

West Corners Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2026

Attending:

Commissioner Griffith
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Sainclair
Commissioner Heide
Commissioner Loveland

B. Homa, Secretary
M. Schroedel, Treasurer
M. Loveland, Chief

Guests:

M. Dean, Asst Chief
K. Rogers
B. Haight

Chairman of the Board Griffith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mileage ace report for July
2. Financial reports for July
3. Quote from Delta re: washer installation
4. Email to review from Guthrie for physicals (pricing stayed the same)
5. Email from Empire re: new contact person
6. Email from Ehrlich re: EHS charge
7. Department of Finance NY – additional deposit to 2% money that NY shortchanged us
8. NautiDog – quote for snow removal
9. Email from K. Coughlin, our lawyer, re: vehicle resolution

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balances as of June 30, 2026

NBT Payroll Account	\$ 3,544.28
NBT Operating	\$ 8,800.73
NBT Repair Reserve Fund	\$ 47,326.63
NBT Account 2	\$ 12,763.33
NBT Grant Reserve	\$ 14,269.94
NBT Fire App Equip Reserve	\$ 730,657.23
NBT Building Reserve	\$ 544,306.33
NBT Fire Apparatus Acct 2	\$ 93,231.14
NBT Account 3	\$ 10,621.72
NBT Fire App/Equip Acct 3	\$ 216,177.78
NBT General Fund	\$ 323,888.83
FEMA Deposit Account	\$ 25.00
M&T Operating	\$ 993.76
Unemployment Reserve Account	\$ 1,006.73
	\$ 2,007,613.43

- Treasurer's Report submitted via SharePoint
- Chief's Vehicle Report submitted via SharePoint
- Clarify the use of credit cards, use house accounts first
- **Motion:** Authorize creation of Auxiliary SharePoint site

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

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Motion was made by Heide, second by Loveland to pay all the bills, check numbers 2081 to 2114. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

TRAINING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Spoke with Bill VanGorder regarding insurance rates. He said worker comp should be going down, but property insurance may be going up about 5% for next year.
2. Generator will be serviced on August 26th in early afternoon

FIRE PREVENTION: See attached report for July

CHIEF:

1. Forestry Grant
 - a. Forestry Pants - Are in and have been added to the inventory
 - b. Ordered HotStick - issue with manufacturer
 - c. Gloves, chest radio vests, Stream lights
 - i. Large Gloves are in
 - ii. Waiting on other sizes
2. Working on uniform items for the retention and recruitment grant
 - a. Quote from All-Star Sport
 - b. Quote from Calleo Logo wear- waiting on it to come in
3. Training building
 - a. Working on gathering items that we need to fix
 - b. Items that we need to add to have better training grounds
4. NYS Inspection:
 - a. Engine 29-1, and Ladder 29 have passed
 - b. Rescue 29, Engine 29-11 did not (Front Seat Belts need to be replaced)
 - i. A/C Dean is currently working on this

Requests:

1. Status of outstanding issues with building and grounds
 - a. GFI next to engine 29-1
 - b. *** T&B was contacted on 7/8/26 and, with the approval of Commissioner Sainclair, will have the Engine and Rescue bays on its own circuit.
 - i. Breaker was swapped out with a normal one and seems to be working fine
2. Adding female hygiene products in the female bathroom

Call Stats:

Fire 100 % answered
EMS 0 % answered

Total Alarm Hours:

1. 492

Total Training Hours:

1. 169.5

Request:

1. Halo 1st Responder wants to do a hose demo Sept 3 if we will host

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New Engine Committee:

1. The Committee met, reviewed, and finished the spec that we would like to use to build the new Squad.
 - a. Schedule conflicts for meeting
 - b. B. Haight and M. Loveland are going to look at a Sutphen rig near Syracuse on Monday.

COMPANY:

1. 3 applicants had 1st read
2. 2 applicants had 2nd read
3. L. Alimonti was moved from auxiliary to active fire police
4. Ice cream social tomorrow night

GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Only 1 bid was received for snow removal from NautiDog. Bidders will be contacted to be sure they are truly not interested, and try to find other vendors so we are not reliant on only 1 bid. New bids will be due the Tuesday (22nd) before the September regular meeting. Griffith will contact the vendors that did not offer a bid, and attempt to come up with more vendors to contact. The received bid will not be opened tonight.
2. Discussion was held on the method of purchase for the new truck. It was proposed to hold a public hearing to inform the public regarding this purchase. This public hearing will be set for 6 pm October 21st held in conjunction with the budget hearing and prior to the scheduled regular meeting.
3. Equipment retention grant: Sainclair contacted gym instructors and he has connected with several persons. He will be meeting with each person before the September 2nd work session. We will have a special meeting September 2nd prior to the work session to award this, with the work session immediately following.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Heide, second by Loveland to change the September work session to September 2nd, and the regular meeting to September 23rd. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Heide, second by Loveland to hold a Special meeting on September 2nd prior to the work session beginning. This meeting will begin at 7 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion made by Heide, second by Sainclair to set up SharePoint sites in M365 for the Auxiliary, and the Company. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion was held regarding M365 email accounts for all members. Decided it will be optional right now; made available for those that request it and will use it. It will be set up for all officers. Motion made by Heide, second by Sainclair to set up emails for officers and any optional members that request it, however it may be made mandatory in the future. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to accept the quote from Delta in the amount of \$16,240 to design the installation of the new washers at both stations. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion made by Sainclair, second by Heide to host the Halo demonstration at no cost to us, on the September 3rd training night, and inviting other agencies to participate. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

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7. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to have a public hearing to discuss the purchase of the new engine in conjunction with the Budget Hearing. This will be held on October 21st at 6 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Sainclair to extend the bid process for snow removal and receive bids by September 22nd, and open them at regular meeting on September 23rd. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Applications:

1. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to accept the application of Shianne Hall-Bickham. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Heide, second by Sainclair to accept the application of Landon Becker. He is accepted provisionally pending the results of his physical. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Heide, second by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 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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**West Corners
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**FPO Report
2026**

**Bureau of Fire Prevention
Monthly Incident Report
July**



Alarm Types	# of Alarms	Alarm Hours	Mutual Aid	Given	Received
Fire	21		Endicott	1	
E.M.S.	20		Endwell	1	
Error	0		Vestal		
Totals	41		West Endicott	2	1
			Union Center	6	3
"On Duty"	0		Maine	2	3
			East Maine	1	
			Campville		
			Newark Valley	1	
			Glen Aubrey		
			Whitney Point		
			Apalachin		
			Owego		
			Berkshire		
			Silver Lake (PA)		
			Johnson City		
			*BGM Airport		

NERIS submitted

cc Board of Fire Commissioners

cc Chief