

Re: Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vischer Ferry Fire District held on Monday, July 14, 2025.

The monthly meeting convened at 7:30 pm in the Commissioners' room at Station #2. Those in attendance were Commissioner Kevin Bowman, Commissioner Marty Schanz, Commissioner Andrew Casucci, Commissioner Grant Keeler, Commissioner Dave Pettis, Treasurer Carl Visconti, Secretary Karan Donohue, Administrator Tim Brousseau, 1st Assistant Chief Allen Van Cleef, 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Stanley, and Phil Brousseau.

Bills

1. A listing of transactions numbered 17686 through 17742, totaling \$248,771.61, was presented to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Keeler made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner Casucci made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Schanz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

1. Bank statements, account reconciliations, and check images for June 2025, and the listing of transactions approved and paid in June 2025 were given to Commissioner Casucci for verification.
2. Bank statements, account reconciliations, and check images for May 2025 were returned to the Treasurer.
3. There was a discussion of the electricity usage by Greenlight at Station 2. Commissioner Schanz will investigate this for the next meeting.

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chief's Report

1. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to approve Mike Ervin into membership in the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Baxter Yauchler is at Military Boot Camp until February 2, 2026.
3. Commissioner Schanz made a motion for the following:
 - a. Mike Stanley, Tim Brousseau, and Ron Bruzdinski, Jr. to take an Air Metering Class in Halfmoon starting 8-27
 - b. Aiden Caligiuri, Jim Caligiuri and Ashley Meyer to take BEFO/IFO at the South Colonie Training Center starting 7-31 to 10-18
 - c. Peter Kudrewicz to take Principles of Instruction at Arvin Hart from 9/8 through 9-20
 - d. Fire Police to attend a County Fire Police meeting at Hillcrest on 7-16.Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase the following:
 - a. One (1) Blue Safety Officer helmet shield from xxx for \$xxx.
 - b. Eight (8) ISG batteries from MES \$303.27 each, for a total of \$2,426.16
5. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to approve the following apparatus:
 - a. Pick up for BEFO/IFO class at the South Colonie Training Center from 7-31 to 10-18
 - b. Pick up for Principles of Instruction Class at Arvin Hart from 9-8 to 9-20
 - c. M-635 to Hillcrest on 7-16Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. CPR instructors was tabled until the next meeting.

Administrator's Report

1. Commissioner Casucci made a motion to declare the following surplus:
 - a. Two (2) 25' lengths of 5" hose
 - b. One (1) 50' length of 2.5" hose
 - c. Three (3) 50' lengths of 1.75" hoseCommissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. The First Due transition is almost complete.
3. Most of the radios have been received. We are waiting on some chargers.
4. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase stuffed animals for pediatric EMS calls. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase a 55" television from Best Buy for approximately \$200. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrative Assistant's Report

1. The trays that were ordered for the new tanker will be left at VRS for the next available truck.

New Business

1. Received the minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting of the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company.
2. Received the minutes of the May 15, 2025, meeting of the Emergency Services Advisory Board.
3. Received the client statement from UBS for June 2025.
4. Received *Fire District Affairs* for June 2025-July 2025.
5. Received the Auditor Communications, December 31, 2024, and the Regulatory Basis Financial Report year ended December 31, 2024, from the Treasurer.
6. It was reported that the new Chief's vehicle will be available for delivery at Mangino Chevrolet later this week. Commissioner Pettis made a motion to approve the payment of the contract amount (\$55,131.43) and authorize Commissioner Bowman to pick up the vehicle from the dealer. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

Miscellaneous

1. There was discussion on lawn mowing at Stations #2 & 3. Two firefighters are interested and will be hired as Independent Contractors at \$18 per hour.
2. ETA-621 is having the pump parts installed at VRS.
3. There was discussion on cutting down the ladder box on ETA-621. We will obtain quotes.
4. We will be receiving quotes for upfitting the new Tahoe soon.
5. The boat launch needs to be inspected to see if the docks can go in.
6. Received the equipment list for the new tanker. Commissioner Schanz moved, and Commissioner Pettis seconded a resolution to authorize the expenditure up to \$500,000 from the Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund for the tanker and equipment. The Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Kevin Bowman	yes
Commissioner Marty Schanz	yes
Commissioner Andrew Casucci	yes
Commissioner Grant Keeler	yes
Commissioner Dave Pettis	yes

The resolution is adopted.

7. We are researching prices for power washing Stations #1 & 2.

8. There was discussion on raising the container and putting material under it to stabilize it.
9. The charger for the floor machine is not working. Commissioner Keeler will investigate it.
10. We will give the foam that was used at the xxx fire back to the departments that gave it to us.
11. The dehumidifiers have not been installed at Station #1 yet.
12. Commissioner Pettis reported on the exercise room at Station #3.
13. Received a quote from CK Electric to replace the parking lot bulbs at Station #2 with LEDs for \$2,710. Commissioner Keeler made a motion to replace the light bulbs at Station #2 as quoted. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
14. Phil Brousseau, President of the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company, discussed fundraising by the Company. Commissioner Casucci made a motion to approve the following fundraisers for the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company:
 - a. Farm Fest Breakfast Sunday, September 14, 2025 Station #1
 - b. Lobsterama Saturday, October 4, 2025 Station #2Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
15. There was discussion on accepting Mutual Aid from individuals from other Districts. There should be a statement on all call and training sheets indicating that mutual aid from an individual from another district was accepted. The individual's name and district should be filled in by the Incident Commander.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schanz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:30 pm in the Commissioners' room at Station #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karan Donohue, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Vischer Ferry Fire District

Kevin Bowman, Chairman
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