

Ellenville Fire District
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Present:

Chairman Dean Burburan, Commissioner (TJ) Thomas Briggs, Commissioner Paul Tuzzolino

Absent: Co-Chairman Charles (Howie) Troue, Commissioner Bruce Santiago

Treasurer: Deborah Briggs

Secretary: Angela Burburan

District Chief: Jody Krom, Sr., Assistant Chiefs: Patrick Wardynski, Jr., Eriberto Cruz, Jr.

Captains: Frank Bauer, Paul Heisler

Petitioners: None

Secretary's report:

Secretary Burburan advised she needs the signed letters for binders from members that have not signed.

Secretary Burburan advised that there are three members missing their physical and had discussed that with the chief.

Secretary Burburan advised she still missing Jade Cil Kroms background check.

Secretary Burburan advised that she sent thank you to Haight for no charge on mask lens.

Secretary Burburan advised the bylaws were amended and posted on 12/10/2025 and members have until 1/14/2026 to dispute.

Secretary Burburan advised that election letters were given to Town of Wawarsing and Village of Ellenville,

Secretary Burburan advised 4th quarter and yearly LOSAP was completed and posted at Scoresby and Central, a copy was also provided to the Chief.

Secretary Burburan advised she provided new junior member Dylan Roe with binder, and he signed letter of receipt.

Secretary Burburan advised the captains that updated equipment and inventory lists are needed by February meeting.

Correspondence:

Received Workers Compensation renewal certificate from County of Ulster– **filed/posted**

Received application from Hudson Valley Fire Association for Lake George parade on June 11-14, 2026 – **chief**

Received application from Ulster County Fire Association for heroic service for any member for the 2026 Convention in Napanoch. – **chief**

Received Property Tax form from Town of Wawarsing for exemption for 2026 – **sec**

Received beneficiary renewal forms from VFIS for the members from Sprague & Killeen – **Howie**
Commissioner Tuzzolino made a motion to accept the secretary's report, 2nd by Commissioner Briggs. All in favor.

Treasurers Report:

NYCLASS - as of December 31, 2025 - \$1,025,864.32

M & T Bank - as of December 31, 2025 - \$43,168.85

Treasurer advised that M&T bank replaced all the funds plus interest that was lost.

Treasurer received invoice from Prestige with no charges for a jump started the 1997 Ford. Secretary Burburan will send thank you to them for their services.

Treasurer advised that she received the audit paperwork from RBT. The treasurer emailed board members and secretary audit list with items required. Treasurer to check with RBT on the payment agreement with the architect if that is considered new debit.

Treasurer advised she spoke to Curtis at RBT about how much to move from the General Fund which was about \$400,000.

The board advised moving \$150,000 to the Reserve Fund- Building & Property Acquisition.

Commissioner Briggs made a motion to move \$150,000, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

The board advised to also move \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund – Truck and Equipment Fund.

Commissioner Briggs made a motion to move \$100,000, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

The board also advised keeping \$150,000 in the General Fund in anticipation of unknown expenses for the new property.

Commissioner Briggs made a motion to keep \$150,000, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor.

Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Fire Police:

Chief Krom advised that they are doing drills every month.

Old Business:

All mileage logbooks were received, reviewed and approved.

Chairman Burburan advised that the property is moving along and the next special meeting will be held on February 5, 2026, at 6pm at Greenfield Park with architect to go over paperwork and planning.

Commissioner Briggs advised he has spoken to Ginger at the Town about bonds and will be speaking to her again and will advise more once he finds out more information.

Commissioner Briggs mentioned that he presented the survey to the architect in reference to a piece of property they are looking to swap with the firehouse. The survey present was not the same as what the architect had, and the architect advised he would reach out to both surveyors and would advise at our architect's meeting.

Chairman Burburan advised that the amended bylaws were posted and there was no dispute.
Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept bylaws as written, 2nd, by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Chairman Burburan advised that the chief to provide names and last four of social for the drivers. The chief and chairman Burburan to meet with Tony and Colleen from the Town to go over next steps for the usage of the fuel.

Chairman Burburan advised chief to reach out to the members again who have not signed for their binders and advise back by next month's meeting.

New Business:

Secretary Burburan advised of new junior member Dylan Roe, he was accepted into Pioneers.
Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept new junior member, 2nd, by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Secretary Burburan provided new member Dylan Roe with binder, and she received signed letter advising receipt of binder.

Chairman Burburan advised quotes from the architect for test borings on new property. Quote from Tech came in at \$10,900 and the other quote from Soil Mechanics came in at \$4,775.00.
Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept the Soil quote, 2nd, by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Chairman Burburan advised that Co-Chairman Troue received an investment update from VFIS on a new bank offering 4.25% in lieu of current bank offering 3% for the LOSAP plan.
Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept new bank, 2nd, by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Commissioner Tuzzolino advised that Congressman Josh Riley will be visiting our facilities on January 27, 2026, at 2:45pm and if any board members and the chiefs can attend the visit.

Secretary Burburan advised receipt of suspension letter for the three members that have not completed their physicals. The members cannot return until the physicals have been completed.

1st Assistant Chief Patrick Wardynski announced that the Installment dinner is scheduled for April 11, 2026, at the Ukrainian venue used last year.

Chief's report: 31 Alarms for December.

Chief provided also provided year-end report: Total Alarms for year 2025: **395**

The chief asked the board about another chief vehicle that was for sale from Hughsonville Fire Department. It was advised it was for a 2016 Chevy Tahoe by January 14, 2026. The chief advised they needed to have a sealed bid by January 14, 2026. The chief mentioned a bid of \$17,000. If bid was won, they would use the money from the Apparatus Fund.

Commissioner Briggs made a motion to accept bid and use apparatus fund, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Counsel report: None

Expenses:

A motion was made to pay expenses by Commissioner Briggs, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor.

Chairman Burburan of the board adjourned the regular meeting for executive session at 6:55pm to discuss personnel and or legal matters regarding a particular person or persons.

Motion made by Commissioner Briggs to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:16pm, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:22pm made by Commissioner Briggs, 2nd by Commissioner Tuzzolino. All in favor.

I, Angela Burburan, Secretary of the Ellenville Fire District, hereby certify that the attached minutes are true and accurate copies of the minutes maintained by me in the ordinary course of business and as part of my role as secretary of the Ellenville Fire District.

Secretary, Angela Burburan
Ellenville Fire District