West Corners Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2026

Attending:		Guests:
Commissioner Griffith	B. Homa, Secretary	M. Dean, Asst Chief
Commissioner Davis	M. Schroedel, Treasurer	D. Leonard
Commissioner Heide		B. Evanek – Mondorf & Fenwick
Commissioner Loveland		

Chairman of the Board Griffith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The order of the meeting was changed to have B. Evanek from Mondorf & Fenwick present the Year 2025 CPA Audit.

Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2026.

Motion was made by Loveland, second by Heide to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 2, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mileage ace report for August
2. Financial reports for August
3. Insurance Proposal
4. Letter from Coughlin & Gerhart re: audit verification
5. Resolution for new vehicle received from lawyer
6. Email & Invoice from Philosophically Built
7. Ehrlich service report
8. Draft of Year 2025 audit
9. Letter from Verizon re: copper base service to fiber
10. Fire District Affairs August – September
11. Computer Shop – speaker quote
12. Email from UVES re: winter EMS class to be held

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balances as of August 31, 2026

NBT Payroll Account	$	2,114.42
NBT Operating	$	9,582.76
NBT Repair Reserve Fund	$	47,423.10
NBT Account 2	$	12,789.35
NBT Grant Reserve	$	14,299.03
NBT Fire App Equip Reserve	$	732,146.57
NBT Building Reserve	$	545,415.82
NBT Fire Apparatus Acct 2	$	93,421.18
NBT Account 3	$	10,643.37
NBT Fire App/Equip Acct 3	$	216,618.43
NBT General Fund	$	306,542.46
FEMA Deposit Account	$	25.00
M&T Operating	$	993.76
Unemployment Reserve Account	$	1,008.78
Total monies	$	1,993,024.03

- Treasurer's Report submitted via SharePoint

- Chief's Vehicle Report submitted via SharePoint
- Received check from Vestal FD for RIT class
- QuickBooks increasing from $1,242 to $1,512 (+$270)
- School taxes paid, reimbursement request sent to Verizon
- Attended 2026 Introduction to Government Account Class (webinar)
- Petcosky fire extinguisher inspection
- Received donation from David P Stewart
- Letter received from Verizon advising that they're going from copper to fiber. They will be offering VoIP.
- **Motion:** Renew electric contract with Empire Natural Gas Corporation
- **Motion:** Review and approve proposed budget for 2027
- **Motion**: Approve FY2025 Financial Report and submit to OSC

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

Motion was made by Loveland, second by Heide to pay all the bills, check numbers 2115 to 2147. With the exception of the Petcosky invoice as we have questions on what was serviced. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

TRAINING:

1. Hire Tom Basher Merdian – Host Hunter Rescue Training on October 27 at a cost of $925.
2. Chief of Vestal will do a tour anytime. Suggested 7th or 8th of October at new station 4 Vestal at 6:30. The board would also like to visit the Harpursville station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. The company wants a stove with a griddle

FIRE PREVENTION: Report for August attached

CHIEF:

1. Forestry Grant
    a. Gloves, chest radio vests, Stream Lights
        i. All gloves are in
        ii. Forestry hose
2. Working on uniform items for the retention and recruitment grant
    a. Quote from All-Star Sports
    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. Rescue 29, Engine 29-11 did not pass (Front Seat Belts need to be replaced)
        i. A/C Dean is currently working on this
    b. Ladder 29- OOS due to the onboard Generator tripping when the system is loaded.
        i. Being worked on by Twin Tier
        ii. 9/16/26
            a. Ladder being taken to Brad Penn in Syracuse for a neutral switch issue
5. Sent Chief's laptop to TCS
    a. Windows program would not update.

   b. It is fixed and will be picked up when I am back in town
6. Task Force 1
   a. 6 Members from West Corners
   b. 12 firefighters overall
   c. Vestal paid $225 as they sent their cascade trailer for us to use during the training
   d. Working on payments from Union Center and Campville

Requests:

1. Host a hose demo from Halo First Responder. No cost for West Corners. **This was canceled**
2. Emails
   a. Laurie Alimonti
   b. Norm Davis
   c. Davis Morais

Call Stats:

Fire 100 % answered
EMS 40 % answered

Total Alarm Hours:

1. 167.56

Total Training Hours:

1. 182.5

New Engine Committee:

1. The final draft of squad specifications - completed, ready for the next step

COMPANY:

1. 2 applicants had 2nd read
2. We will be attending the schools trunk or treat; date for our truck or treat will be decided next month.

GUESTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Heide, second by Davis to accept the Y2025 audit completed by Mondorf & Fenwick. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion made by Heide, second by Davis to table the adoption of the Resolution to purchase of the vehicle for one year. The motion did not pass due to the tied voting of AYE – Heide, Davis NO: Loveland, Griffith (Sainclair – absent)
3. Griffith suggests to potentially line the voting of the resolution up with the December elections. That way we can get the specs, and any additional documentation. We will take no action on the resolution tonight.

Motion was made by Heide for an executive session at 8:32 pm. No second was made. Executive session was not held.

4. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to adopt the Proposed budget for 2027. The budget passed with the following Roll call vote:
   AYE – Griffith, Davis, Loveland
   NO: Heide
   ABSENT: Sainclair

5. Motion made by Loveland, second by Davis to hold a budget hearing on October 20 at 6 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to hold a Special meeting October 20 at 6:30 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Davis will meet with Delta on Friday if Sainclair can't meet, so the stations can be inspected again for the washer installations.
8. More than 7 quotes were requested for snow removal and bids were requested two times. The only quote received was from NautiDog. Quote from NautiDog was opened. Charges were $135 for snow shoveling, $100 for deicing per occurrence, $200 for snow and deicing combination, and $200 per hour for snow pile removal. Motion made by Loveland, second by Davis to accept the NautiDog bid for snow removal at station 1. The motion passed by the following vote:
   AYE: Davis, Griffith, Loveland (Sainclair absent)
   NO: none
   ABSTAIN: Heide
9. Loveland will be the interface with Philosophically Built. He will work with the trainer to set the program up.
10. Floor waxing is recommended to wait until spring. The cleaner is asking what he should do with recycling since we no longer have the recycle bin. Suggested for someone to put it out on Sunday night, or even take it home and put it out with your own.
11. A sit down with the company in October will be set up to discuss LOSAP.
12. Loveland will contact the town code enforcement for the final inspection of the exit sign violations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Loveland, second by Davis to hold the hunter rescue class on October 27th for West Corners personnel only, at a cost of $925. The Chief has money in his budget for this. The motion did not pass due to the following vote:
   AYE: Loveland, Davis (Sainclair absent)
   NO: Heide, Griffith
2. Motion was made by Heide, second by Loveland to renew the electric contract with Empire Natural Gas Corporation for next year. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Applications:

1. Motion made by Heide, second by Loveland to accept the application of Alexis Shaffer for auxiliary. This acceptance is provisional until receipt of her physical report. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to accept the application of Robert Chicuorka. The motion passed by the following vote: AYE: Loveland, Davis, Griffith
   NO: Heide (Sainclair absent)

Motion was made by Loveland, second by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. All Commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty J Homa

Betty J. Homa, District Secretary
Electronically signed

West Corners Fire Department

FPO Report 2026

Bureau of Fire Prevention Monthly Incident Report

Aug

Alarm Types	# of Alarms	Alarm Hours
Fire	22	
E.M.S.	26	
Error	0	
Totals	**48**	
"On Duty"	0	

NERIS submitted

Mutual Aid	Given	Received
Endicott		
Endwell		
Vestal		
West Endicott		
Union Center		5
Maine	2	5
East Maine		
Campville		
Newark Valley		
Glen Aubrey		
Whitney Point		
Apalachin		
Owego		
Berkshire		
Silver Lake (PA)		
Johnson City		
*BGM Airport		

cc Board of Fire Commissioners
cc Chief