ELIZABETHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 MEETING

PRESENT: Paul Fenton, Chairman-Commissioner; Bucky Hathaway, Commissioner; Michael Doyle, Commissioner; and William Shave, Sr., Commissioner.

ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Clark.

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 August 10, 2026 Regular meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Shave, seconded by Commissioner Hathaway.
The motion carried.

Chairman Fenton mentioned that there is still a problem with the alarm system. He stated that he would get in touch with Mahoney as he was afraid that once the work starts on the bays it could set the alarms off.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion took place regarding the dumpster. Chairman Fenton stated that Linda had gotten a price from Pribble which was $600.00/month or $350/week, but it was for a much larger dumpster than the 4 yard dumpster that is needed. It was also stated that Moores has a 15 yard dumpster for $608.50.
Commissioner Doyle suggested that we get a price from Casella as well as from JP Waste out of Ticonderoga. It was decided that Linda would get in touch with them and get a quote for a 10-day rental and would email the Commissioner's with the price. The company needs to have the dumpster on site by October 1st.
It was stated that September 26th at 8 am had been set to start moving equipment out of the fire house.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda began by going over the proposed budget. She stated that last year the tax levy was $154,725 and the levy for 2027 would be $158,151.
Linda went line by line through the proposed budget with the following two changes made by the members: the line item for *telephone/internet* was increased from $1100.00 to $2000 and the line item for *physicals* was reduced from $2000.00 to $1100.00.

It was stated that the line item for gas, oil, grease, batteries was at $500.00 with only $171.97 used year to date - it was decided that the town must not be billing for the trucks getting gas and maybe the town was paying for it out of the highway budget? It was further stated that the line item for principle payment bond in the amount of $22,000.00 was for the the new addition with 4 years left of the 15 year bond.

Chairman Fenton said that he had spoken to Chief Wright and they will leave the door opener under the plug. The trucks will be located at the town shed while the epoxy floor project goes on.
It was also stated that everyone would like to see Chief Wright start attending these meetings, he won't have a vote, but no one knows the needs of the department unless he attends the meetings and tells the group. Chairman Fenton stated that we paid $3,000 for an antenna that had no back-up and was submitted as a proposal. Commissioner Doyle stated that Tom has been dealing with all that as well as the antenna.

Chairman Fenton further stated that he wants to get to the point where the truck tires and batteries are changed out when due but questions giving the tires to the towns for their use because if something happens we may be liable.

Fire hose testing was discussed and stated that they can't find anyone who does it, that they may be able to do it on their own but the person doing it is supposed to be certified and keep records.

Discussion was had regarding the printer not working correctly and that the secretary had been using her home printer and paper to print all that is needed for the meetings. It was decided that a printer be purchased for the secretary and that it would be housed with the secretary. It was further stated that copy paper could be purchased from Central Supply at the county.

A motion was made to purchase a copier to be used by the Secretary and housed with the Secretary.
Motion made by Commissioner Hathaway, seconded by Commissioner Doyle. The motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget, with changes.
Motion made by Commissioner Doyle, seconded by Commissioner Fenton. The motion carried.

A motion was made to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed 2027 budget on October 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm, with the Regular Meeting to follow.
Motion made by Commissioner Shave, seconded by Commissioner Hathaway. The motion carried.

The following bills were submitted and approved for payment:

- Hunter Farrell - payroll, $325.00

- Linda Wolf - payroll, $344.79
- Deb Palmer - payroll, $234.36
- Slic Fiber - monthly internet, $126.03
- Aubuchon's - 2 bucket, $24.73
- Champlain Communications, Inc - siren testing, $170.00
- Bear Communications - 3 batteries for hand held, $168.47
- Valley News - special meeting notice, $26.15

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 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ *Deb Palmer*

Deb Palmer, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.