



# VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire Commissioners  
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## Special Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting Minutes for June 25, 2025

1. Present: Thomas McCartney, Chairman  
David Harrington, Commissioner  
Mark Tomko, Commissioner  
Daniel Kirchheimer, Commissioner- Absent  
Ronald Birdsall, Commissioner  
Susan Bowen, Fire District Secretary  
Paige Willes-Brown, Director of Purchasing  
Clay Ellis, Director of Communications  
John Paffie, Fire Chief  
Kahl Miller, Assistant Fire Chief  
Dustin McCartney, Director of Facilities  
2 members from the Public
  
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.
  
3. Commissioner McCartney led the Pledge of Allegiance to those present.
  
19. Policies and Procedures
  - 19.1 Discussion to possibly add Full Department Training for Meal Coverage in the Budget. See Purchasing Policy #101-10b.  
  
-Topic was tabled for another time for further discussion.
  
20. Unfinished Business
  - Three out of the five Resolutions failed to capture only the motions of approval at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting; however, the resolutions were approved by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually.
  
  - 20.1 Motion by Commissioner Birdsall, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve Resolution 2025-008 to Expend from Capital Reserve Fund for Vehicle Equipment Acquisition. The resolution was read to those present and was approved by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting.  
All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.
  
  - 20.2 Motion by Commissioner Birdsall, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve Resolution 2025-009 the Bond Resolution for the Purchase of a New Rescue Truck in the amount of \$650,000. The resolution was read to those present and was approved



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by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually at the June 18th Meeting. All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

20.3 Motion by Commissioner McCartney Seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve Resolution 2025-010 calling for a Special Election on August 19, 2025. The resolution was read to those present. The resolution was motioned and approved by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually at the June 18th Meeting, therefore no action was needed.

20.4 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve the Resolution Designating Election Personnel. The resolution was read to those present and was approved by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually at the June 18th Meeting.

All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

20.5 Motion by Commissioner McCartney, Seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve the Resolution Setting the Time and Place of meeting of inspectors of the election. The resolution was read to those present. The resolution was motioned and approved by roll call with each Commissioner voting individually at the June 18th Meeting, therefore no action was needed.

20.6 Motion to approve change orders for New Brush 32-3 for flatbed installation, optional compartments and door upgrades in the amount of \$27,408.00 from Jutland Truck Bodies. An RFP was put out to three vendors, putting Jutland at a lower cost-effective price and for most adequate services that are going to be provided.

Motion by Commissioner Birdsall, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve.

All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

20.7 Motion to approve change order for New Brush 32-1 for aluminum wheels and aggressive tread tire upgrade in the amount of \$3,195.00 from Ferrario Ford.

Motion by Commissioner Birdsall, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve.

All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

## 21. New Business

21.1 Motion to approve the purchase of (20 lengths) of Snap-Tite Conquest Hose 3" x 100 ft with 2.5 NH Aluminum Couplings for Midi 32-2 and Midi 32-3 in the amount of \$19,900.00 with a possible liftgate charge of \$50.00. from J.P.B Fire Sales, LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Birdsall, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve.



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All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

21.2 Motion to approve the purchase of New Alarm Monitoring Systems for All Stations in the amount of \$1,300.00 from Sentry Alarms.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve. All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

21.3 Motion to approve Heating and Cooling Maintenance for HVAC Systems for Station 1, 2, & 3 to be completed by Postler & Jaeckle in the amount of \$6,900.00 to be billed quarterly or semi-annually.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve. All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

21.4 Request from Firefighter Brendan Horn to do a mutual-aid ride along with the Solvay Fire Department for one weekend a month. Updated Letter to be drafted by the Secretary for signed by the Firefighter, Station Chief, and Chairman.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve. All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

21.5 Motion to approve Vestal Fire Department to use the Storming Crab Restaurant building for training purposes before demolition.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve. All in Favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Birdsall) Opposed: None. Absent: 1 (Kirchheimer) Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bowen  
Fire District Secretary