

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY,
Held on Thursday June 18, 2026**

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:30 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners M. Lobel and R. Makowski, Treasurer L. Saenger, Chief A. Buch and Assistant Chief J. Varmon.

Approval of the May minutes was tabled because only two of the attending Commissioners were in attendance in May.

There were no communications.

R. Makowski reported the Red Alert attendance kiosk computer is almost ten years old and is slow. Alpine quoted \$3,500 to replace it. The board also discussed disabling the key fob sign in access to enhance security. This change would allow for fingerprint access only. On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the replacement of the Kiosk and disabling key fob access was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the external financial audit as prepared by BSTCo. was accepted.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, the unassigned 2025 fund balance in the amount of \$160,173 will be transferred to the New Equipment Capital Reserve Account.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, FF Jacob Casamassima was authorized to attend specialized training in Oriskany and Montour Falls, New York in July with District reimbursement for room and board. Secretary Makowski will book the room.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, Fire District Officers are authorized to attend the Association of Fire Districts, New York annual conference and training on October 7-10, 2026 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

R. Makowski informed the Board that by prepaying the new rescue the District could net a savings of \$116,788, including the cost of a performance bond. This would lower the total cost of the vehicle to under two million dollars. On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, prepayment with a performance bond was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the purchase of 5 bail-out systems and harnesses was approved.

Chief Buch advised that with the current lead time of 1,500 days for new apparatus, we should start planning for the replacement of the 2007 pumper. On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski, the formation of this committee, subject to approval, was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, Lionel Horry of the Port Chester Fire Department and Kyle Rothschild of the Noroton Connecticut Fire Department were accepted as mutual aid firefighters.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM on a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Breferre and carried unanimously.

Robert Makowski

District Secretary

MEETING NOTICE

The July 2026 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday July 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM.