

TRUMBULL CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

860 WHITE PLAINS RD



TRUMBULL, CT 06611

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AND APPROVAL)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2026

OPENING:

The regular meeting of the Trumbull Center Fire District was called to order at 6:58pm, by Chairman Riggs.

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

- Ed Riggs, Chairman
- Alex Relkin, Commissioner
- Tom Dufficy, Commissioner
- Pat McCarty, Commissioner
- Paul Ruskey, Commissioner
- Sandra Mulligan, Tax Collector
- Marisa Petriello, Treasurer (outgoing)
- Teri Sclafani, Treasurer (incoming)
- Rich Gregory, Chief
- Dave Tiago, Operations Manager
- Emily Shea, Office Administrator

Others Present:

- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

BUDGET AND TAX REPORTS

- The budget and tax reports were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

OPEN ISSUES AND NEW BUSINESS

Alex Relkin:

- 104 radios and headsets: Radio positioning has been set and wireless headsets ordered. Delivery is roughly 2-3 weeks. When radios are complete (January 9th), Greenwood will come to pick up the truck (January 12th). Truck check expected around January 29^h. Discrepancy list has been provided to Greenwood.
- New truck training will take place on January 31st and February 1st. Apparatus could go into service on February 1st. Official notice needs to go out regarding training, for members. Classroom in the morning and hands on in the afternoon, on both days.
- 102 out for repair of oil leak. Found a chafed wire/s, in addition to an air leak, that needs to be fixed.
- 100 steer tires replaced.
- Antique truck is almost complete. Inspection and final payment next week, then it will return to the firehouse.
- Tri-district meeting: Blocker unit/grant? Not sure grant is going to come through. Expressed interest in old LH 201.
- Tri-district meeting: Long Hill will take care of dinner.

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Dave Tiago:

- Station 1 – Cost to secure bay doors is over \$2K per door.
- Batteries – 104 portables (considered new project).
- 101 to go out for service regarding light tower.
- IT - hardware is beginning to arrive.
- 109 - New tires.
- Station 1: There was a clogged pipe upstairs. A magic eraser was stuck in a pipe and has been removed. The pitch of the pipe is not good. This should be addressed when any upgrades are made.
- Will be ordering ice melt with Nichols and will split the cost with them.

Tom Dufficy:

- Station 2 project in the architect's hands. Need to request digitized version of Station 2 blueprints.
- Office Station 1 – need to find someone to work on thermostats.
- Station 2 office renovations – no update. Dave will reach out to vendors.
- Live-in program - Chief spoke with Company president and this should be resolved next week. Chief suggested getting together with commissioners, next week, to finalize details. Conveyed that access to live-in area should be limited to facilities person, RA. Question regarding renters insurance requirement. Will be put off until next semester. Fire 1 is preferred; live-ins will need to be in progress with the course.

Pat McCarty:

- Tri-district insurance: May need to reactivate TRDC to cover all three districts.
- Proposals regarding fire tax and vehicle tax payment: Have not heard back yet. Would like to get into next year's budget, so everyone has the ability to qualify.
- Payments through Newtown Savings – Electronic versus check: in some instances a check ends up costing the district money as they take too long to get to the vendor. This results in late payment and interest charges. Will go back to writing physical checks.
- FDIC for 2 participants, not to exceed \$10K (if budget allows). APPROVED

Paul Ruskay:

- Gator/Trailer - Town of Trumbull will sign it over to the district. May need to do VIN verification. Will need a certificate of origin. Would like to get this done ASAP.

Rich Gregory:

- 2 Fire One and Fairfield Fire School invoices put in system, per Emily. Payments made for invoices from 07/24 and 12/08.
- \$620 for live fire training in November.
- Officer's meeting – setting higher expectations, working on a "scale." Will work on updating SOGs and providing quarterly performance report for officers and himself.
- Emily can use the old reporting system until the 14th. After that, the new system will be operational.
- Compliance – compliance officer?
- Training for next year – ARelkin advised that other training costs (Firefighter 1 & 2) may not allow for FDIC attendance. PMcCarty says there may be room to send 2 candidates, but not sure yet. Chief suggests classes that would provide training that they do not get internally (i.e. leadership classes).

Sandra Mulligan:

- Inquired as to the status of CT Paid Leave refunds. PMcCarty is still working on it.

Marisa Petriello:

- Asked if laptop for the new treasurer would be available soon. Commissioners advised that it would be.

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ADJOURNMENT:

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026, 7:00 pm at Station 2.

Minutes submitted by: S Mulligan, Secretary