

January 14th 2026 Fire District Board Meeting

The meeting covered several key points: the appointment of Robert J Grant as a temporary fire commissioner, the approval of a \$236,000 budget for air packs via a special election on January 19, and the adoption of the Duty Crew policy. The board also discussed the need for a new janitorial position, with someone assigned temporarily . They approved purchases including a cross lay tray for \$1,128.07, multi-gas detectors for \$5,127.19, and command car re-lettering for \$425. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, with the fire district election on February 21st.

Action Items

- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Contact the caucus requester (George Joo) to confirm and notify that the hall is approved for the caucus on August 18
- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Prepare and have ready a clean, final resolution to adopt the Duty Crew policy (remove cross-outs) by coordinating edits and producing the clean copy
- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Prepare a resolution to create/adopt the combined Assistant/Janitor/Maintenance position and have it available for adoption at the next meeting (target: special/budget meeting on Monday)
- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Contact Craven to line up the drain/trap replacement project (approve contractor and schedule work when weather improves) and coordinate next steps
- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Receive any large-ticket invoices from chiefs (e.g., cab lift cylinder, other equipment) and place them on the new business agenda for board consideration

Outline

Resolution to Fill Board Vacancy

- William J Wesolowski introduces resolution 2026-01 to fill a board vacancy due to Howard C Mann's resignation.
- The resolution states that Robert J Grant will be appointed to the vacant board seat for the term expiring February 23, 2026.
- The board unanimously approves the resolution and Robert J Grant is sworn in.
- William J Wesolowski announces that there will be no budget hearing tonight but will be held on Monday, January 19.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Bills

- William J Wesolowski asks if board members have reviewed the minutes of previous meetings.
- Brian Wesolowski suggests approving the bills paid in December along with the minutes.
- The board approves the minutes and bills, including a \$4,100 snow removal bill and \$2,224.60 fuel reimbursement for the squad.
- Minutes and Bills approved on Motion by Gifford, Second by Clark.
- Brian Wesolowski mentions the inclusion of a resignation letter from Howard C Mann and a letter from the State Board regarding public publication requirements.

Chief's and Captain's Reports

- Chief Grant reports on maintenance for trucks and equipment, including a piston cap replacement and valve stem replacements.
- Chief Grant mentions the need for a new cab lift cylinder for truck 3132 and new tires for truck 3131.
- Captain's report includes quarterly maintenance checks, replacements of speed light pressure gages, valve stems, and nozzles.
- The board has no questions regarding the reports.

Fire Official's and Hall Manager's Reports

- The fire official's report includes December call breakdowns, inspections, penalties collected, and a shared services meeting scheduled for Maple Shade.
- The hall manager's report lists seven events in November, ten bookings for May, and cleaning schedules for May and June.
- The board has no questions regarding the reports.

Recruitment and Retention Update

- Captain Carruthers mentions an upcoming high school volunteer fair on January 21.
- The board decides to move on to communications and bills.

Communications and Bills

- Brian Wesolowski lists bills to be paid, including batteries, clean air bill, and snow removal costs.
- The board approves the bills on Motion by Gifford, Second by Clark. Communications were shared including a resignation letter from Howard C Mann and a legal notice regarding public publication requirements.
- The board approves the use of the hall for the caucus on August 18.

Old Business: Budget and Election

- Brian Wesolowski explains the need for a special election to approve spending \$236,000 for air packs.
- The board agrees to hold the special election on January 19 and adopt the budget at a meeting to follow.
- The board discusses the adoption Resolution 2026-002 Adopting the Duty Crew policy of the Lenola Volunteer Fire Company. Motioned by Sterling, Second by Gifford and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

New Business: Janitorial Position and Hall Improvements

- The board discusses the need for a janitorial position and the possibility of combining janitorial, maintenance, and assistant chief duties.
- Commissioner Grant and Chief Orsini discuss the benefits of having someone in the building for maintenance and running calls.
- The board agrees to find a temporary janitor and prepare a resolution for the next meeting.
- The board discusses the replacement of the ice machine and the need for new meters and multi-gas detectors.

Final Approval of Purchases and Meeting Adjournment

- The board approves the purchase of a cross lay tray(Gifford/Sterling) and multi-gas detectors and accessories(Sterling/Gifford).
- The board discusses the replacement of line officer badges (Sterling/Clark) command car tires(Gifford/Sterling), and re-lettering (Gifford/Sterling)and also approves those purchases.
- The board thanks Chief Grant for his service and sets the next meeting date for February 11.
- The meeting is adjourned.