

RE: Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vischer Ferry Fire District held on Monday, September 8, 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, Administrative Assistant Lisa Castaldo, Don Andrews, President Phil Brosseau, and George Donohue.

Bills

1. A listing of transactions numbered 17806 through 17846, totaling \$92,496.94, was presented to the Board for approval.

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

Old Business

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

Treasurer's Report

1. Bank statements, account reconciliations, and check images for August 2025, and the listing of transactions approved and paid in August 2025 were given to Commissioner Casucci for verification.
2. Bank statements, account reconciliations, and check images for July 2025 were returned to the Treasurer.

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

Budget – Commissioner Schanz made a motion to adopt the proposed 2026 budget. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chief's Report

1. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to approve Ben Wilson, Elya Mohsenizadeh, and Devin Cushing into membership of the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. There was discussion on a contract with the Town of Colonie for use of the training center. This was tabled pending review by Roger Saddlemire, Avid Insurance, and Tim Hannigan.
3. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase the following:
 - a. Four (4) vehicle chargers from Motorola – three (3) @ \$311.19 each for a total of \$933.57 and one (1) for \$185.69. The total is \$1,346.88.
 - b. One (1) antenna from PMC Wireless for \$119.56.Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. There was discussion on the use of a fire district pickup truck to go to Maine for the lobsters for the Fire Company's Lobsterama fundraiser. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to use a Fire District pickup truck to go to Maine to pick up lobsters for the Fire Company's Lobsterman fundraiser. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator

1. Tim will be ordering equipment for the tanker this week.
2. A gathering will be held at West Crescent on Friday, October 19. (their flyer says Friday, October 17)

Administrator Assistant

1. Mr. Sew & Sew will contact Lisa as to when he can return to measure the hose bed cover for ETA-625.
2. The 2025 Tahoe is at Auto Solutions for upfitting.
3. The snow bids will be extended for 2 years, instead of the current one year.
4. The door company came to look at the door issue at Station #xxx. Lisa told them not to return until they have the parts to avoid another bill.
5. We need a date for the U Dig signs for the district signs.
6. The air compressor on the refrigerator stays on.

New Business

1. Received the TD Bank letter of credit
2. Received the minutes of the August 8, 2025 meeting of the Vischer Ferry Fire Company.
3. Received the client statement from UBS for August 2025
4. Received *Fire District Affairs* for August – September 2025

Miscellaneous

1. We received the Velcro and glue for the hose cover on ETA-621
2. Commissioner Schanz will contact DeSignore to set a date to seal the parking lot at Station #1.
3. The trailer for the UTV is included in the budget for next year unless one can be found sooner.
4. The tanker should be arriving in October.
5. We will do bloodwork for firefighters if they request it.
6. The Public Hearing for the 2026 budget will be Tuesday, October 21, at 7:30 at Station #2.
7. The inspection dinner will be Thursday, November 13, at the Bears restaurant.
8. There was discussion on bringing water to Station #2.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, October 13, 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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