

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

Attending:

Commissioner Griffith  
Commissioner Heide  
Commissioner Sainclair  
Commissioner Davis  
Commissioner Loveland

M. Schroedel, Treasurer  
B. Homa, Secretary

Guests:

M. Dean, Asst. Chief

Chairman of the Board Griffith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Loveland to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2026. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

It is noted that there was an executive session held at the work session on March 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss a legal matter that came in from the lawyer. No action was taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Mileage ace report for February
2. Financial reports for February
3. Confirmation letter that the SAM account has been renewed
4. The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has approved your application for funding for Project RR25-1046-E00 (Recruitment & Retention Grant)
5. Receipt for payment of Town and County taxes
6. Verizon reimbursement for Town and County taxes
7. Station use form for the Auxiliary craft fair
8. Fire District Affairs for Feb & March
9. Vestal training site contract
10. Heide received a call from a Fire apparatus vendor re: squad committee

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balances as of February 28, 2026

NBT Payroll Account	\$ 5,693.58
NBT Operating	\$ 9,789.98
NBT Repair Reserve Fund	\$ 45,859.00
NBT Account 2	\$ 11,641.33
NBT Grant Reserve	\$ 13,132.87
NBT Fire App Equip Reserve	\$ 647,778.89
NBT Building Reserve	\$ 537,869.00
NBT Fire Apparatus Acct 2	\$ 91,304.49
NBT Account 3	\$ 9,521.13
NBT Fire App/Equip Acct 3	\$ 213,021.68
NBT General Fund	\$ 504,716.04
M&T Operating	\$ 928.87
	\$ 2,091,256.86

- Renewed SAM.gov registration. Next action item date to renew is February 14, 2027.
- Date to file AFR was extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Finance class with the state canceled due to low enrollment

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- Press & Sun Bulletin invoice vs. LocalIQ
- **Motion:** Authorize treasurer to contact C&G regarding unemployment insurance for paid staff.

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

We were presented a voucher for 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Newsletter. We have never paid for this before. Believe it should be a bill for the company and will be turned over to them.

Motion was made by Davis, second by Sainclair to pay all the bills, check numbers 1937 to 1972. Griffith, Davis, Sainclair and Loveland voted in favor and the motion passed. Heide: Abstained

**TRAINING:**

1. Hosting TIMS training class. May 5 and 12. Instructor is from the New York State Police
2. D. Morais - Interior Firefighter Operations at Vestal Station 1. Starting on April 28, the class runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**CHIEF:**

1. Remove all the old Bailout CMC equipment from inventory.
  - a) Inventory numbers are provided on a separate sheet
2. Ready to order/ Purchasing equipment from the Forest Grant.
  - a) What do you need from me?
3. Engine 29-1 Door handle issue. Firehouse apparatus has been contacted for repairs
4. Finishing up OSHA Trainings
5. Finishing all interior firefighter fit testing
6. Working on gathering the next wave of fire gear, (what firefighters will be sized). Waiting to see what the price increase will be.
7. New District QR code made by A/C Steinhiser for building & grounds issues
8. Working on new SOG with new rope equipment. New standard on how we are going to operate
9. Working on a presentation on all the new equipment

**Requests:**

1. \$17,000 of the 2025 end-of-year money to update a large part of the department's rope rescue equipment.
  - i. Will be buying more with the 2026 budget
    1. All our rope has expired (older than 10 years)
    2. Updates to equipment
    3. Newer and more efficient equipment
    4. New hardware does not have an expiration date
2. \$8,393.44 to finish the rope project - 2026 budget new equipment
3. To have access to the camera system along with a BOC member

**Call Stats:**

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

**Total Hours:**

1. 67 hours of fire calls, 94.50 Feb training

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Davis has been working on a short packet for reporting accidents. Brandt will be making up a QR code for the needed information.
2. Reported mold in station 2 bathroom ceiling. Also reported excessive heat in the work out room.
3. Squad committee has held 2 meetings. Reviewing wishes and wants. Next meeting will be held next week. Sainclair reached out to Ashley from Sourcewell to meet with us.
4. Checked on a cabinet for the utility room. Cost is approximately \$500 for a unit with doors that will lock.
5. Sainclair has reached out to Vestal to set up a tour of their new station. Waiting on a return call.
6. Griffith will reach out to Town of Union to get on their list for parking lot repair.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** See attached for the February FPO report

**COMPANY:**

1. James Pendergast has resigned
2. Doug's Fish Fry is March 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 6
3. Davis heard at a Fire Police meeting that the district should make a resolution that our Fire Police would be covered by insurance for mutual aid calls. It is felt that they are already covered. It is possible a resolution would be needed for parades and such.

**GUESTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. For one of the grants, it is required the paid staff be covered by unemployment insurance. Treasurer wishes to contact our lawyer for advice as the paid staff is part time, and we have never had this before.
2. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to make the old 2014 bailout system surplus, with disposition be made after inspection of the equipment to see whether it could be sold, or should be thrown out. This old system must be disposed of within 6 months. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Sainclair to approve the IFO training for D. Morais. This will begin on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Vestal fire.
4. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to allow the Auxiliary to host a craft fair on November 7<sup>th</sup>. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to sign the contract for the Vestal Training site. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussion was held on purchase of new ropes. Quotes were provided by the Chief.  
From 2025 year-end money:  
HALO - \$16,984.98  
RescueDirect - \$17,462.84  
CMC Pro - \$18,976.07  
  
From 2026 Budget:  
HALO - \$8,393.44  
RescueDirect - \$8,719.46  
CMC Pro - \$9,608.75

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It was requested that both purchases for ropes come from the same vendor. HALO offers lowest totals across both funding buckets.

7. Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to purchase ropes with 2025 carry over money at a cost of approximately \$17,000 HALO. Griffith, Davis, Sainclair and Loveland voted in favor and the motion passed. Heide: Opposed
8. Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to use 2026 money to purchase ropes from HALO at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Griffith, Davis, Sainclair and Loveland voted in favor and the motion passed. Heide: Opposed

Motion made by Griffith, second by Sainclair to go into executive session at 8:23 PM to discuss legal matters.

Motion was made by Sainclair, second by Davis to return to regular session at 8:28 PM.

No action was taken

**Applications:** None


Motion was made by Davis, second by Heide to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betty J Homa*

Betty J. Homa, District Secretary  
Electronically signed

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<b>West Corners Fire Department</b>			<b>FPO Report 2026</b>					
			<b>Bureau of Fire Prevention Monthly Incident Report</b>					
			<b>February</b>					
			<b>Mutual Aid</b>			<b>Given      Received</b>		
<b>Alarm</b>	<b># of</b>	<b>Alarm Hours</b>						
Fire	15		Endicott					
E.M.S.	29		Endwell			1		
Error	0		Vestal					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44</b>		West Endicott					
			Union Center					
"On Duty"	0		Maine			(2)*2		
			East Maine					
			Campville					
			Newark Valley			3		
			Glen Aubrey					
			Whitney Point					
			Apalachin			1		
			Owego					
			Berkshire					
NERIS			Silver Lake (PA)					
			Johnson City			1		
			*BGM Airport					