

West Corners Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2026

Attending:

Commissioner Griffith
Commissioner Heide
Commissioner Sainclair
Commissioner Davis

M. Schroedel, Treasurer
B. Homa, Secretary

Guests:

C. Loveland
M. Burts
M. Dean

Chairman of the Board Griffith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Order of the meeting was changed for a presentation by Sourcewell.

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to adopt the corrected minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on January 14, 2026. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

1. Mileage ace report for January
2. Financial reports for January
3. Check from Broome County (\$400)
4. Postcard from recruitNY.org
5. Confirmation email that injury form was submitted to the labor board for 2025
6. Letter from Town of Union re: code inspection of our stations
7. Tax check from the Town of Union
8. Insurance renewal application
9. Letter from CAFDA re: Treasurer class March 27 & 28
10. Station use form re: Doug's Fish Fry Mar 24
11. 2% report from the company

Treasurer's Report: Balances as of January 31, 2026

NBT Payroll Account	\$ 7,123.44
NBT Operating	\$ 11,299.97
NBT Repair Reserve Fund	\$ 45,774.72
NBT Account 2	\$ 11,619.94
NBT Grant Reserve	\$ 13,108.74
NBT Fire App Equip Reserve	\$ 394,853.09
NBT Building Reserve	\$ 536,880.55
NBT Fire Apparatus Acct 2	\$ 91,136.70
NBT Account 3	\$ 9,503.63
NBT Fire App/Equip Acct 3	\$ 212,630.21
NBT General Fund	\$ 132,011.62
M&T Operating	\$ 928.87
	\$ 1,466,871.48

- Applied for an account with Moore's Tire Sales
- Deposited \$400 check from Broome County for polling site
- Contacted Jerry Bignoli re: AFR (state report)

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- Created a Sanico login
- Removed Cheryl Kratochvil from M&T and OSC
- Receipt from AFDSNY re: Griffith commissioner training
- Submitted RP466A roster to Town of Union assessor
- Submitted FEMA grant performance report
- Redeemed \$123.69 in M&T CC Rewards Points as credit to the account pursuant to the CC policy
- Met with Jerry Bignoli to work on Annual Financial Report (AFR)
- Deposited Tax check in the amount of \$638,190.00. Transferred \$252,000.00 to Fire Apparatus Reserve account as per FY2026 budget.
- Transferred \$25 from General Fund to FEMA account so that the FEMA account is no longer dormant
- Treasurer's Report for January sent to the group
- Submitted FY2025 carry-over spreadsheet to the Board and Chief

Motion made by Heide, second by Sainclair to accept the treasurer's report as given. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to pay all the bills, except for the After Hours Tires and the Moore's Tires invoices, check numbers 1904 to 1937. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Heide, second by Davis to enter into executive session at 7:09 pm to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or persons.

Motion made by Sainclair, second by Heide return to regular session at 7:36 pm

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to pay the bills for Moore's Tires and After Hours Tires. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Training: None

Committee Reports:

1. Generator PM is Feb 24. Davis will meet them at the station

Fire Prevention: None

Chief's Report:

1. New valve on Brush Truck
2. Looking at Items for possible end-of-year money
3. Working on updating quotes for the DEC grant.
 - Pants
 - Gloves
 - Eye protection
 - Other items
4. Does the BOC want to have its own QR code for building and ground issues?
5. Looking at a possible Task Force 1 class. Talked with the Broome County Fire Chief Association, and the president seems to be interested in co-sponsoring it. Work in progress
6. Working on all OSHA training and fit testing
7. Turn signal replaced on Engine 29-1
8. Looking at new gear purchases in the next few months

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9. The shore power cable for the EMS bay was ripped off during a call last night. Incident report filled out

Requests:

1. To have access to the camera system along with a BOC member

Call Stats:

1. Fire 100% answered
2. EMS 38% answered

Squad updates:

1. Still working on specs as the Minoa is a base rig

COMPANY:

1. J. Hartman went on leave of absence for 6 months beginning in January
2. New person in the application process
3. Dinner dance is Saturday at The Riverdale

GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. V-FIRE grant deadline will probably not be met
2. Awarded the grant for the SFY2025-2026 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program
3. FEMA Gear Washer grant subject to the federal shutdown. We still need to meet with Delta to plan for installation of the washers.
4. Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Heide to approve all classes on the stipend list except for the EMS class. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to approve the stipend for the EMS class. The motion passed with the following vote: Aye: Griffith, Davis, Sainclair No: Heide
6. It was suggested to contact our lawyer to get his thoughts on our working with Sourcewell and to invite him to join in with another zoom meeting with Ashley from Sourcewell. The apparatus committee should also be invited to this. Planned for the next work session, March 11 at 6 pm.
7. Nicole from LOSAP will also be contacted to do a presentation for the company
8. Davis is making up packets that will be readily available in case of an accident; having all needed forms for prompt reporting of an accident.
9. Motion made by Sainclair, second by Davis to appoint Charles Loveland as Commissioner until December 31, 2026 to fill Byron Reed's vacated term. The motion passed with the following vote: Aye: Griffith, Davis, Sainclair No: Heide
10. Motion made by Heide, second by Sainclair to contact the lawyer and the AFDSNY lawyer to see if there is a conflict if C. Loveland serves on the Board while his son is the Chief. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A firefighter is in the hospital ICU.
2. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to allow M. Schroedel to take the treasurers class in Cortland on March 27 & 28. Cost of the class, mileage and meals will

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be covered by the district. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion made by Sainclair, second by Davis to allow the company to host Doug's fish fry on March 24. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Applications: None

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty J Homa

Betty J. Homa, District Secretary
Electronically signed