

## ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

### MINUTES - MAY 11, 2026 MEETING

**PRESENT:** Bucky Hathaway, Commissioner; Timothy Clark, Commissioner; William Shave, Sr., Commissioner; and Michael Doyle, Commissioner.  
Paul Fenton, Chairman-Commissioner was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Hunter Farrell, Cleaner; Linda Wolf, Treasurer; and Deb Palmer, Secretary.

Commissioner Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the absence of Chairman Fenton, with a salute to the flag.

The first item of business was the acceptance of the minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting. There were no questions or changes made to the minutes.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Hathaway to accept the minutes of April 13, 2026 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Clark.  
The motion was carried.***

Hunter Farrell asked to address the meeting and requested a raise due to the increase in prices. He said he currently makes \$350/month and would like to ask for \$450/month. It was stated that his salary is budgeted but a budget amendment could be done as there is money in fund balance. Commissioner Doyle told Mr. Farrell that the members would take his request under advisement and would get back to him by next month.

The next item under Old Business was the Epoxy floor. Commissioner Doyle stated that last month it was decided to discuss this matter with the fire department at their next meeting which will be held in two days on Wednesday and see if there would be any interest by the fire members of doing the floor in-house, one bay at a time. When the bids were opened last month the cheapest bid came in at \$78,000. It was also stated that Chief Bill Wright had suggested the name of John Podmore as he does masonry work and Mr. Podmore said he would be interested in the job. Linda stated that one bid came in after the bid opening, she did not open it. It was stated that the project could be re-bid but it becomes expensive with the bid notices for the papers. Commissioner Shave had concerns of members breathing in the fumes from the epoxy paint and the need for breathing apparatus.

It was decided to discuss this matter with the fire department members and if there isn't any interest we can re-bid and ask Mr. Podmore to submit a bid.

(\*\*see comment at end)

Commissioner Doyle stated that the service on the zero turn mower had been done

as well as new blades installed. There was an issue with a dead battery but after being jumped it started.

Commissioner Doyle stated that Truck 155 was having issues with the brake alarm flashing on the dash. He said that he and Ed Martin looked at it and the fluid was full but looked like it had been leaking. They started it and the alarm didn't go off so they drove it to Lewis and the alarm started but it had brakes. This is a diesel truck and was bought used. It was decided that they would have the Chief look into it.

Commissioner Doyle further stated that the oil change on the generator had been taken care of.

Commissioner Doyle asked Linda if she had heard anything on the outstanding check due to the fraud issue. Linda stated she will get in touch with Lena at the bank but as of now the issue with the \$1980 check hadn't been resolved.

Under New Business: Commissioner Hathaway brought up the Podmore fire and the bills the department incurred for water and food. It was asked if these were bills that can be paid. Linda looked up the following under Town Law: *NYS fire districts can pay for food and water at the scene of a fire, provided the expenditure qualifies as an actual and necessary expense.* It was stated that this was a mutual aid fire with lots of departments and someone got water as well as the Westport Fire Auxiliary provided food for 100 people. It was further stated that this fire has renewed interest in starting a fire Auxiliary in E'town.

Commissioner Shave stated that he got his certification.

Commissioner Doyle stated that he took Truck 152 to the fire and the headset has a broken wire which affected the mike and therefore no one could hear him. He further stated that the cover over the hoses and snaps are all broken. It was decided they would ask the Chief to price out new covers.

Commissioner Doyle talked about the Mother's Day breakfast and said there was an outlet in the pool room that when used the plug comes out of the wall. Hunter said he will have someone he knows take a look at it. It was also discussed about the need for new trash cans in the kitchen and Hunter will purchase two new trash cans at Aubuchon's.

Commissioner Doyle stated the Chief sent away the SEBA (scott air pack) to be fixed so there will be a bill coming for that.

Under Other Business: NYCLASS, Linda asked Commissioner Doyle to go in and approve the transfer.

Linda submitted the Treasurer's Report for review with all in favor.

The following bills were submitted and approved for payment:

- Hunter Farrell - payroll \$325.00
- Linda Wolf - payroll \$384.79 and \$654.14
- Deb Palmer - payroll \$236.36
- Patty Bashaw - water for fire \$37.80 (Stewarts)
- Westport Auxiliary - food for fire \$346.03 (Dentons) and \$61.56 (Figs)
- NYSEG - monthly electric \$262.44
- Valley News - legal notice for bid \$55.13
- Pastore Equipment Repairs-service on mower \$283.20
- Dept. Of Treasury - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PR taxes \$499.55
- Impact Fire Services, LLC - hydro test and parts \$109.00
- UVM Physical - Joe Thomas Train physical \$144.00
- Essex County Central Supply - AA batteries \$35.04

As there was no further business to come before this meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Shave. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Deb Palmer*

Deb Palmer, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

\*\*It was decided after the meeting with the Fire Department to go out to bid for the Epoxy Floor Project. Bids to be opened at the next meeting - June 8, 2026.