

REGULAR MEETING

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Southampton Fire District was called to order by Duly Elected Chairman David Price at 7:30 PM, on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Water Mill Community House located at 743 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY.

PRESENT: Commissioners David Price, Roy Wines, Brian Cooke, Treasurer MaryAnn Milton, and Secretary Rachel DiGiovanni

EXCUSED: Lance Aldrich, Tom White

GUESTS: 1st Assistant Chief Richard Fowler, 2nd Assistant Chief Ken Lockard and David Raynor

Mr. Price submitted the minutes from the Fire Protection Contract Hearing and the Organizational Meeting, both occurring on January 8, 2026, for motion. A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Wines to accept the minutes of the Fire Protection Contract Hearing and the Organizational Meeting of January 8, 2026. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
	Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A	<u>VW23-32</u>

Chief's Report: Richard Fowler and Ken Lockard presented a letter to the board. The letter was addressed to the Southampton Fire District Board and also the Southampton Village Board. The letter stated a formal request for the development and construction of a new firehouse on the North Sea Road property. The current firehouse on Windmill Lane no longer adequately meets the operational needs of the Southampton Fire Department. Mr. Price asked Mr. Fowler and Mr. Lockard where the funds were placed from the sale of vehicle #36. Mr. Fowler stated the funds went into The Southampton Village's capital reserves. Mr. Price stated that funding is provided to the Southampton Fire Department, 40% from the Southampton Fire District and 60% from The Southampton Village. The sale of the vehicle is only going back into The Southampton Village's 60%. Mr. Fowler also stated that the department was looking to replace two chief vehicles and would start getting quotes. He is thinking each vehicle would run around \$110k and would like to order them after June 2026. Mr. Wines stated that it would be beneficial to sit down with The Southampton Village before the fire department budget is submitted and go through the reserves. Go through everything currently on the list and future items for the purpose of prioritizing and determining what would be funded from the reserves first and what can wait.

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke to approve the fifteen (15) “DIME” vouchers from January 2026 totaling \$626,392.23. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
	Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A	<u>VW23-33</u>

The Treasurer’s report for January 2026 was reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
	Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A	<u>VW23-34</u>

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence sent and received over the last month. A list is attached herein.

Committee Reports -

Fire District Budget – Enforced.

Fire Protection Contract – There was a Fire Protection Contract Amendment on page 2, item # 5. “Reserve Account for the purchase of NEW FIRE APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT.” This was revised from reserve account only including fire apparatus.

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke to approve the amended Fire Protection Contract. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
	Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A	<u>VW23-35</u>

Long Range Planning – In the works.

Wells, Hydrants & Water Mains – All have been cleared from the snowstorm.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – Raynor Landscaping Contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Cooke to accept the 2026 Raynor Landscaping Contract as presented. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A		<u>VW23-36</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Wines for the disposal of equipment to be removed from capital assets (Printer/Copier - Canon IF189200). The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A		<u>VW23-37</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Cooke to disburse payment for the Fire Protection Contract to The Village of Southampton, subject to the Permissive Referendum, in the amount of \$370,538.41. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A		<u>VW23-38</u>

Without further business a motion was made by Mr. Wines and seconded by Mr. Price to adjourn tonight's meeting. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Mr. Price	Aye	Mr. White	N/A	Mr. Wines	Aye
Mr. Cooke	Aye	Mr. Aldrich	N/A		<u>VW23-39</u>

Chairman Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel DiGiovanni, Secretary