

Re-Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2025

Meeting Opened:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their re-organizational meeting for 2025 at district headquarters. Secretary Kaye called the meeting to order at 8:07 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of Silence: All firefighters, EMS, police, military personnel and those effected by the wildfires in California.

Members Present:

Those members present were: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, Commissioner Freer, Commissioner Shultis and Commissioner Zboinski.

Organization for the Year 2025:

Chairman: Secretary Kaye requested nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to appoint Commissioner Dixon as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Shultis seconded and motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to appoint Commissioner Shultis as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to reappoint Julie J. Beyer as Secretary/Treasurer at a yearly salary of \$64,064.00. Commissioner Zboinski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer: Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to reappoint Kathleen A. Kaye as the Deputy Treasurer/Secretary at a yearly salary of \$51,014.00. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

Laborer: Commissioner Freer made a motion that Scott Holmes, the District's person in charge of radios and Knox boxes, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.90. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Laborer: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Scott M. Birkler, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.90. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

Laborer: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Kevin W. Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.90. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

Laborer: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Thomas E Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$21.70. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

Legal Consultant: Commissioner Freer made a motion that Mackey, Butts and Whalen and Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan, LLP. will be the legal consultants for the Fire District. Commissioner Jodlowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Publication of Notices: On a motion by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the Poughkeepsie Journal was designated as the official publication of the Fire District for notices. All were in favor and motion was carried.

Official Depository: On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, Tompkins Community Bank and NYClass were designated as the official depositories for the East Fishkill Fire District. Motion was carried.

Bank Signatories: On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, bank signatories for the East Fishkill Fire District will be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. Chairman Dixon abstained. Motion was carried.

Meeting Day and Time:

The following is a list of Workshop dates. A regular meeting will be held at the conclusion of the workshop:

Monday, February 10	Monday, March 10	Monday, April 14
Monday, May 12	Monday, June 9	Monday July 14
Monday, August 11	Monday, September 8	Monday, October 6
Monday, November 10	Monday, December 8	

Regular meetings will be:

Wednesday, January 22	Wednesday Feb 26	Wednesday March 26
Wednesday April 30	Wednesday May 28	Wednesday June 25
Wednesday July 23	Wednesday August 27	Wednesday, September 24
Wednesday, October 22 – Budget Hearing with meeting to follow		
Monday November 24	Tuesday, December 23	

Chairman Dixon advised that the meetings are generally the second Monday and fourth Wednesday of each month, but because of holidays and scheduling some changes needed to be made. The schedule of meetings will be posted on the website.

This motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. All were in favor and motion carried.

Association Memberships: The following memberships were approved on a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski: Association of Fire Districts of New York State, Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County, NFPA, NYS Government Finance Officers Association, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, Association of Fire Chiefs, Fire Investigation Association, National Safety Council, Firemen’s Association of the State of New York and Associations of Towns.

Computer Maintenance: On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, ACT, Inc. will maintain the District computer system. All were in favor and motion carried.

Building Maintenance: On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, Cleaning will be done by 24/7 Cleaning, Thomas Jackson will do the lawn care, Long Pole Landscaping will maintain the gardening areas, Ed Blake – ESS will maintain the radio tower, Black Electric and Roma Electric will be the electricians, Ossenkop Plumbing & Heating will do plumbing, heating and A/C, O’Tooles Security will do all alarm systems and security doors and Dutchess Overhead Doors will maintain garage doors at all stations and headquarters. TEK Medical will be the District physician for physicals. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Dixon advised that physicals will operate as they have in the past with TEK coming to headquarters on a quarterly basis. Members are also able to call TEK directly for an appointment.

