# ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES - JULY 13, 2026 MEETING

**PRESENT:** Paul Fenton, Chairman-Commissioner; Bucky Hathaway, Commissioner; Timothy Clark, Commissioner; and Michael Doyle, Commissioner.

**ABSENT:** William Shave, Sr, Commissioner.

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

Chairman Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, with a salute to the flag.

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the June 8, 2026 Regular meeting and the June 22, 2026 Special Meeting.

***A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting and the June 22, 2026 Special Meeting.***
***Motion by Commissioner Hathaway, seconded by Commissioner Clark.***
***The motion carried.***

Under Old Business:

Discussion regarding the new floors for the bays and if the far bay should be done or not. It was decided that all the bays should be done at the same time. Discussion also regarding a secure spot for the trucks while the floors were being done and that Chief Wright had stated he was going to check with the town about letting the trucks use their space. Chairman Fenton asked about storage boxes. Commissioner Clark stated he would check with the County on storage boxes but did state that a dumpster would not be available. Chairman Fenton was going to get prices for a 4 yard dumpster and let everyone know. Discussed was then regarding storage for bunker gear, etc., while the bays were being done, stating if all the bays were empty the project could be done all at one time.

It was suggested perhaps pull out the two antique trucks and use that space for storage but in order to use that space they would need permission from the fire department as the trucks belong to them.

Under New Business:

Chairman Fenton spoke about the alarm system issue this past Sunday. He said he called the company and a repair man would be at the fire station on Thursday between 9:00 and 11:00. If anyone wanted to be present during that time they will be shown how to reset the system should it happen again.

Chairman Fenton said he spoke with the insurance company regarding secondary insurance and if there was anything for Scott Decker. He was told by the insurance company that in order for a fireman to be eligible they have to have been at the fire department performing an activity within 24 hours prior to their death. It was stated that every Tuesday night if whoever shows up for siren test were to sign in they would be covered if they happened to pass away within the following 24 hours. Chairman Fenton said he would mention this to the Chief Wright as well as check further into the policy and see what it entails.

Commissioner Doyle stated that after the last meeting he ran into Hunter Farrell and explained to him that the decision was to leave his salary as it was budgeted. Hunter had no problem with the decision.

Commissioner Doyle then stated that Chief Wright had told him that there was someone who was a DOT mechanic willing to come and work on the vehicles changing the oil and doing maintenance, as well as he could remedy the alarm going off on the tanker. Commissioner Hathaway stated that the oldest pumper should have a change of tires - the national standard for tire replacement being seven years. Chief Wright was to also set-up a schedule for replacement of batteries.
According to the National Fire Protection Association, *"tires must be completely retired and replaced no later than 7 years after the date stamped on the sidewall, as rubber breaks down due to ozone and UV light exposure. Tires also must be replaced immediately if they show signs of severe wear, cracking, or damage, or when tread depths are reached."*

The following bills were submitted and approved for payment:

- Mahoney Notify Plus, Inc. - wireless devices, $402.45
- Hunter Farrell - payroll, $325.00
- Deb Palmer - payroll, $234.36
- Linda Wolf - payroll, $384.79
- USI Insurance - crime policy, $297.00
- SLIC - monthly internet, $126.03
- Gordon Oil - 243.4 gal propane, $322.12

Linda stated that BearCom had not been paid yet as she hadn't received an invoice.

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

As there was no further business to come before this meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Doyle to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hathaway. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ *Deb Palmer*

Deb Palmer, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm.