner Meaney reminded all concerned to submit WEX paper receipts in a timely manner. 5 ayes.

Communications: Letter from National Fire Protection Association regarding NFPA Survey of Fire Departments for 2025 Fire Experience (gave to Commissioner Jay Gnojek); Letter from Russell (Bo) Tucker requesting a letter to be sent to Town of Elma Planning Board indicating no issues with his plans for new building construction at 6030 Seneca Street in Elma; Notice from Pinsky Law Group for Board of Director & Executive Officer Training for Emergency Service Leaders on November 6 & 7, 2026 at Turning Stone; No charge receipts from Tony's Roadside Service for 2021 Ambulance and 1996 Firetruck NYS Inspections; July 2026 NYS Archives Local Government Newsletter; GrantFinder Newsletter (gave copies to Commissioners Joe Gnojek and Meaney); E-mail notice of change of invoicing process from Bieler Janitorial Services; Notice of Main-Transit Fire Department's Annual Slo-Pokes Firematic Tournament July 17, 2026 (gave to chief); Memo from 1st Assistant Chief Michael Fitzgerald regarding July 9, 2026 vehicle damage incident; Letter and brochure regarding new Land Conservation Easement Program; Thank you notes from St. Vincent's Vacation Bible School and Elma Public Library Messtival for SBFD's participation; Notice of celebration of Erie Canal Bicentennial at Gateway Harbor Park in North Tonawanda, NY on August 15, 2026 as part of NYS Canal Corporation, Water Music NY: More Voices free festival; Notice of Wellness Fair and Roswell Mobile Screening at West Seneca Fire District #2 Union Fire Company on August 12, 2026; Advertisement from R Enterprises LLC. m/m Jay Gnojek 2nd Joe Gnojek. To accept and file communications as read. 5 ayes.

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

Committee Reports: *Apparatus*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek should be getting estimate for #1 soon; Commissioner Meaney secured one year extension for HASS Alert System for #1. *Audit*-All bills have been audited by Commissioners Szwaczkowski, Joe Gnojek and Meaney. *Building and Grounds*-Shrubs need to be trimmed; Commissioner Szwaczkowski informed Board that front door has been left open on several occasions; Janitorial key #8 is missing. *Equipment*-Commissioner Meaney stated he hasn't received any information on $64,000.00 grant application that was submitted; Commissioner Meaney

reminded cheek their message boxes with new Vaspian phone system; Attorney Notaro stated fire districts will have to have a .gov website in the near future. *Legislative*-Commissioner Meaney gave update on progress of NYS tax credit bill. *Rules and Regulations*-Needs to be updated. *Safety and Training*-Discussed ATV training-Commissioner Joe Gnojek will set up training for ATV certification. *Service Award Program*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek reported there is a meeting with Jay Macaluso August 6, 2026 which Spring Brook is not a part of but would like to attend. *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 probably at Blossom. *President's Report*-Commissioner Jay Gnojek gave report in absence of President Barlow-next meeting August 5, 2026; Labor Day Party planned for members. m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek. To accept committee reports. 5 ayes.

Old Business: m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To rescind motion from July 7, 2026 meeting to install one (1) security camera not to exceed $3600. Quote does not match cameras needed. Tabled until next meeting. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To install one (1) security camera with 3 runs at a cost not to exceed $1800.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek Effective July 1, 2026, commissioners must submit a mileage log stating date of trip, exact start and ending address, purpose of trip and distance of travel for semi-annual mileage reimbursement. 3 ayes 1 nay (Commissioner Szwaczkowski) 1 abstention (Commissioner Mamon).

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize Treasurer Collins to transfer $100,000 from Capital Reserve Fund and $100,000 from Reconstruction Reserve Fund to NYClass. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Mamon To authorize 1st Assistant Chief Mike Fitzgerald to set up meeting with Health EMS. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To remove Nick Lawrence from probation status. 5 ayes.

Commissioner Joe Gnojek gave oral report and submitted a written report on summer seminar at South Line on July 22, 2026. All who attended agreed with Commissioner Joe Gnojek's summation.

New Business: m/m Meaney 2nd Szwaczkowski To authorize payment to Saia Communications, Inc. after Commissioner Jay Gnojek verifies that all frequencies are included. 5 ayes.

Commissioner Jay Gnojek will contact Bo Tucker to show commissioners and chiefs the site plans for building at 6030 Seneca Street before a letter can be sent to Town Planning Board approving the new building plan.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek Any district related invoices be sent to district e-mail first and to appropriate parties second such as commissioner, treasurer or secretary. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Meaney To authorize chiefs request to purchase of supplies for fire prevention at a cost not to exceed $1200.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize Treasurer Collins to set up auto payment for Vaspian Technologies. 5 ayes.

m/m Jay Gnojek 2nd Joe Gnojek To authorize chiefs request to purchase hoodies for a total cost of $1500.00. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Joe Gnojek To approve up to $1000 to purchase special recognition award for member with 60 years of active service. 5 ayes.

m/m Meaney 2nd Jay Gnojek To allow chiefs to send any appropriate apparatus to Moog for event on August 14-16, 2026. 5 ayes.

Discussion took place regarding radio frequencies. Chief Tyler Tedesco will contact Jerry Whittington to ask him to come to the next meeting to discuss frequencies with Board.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Jay Gnojek To go out of regular order of business at 9:50 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. 5 ayes.

m/m Joe Gnojek 2nd Szwaczkowski To go out of executive session and return to regular order of business at 10:09 p.m. 5 ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Szwaczkowski
Secretary