Apparatus Storage Rental: Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to maintain the storage rental fee for main stations and for substations as follows:

- Company 1 \$79,489.32
- Company 2 \$112,207.68 (\$32,718.36 for substation)
- Company 3 \$79,489.32
- Company 4 \$112,207.68 (\$32,718.36 for substation)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Radio Tower Rental: A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski for radio tower rental to Jocelyn Lessard in the amount of \$19,746.42. Seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Assignments: As per Chairman Dixon, the committee assignments are as follows:

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Co #1 and Co #2 Vehicles And Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Zboinski
Co #3 and Co #4 Vehicles And Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Freer
Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Headquarters Vehicles and Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Zboinski
Chief Vehicles Replacement:	Commissioner Dixon
Apparatus/Vehicle Replacement:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
HQ Buildings/Grounds and Capital Improvements:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Dixon
District Computers/Programs/ Phones/Tablets:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Dixon
HQ, Station and Vehicle Cameras:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer
Physicals:	Commissioner Zboinski
Insurance:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski

	Commissioner Zboinski
Banking/Investments/LOSAP:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Shultis
Budget/P&L/Reserve Review:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer Board
Legal:	Commissioner Dixon Jodlowski
ALS Vendor Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Shultis
Town Board Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Dixon
Planning Board Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Fire Advisory Board Liaison:	Commissioner Freer
Leased Space/Plymovent:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Zboinski
Purchasing Agents/Cooperative Purchasing:	Commissioner Dixon Board
Surplus Sales:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Zboinski
Grant Writing/Reporting:	Board Ben Howell Julie Beyer Car 1
Policy Updates:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski Board
Radio Tower:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Freer
Annual Dinner Committee:	Secretary Beyer District Chief Jackson Board
County Radio Initiative:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Dixon

Commissioner Jodlowski

County EMS Initiative:

Commissioner Jodlowski
Commissioner Dixon
Commissioner Freer

Mental Health:

Commissioner Jodlowski
Commissioner Zboinski

Property Tax Exemptions:

Commissioner Jodlowski

OSHA/Health & Safety:

Commissioner Zboinski

A motion to accept this list was made by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis. All were in favor and motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the 2025 proposed District Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, the 2025 appointed Company Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the 2025 appointed District Officer list was approved.

At this point Chairman Dixon swore in all 2025 officers that were present.

Chairman Dixon congratulated the new officers and thanked the out-going officers for all they had done. He stated that the Board is looking forward to working with everyone.

Designation of Reserve Funds: On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the Reserve Funds were designated as follows:

Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Major Equipment with a maximum limit of \$5,000,000.00.

Reserve Fund for Building and Land Acquisition with a maximum limit of \$5,000,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

Travel Expenses: On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, mileage will be paid at the rate of \$.70 per mile, all registrations must be submitted one month prior for approval by the Board, and the maximum reimbursement per day for meals will be \$75.00, unless otherwise approved. Receipts must be turned in within 45 days of the event for reimbursement to members. District van 39-68 rules remain the same. Truck rules for 39-69 remain the same. Rules for 39-91 and 39-92 remain the same. All were in favor and motion carried.

At this point, the re-organizational portion of the meeting was complete and the regular meeting continued.

Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to approve payables as presented. Vice-Chairman Shultis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried

Memberships:

Station 1 – Anthony Gonzales – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

This member was approved on a motion made by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis. All were in favor and motion carried.

Membership Transfer:

None.

Correspondence:

1. Request from NYSBOC to us the meeting room on 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 9/10 and 11/12/25.
2. Letter of resignation from Jonathan Maxwell from Station 1.
3. Letter of resignation from the District only from Wendy Metzger of Station 3.
4. Request from the EF PBA to use the meeting room on 1/13, 2/3 and 3/3/25 at 3:15 P.M
5. Request from America Red Cross to hold a blood drive at HQ on June 5, 2025.
6. Letter from Roy Coates, Station 1, requesting academic leave.
7. Academic leave request from Ginger Kohanek from Station 3.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Zboinski to drop the following members from the District Rolls for failure to meet 2024 training requirements:

Station 3 – Emily Carrie
Cory Ricotta

Station 4 - Alessandro Degaetano

Seconded by Commissioner Freer and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to drop the following members for not completing their job specific physical:

Station 1 - Michelle Petrucci

Station 2 - Nicholas Livigni

Seconded by Commissioner Freer and motion was carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to allow NYSBOC use of the new classroom on the dates requested. Seconded by Commission Freer. All were in favor and motion was carried.

A motion by Commissioner Jodlowski, and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, was made to allow the EF PBA to use the meeting room on dates requested. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to allow the Red Cross use of the meeting room for a blood drive on the date requested. Seconded by Commission Zboinski. All were in favor and motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to allow Andrew Mitchell to attend Firefighter Survival Services on January 29th in Valhalla. There will be no cost to the District for this class. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and motion was carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion the allow Rob Arno to attend ICS300 online 2/21-2/23/25 at a cost of \$350.00. Seconded by Commission Freer. All were in favor and motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski to allow the Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Tompkins Checking and \$10,000.00 from NYClass to Tompkins MM. Chairman Dixon abstained. Motion was carried.

Comments and Updates from Commissioners:

Commissioner Jodlowski advised that he is the liaison the Town Planning Board and there are some very large projects in the works that are raising concerns and putting pressure on emergency services. One of the projects is Woodland Estates, which was formerly known as Twin Creeks, which will have 400 plus apartments and will bring over 1,000 people to the community, again putting stress

on our services. He encouraged anyone that shares these concerns to attend a Planning Board meeting and share your concerns with the Board.

Vice-Chairman Shultis stated that the propane props in the back training area are mostly completed and should be ready to start training in the spring. The Board is currently working on updating the training tower.

Chairman Dixon stated that the Board has been attending company meetings in order to provide information and complete transparency. Most of the items that were addressed were regarding the legal issues with Ferrara and the FOIL that was received. He wanted everyone to know that the Board appreciates everyone's patience during that time. He also mention the propane props and said the Chief's plan to start training with Bullex in the spring. There was discuss regarding RedNMX and the progress made with the AVL on all apparatus. There will be a training session with RedNMX and the Chief will decide with the other Chiefs when this will happen. The monitors are up and running and Kathe continues to work on the administrative side of it.

Chief Report:

District Chief John Jackson wished everyone a happy new year and shared his thanks for being voted back into the District Chief position.

1. He advised that Station 1 received a request from St. Aloysius to bring a truck to their school on January 29th at 9:45 A.M. He stated that Chief Conti will try and cover that but will make it clear that it will be weather permitting. If it's too cold or wet, they will have to cancel. Commissioner Freer made a motion to allow Station 1 to bring apparatus to St. Aloysius on January 29th, weather permitting. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. All were in favor and motion was carried.
2. Car 1 stated that the Fire Advisory Board, the Board of Fire Commissioners and himself will all be sending letters to the Town Board regarding implementing a law that there must be water on a site prior to the start of building. An example of this problem is Joe's Mothers Road complex, which is multiple apartments and there is no water on the site.
3. He is going to start inquiring for FDIC in April and how many members are interested in attending. The Board has already approved up to 16 members be allowed to attend.
4. There will be a Chief meeting next Tuesday.
5. He has some training tower concerns and is glad the Board is looking into updating it.
6. Some equipment replacement in the works include 39-46, which is in committee, and 39-71, which is out for permissive referendum. Also the UTV is out for permissive referendum.
7. He has a plan to start a Safety Committee, as has been done in the past, and a Training Committee. There will be more details to follow.
8. Dutchess County Weekend will be held here at HQ in March and he is preparing for it now. He is looking for anyone who would like to help with the planning.

Assistant Chief Schuman thank the Board for his appointment to the position and wished everyone a happy new year.

Assistant Chief Stallone thanked the Board for trusting him in this new position and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Assistant Chief Tom Jackson wished everyone a happy new year and asked to stay safe.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer