



VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of
Fire Commissioners**
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Regular Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting Agenda JUNE 24, 2026

1. Present Thomas McCartney, Chairman Others Present: Chuck Paffie, Dept. Chief
 Daniel Kirchheimer, Vice Chairman Bill Stout, Assistant Fire Chief
 David Harrington, Commissioner Jean Stout, Member
 Mark Tomko, Commissioner Andy Eaton, Dept. President
 Keith Purdy, Commissioner Bob Hamilton, 2nd Lieutenant
 Steve Langeland, Assistant Fire Chief
District Staff: Susan Bowen, Fire District Secretary Justin Petcosky,
 Erika Pereira, Assistant Fire District Secretary Mike Petcosky, Member
 Paige Willes-Brown, Director of Purchasing Ed Hildebrand, Member
 Marisa Butler, Fire District Secretary Don Albrecht, 2nd Lieutenant
 Clay Ellis, Director of Communications
2. Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Commissioner McCartney.
3. Commissioner McCartney led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
 4.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve May 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes.
 All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
 Motion carried.
5. Correspondence Report
 5.1 Receive and file of notification of the results of the Department Chief elections.
 5.2 Receive and file of notification of the results of the Station 4 Chief elections.
 5.3 Receive and file the Fire Advisory Board Minutes from April 20, 2026
 5.4 Receive and file the Hannigan Law Letter regarding ongoing litigation.
 5.5 Receive and file email from the AFDSNY regarding recent updates and changes to the 2026 Annual Meeting & Vendor Expo registrations
 5.6 Received 2026 AFDSNY Annual Meeting & Vendor Expo Registrations are open.
- Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve any commissioner and staff to attend the 2026 AFDSNY Annual Meeting & Vendor Expo in Saratoga Springs October 7 to October 10, 2026. \$375 full registration fee, Courtyard by Marriot \$229 a night, rental.
All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.



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6. Bid Openings- None.

7. Scheduled Appointments (Guests)- None.

8. Operations Report – Asst Chief Paffie (or Designee)

Operationally, Chief Paffie reported elevated mutual aid activity and commended interagency efforts during a recent large, life-loss incident. Crews performed at a high level with strong safety posture: overall teamwork was highlighted. Leadership proactively addressed responder mental health: coordinating with chiefs to push supportive messaging, prepare resources, and monitor members following exposure to difficult radio traffic and on-scene conditions. The incident underscored public education needs, specifically smoke detectors and home exit planning.

9. Department Business Report – President Eaton (or Designee) – No Report

10. Station Reports (Fund Raiser/Special Events/Member Requests)

a. Station 1

10a.1 FASNY (Firefighter Association of the State of New York)

b. Station 2

10b.1 Request to reimburse for the purchase/tax of Christmas lights discussed; board consensus against using taxpayer funds for non-essential decorative items. Commissioners emphasized accountability and process for purchases and will convey decision back to Station Two leadership.

c. Station 3 – No Report

d. Station 4 – No Report

11. Membership (New and Current)

11.1 Company #1 at their Company meeting on June 8, 2026, approved Seth Thomson to join Company #1.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve Seth Thomson to join Company 1.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Report

a. Commissioner McCartney – Administrative/Policy

- Training Site Updates:

- A pre-engineering inspection was conducted for the stairway and roof rail installation at the front of the training site.
- A professional engineer believes the building will pass inspection after some necessary repairs are completed. He also has a vendor who can meet the NFPA requirements for the repairs, which include replacing ceiling tiles.



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- The engineer can likely to approve the inspection, and the cost less than the proposed amount of \$15,000
 - Other Activities:
 - Attended routine grant funding meetings.
 - Spent time developing a training policy.
 - Multiple commissioners attended the fire district training in Syracuse.
 - Several special budget meetings were held.
 - Attended a scholarship and records management meeting, and spent time cleaning out
 - b. Commissioner Harrington – Financial/Records Management/Quality Assurance/LOSAP
 - Budget Process:
 - A significant discussion was held on June 15, 2026, regarding how commissioners will track the budget.
 - The grant committee provided associated budget questions two days prior to the meeting (June 22, 2026).
 - A budget work session is scheduled for June 2026 to define target market areas, create a timeline, and clarify certain items.
 - The commissioners will review exclusivity, justifications, and strategy for specific items.
 - Budget Timeline:
 - Over the next 13 days (by July 07, 2026): Revise the budget.
 - Wednesday, July 17, 2026: Commissioners to receive a draft budget.
 - Friday, July 31, 2026: Committee reviews the draft and submits it to the treasurer.
 - Wednesday, August 12, 2026: First session to review the proposed budget prepared by the district treasurer.
 - Thursday, August 27, 2026: The district treasurer revises the budget.
 - Wednesday, September 2, 2026: A work session is scheduled.
 - Funding, Grants, and Communication:
 - The next committee meeting is on July 7, 2026.
 - A new electronic donation platform has been completed and will be ready for use in early July 2026. This includes the “Friends here” program.
 - A draft of the Fred Singer Training Site flyer was received from a vendor via Clay Ellis on June 23, 2026. Feedback is requested.
 - SAFER Grant and Records Management:
 - The planning team is focusing on recruitment, retention, and records management for the SAFER grant application. The last virtual meeting was June 17, 2026; the next is July 08, 2026.
 - March reports were completed and submitted to USFA.
 - The team is about 50% complete with a task targeted for June 26, 2026.



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- March points were distributed to stations for posting, but the Commissioners is not receiving confirmation that they have been posted.
 - A reminder was issued for station personnel to notify the Commissioners after posting minutes.
 - April filing to USFA and points are targeted for June 26, 2026.
 - Fire Report Status:
 - For May, there were 70 fire reports, with 34 still needing to be completed by the chief.
 - New Communication Tools:
 - Key Decision: The district will create simplified, one-page training bulletins, similar to the COVID-19 bulletins, to convey key messages about reporting, processes, and data documentation.
 - Key Decision: An online, self-service FAQ repository will be established on the member website to centralize answers to common questions.
 - System Usage and Training:
 - Users find the current data systems challenging to navigate and use, leading to frustration and a lack of full buy-in.
 - The commissioners acknowledges the need to provide more information, coaching, and materials to help members become comfortable with the tools.
 - The ultimate goal is accountability and having all data (training records, certifications, inventory checks) in one centralized, easily accessible location for audits or in case of an incident.
 - The Commissioner Harrington is waiting for a list and will conduct an inventory of all current software before purchasing any new options.
- c. Commissioner Tomko – Training/Safety Programs/Fred Singer Training Facility
- Monthly Safety Summary:
 - There were no line-of-duty deaths.
 - One minor injury occurred (a tick bite at a brush fire), which was treated at a local health facility.
 - One firefighter was evaluated for heat exhaustion during a training event.
 - One minor accident involving Tower One occurred and is being handled.
 - Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs):
 - Safety Officer Andy Eaton and Training Officer Derek Waddell met with Assistant Chief Paffie about ongoing concerns, including SOGs and inspections.
 - An issue was identified where SOG versions in station books do not match the updated versions in the computer system.
 - Equipment Issues:
 - The issue of storing traffic cones for the highway was raised again, as they do not fit in current storage.
 - The use of personal equipment was discussed.



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- Key Decision: Until a formal policy is developed, any member wishing to use personal equipment must have it inspected by Safety Officer Andy Eaton and Training Officer Derek Waddell to ensure it meets safety standards.
- Monthly Training:
 - This month's training is a follow-up to last month's Mayday training, focusing on mayday searches and fire ground applications.

The board discussed and approved seeking proposals from third-party vendors to assist in rewriting and reviewing the district's policies and procedures.

- Action Item: Return to the board with a proposal for professional services, including pricing, to allow the board to select a vendor.
- Action Item: After receiving the proposal, determine the funding line for this service. The treasurer has confirmed funds are available.
- Fitness Program for members is expected to start in August 2026.
 - Eligibility Requirements:
 - Members must be in good standing.
 - Members must meet minimums for fire response, training, attendance, and activity participation.
 - Members must participate in the enhanced physical standards from the occupational health set.
 - Program Details:
 - The district will pay for the base gym membership fee; any extra services will be at the member's expense.
 - The gym will bill the district directly.
 - The district will receive usage records and will review participation on a monthly or quarterly basis to ensure members are using the benefit.
 - Members will be required to sign a document acknowledging they understand the program rules.
 - The plan will be formally presented and made official in July 2026.
- Physical Program
 - Mixed feedback was reported regarding the health screening process, with some members experiencing disorganization and delays while others had a positive experience.

d. Commissioner Kirchheimer – Facilities/Information Technology/Physical Security/Human Resources

- Director of Facilities:
 - Completed Items:
 - Suppression system inspections were completed at all four stations.
 - A quarterly sprinkler inspection was done at Station 4.



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- A ball valve was replaced in the Station 3 kitchen.
 - Station 4 experienced a battery issue with its doors.
 - Station 3 had two separate repairs on two different garage doors, prompting an investigation into the recurring problem.
 - An outlet was repaired in the truck bay at Station 3 on the day of the meeting (June 24, 2026).
 - **Open Work Orders:**
 - Station 1 urinals are scheduled to be completed soon.
 - Station 2 indoor and outdoor lighting repairs are in progress.
 - Pritchard is providing a quote this week (week of June 22, 2026) for a gutter issue at Station 2.
 - **Ongoing Projects:**
 - Station 3 rear concrete is scheduled for installation in August 2026.
 - The Station 3 kitchen dishwasher installation is on hold pending more quotes for drywall repair.
 - Station 1 meeting room lights.
 - Station 4 fencing for mezzanine is awaiting a contract from Budget Fence.
 - An underground circuit for the air conditioning at Station 3 is scheduled for repair by Lighthouse Electric in July 2026.
 - The Station 1 improvement project is set to be put out to bid, coinciding with a permissive referendum.
 - Director Dusty McCarthy is working on the 2027 budget planning process, which includes updating the 5-year and 20-year capital improvement plans.
 - **Director of Physical Security:**
 - **Network Video Recording (NVR) System:** A quote has been received for modernizing and consolidating surveillance systems across all properties.
 - **Policy Creation:** Policy development is in process for managing access, including the issuance and distribution of both physical and digital keys.
 - **Lock Upgrades:** Proposals from Yale Help Locksmith to upgrade building keyways throughout the district have been received and are currently under evaluation.
 - **Security Notices:** A report is forthcoming regarding a potential security risk associated with physical keys. There have been no notable denials of entry reported at district properties.
 - **Director of Informational Technology:**
 - **Station 1:** Working with the “Refresh Committee” to set up the lounge area and move the kiosk to the meeting room. A quote was received and will be submitted for board approval.



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- Vendor & Budgeting:
 - Ticket volume for minor issues has decreased recently.
 - Received a cost breakdown from Pyramid to assist with 2027 budget planning.
 - Discussing with the “Training Site” team how to test their webpage and user login methods.
 - Still need to confirm that Zello is set up correctly on USC computers.
- Equipment & Issues:
 - Wi-Fi drops occurred at the district office and Station 2 this month but were corrected quickly.
 - Working with Pyramid, Commissioner Kirchheimer, and Joe Seif to manage donated Lenovo laptops and determine what the process entails.
 - Pyramid configured three Fire laptops purchased from Amazon.
- Member Relations:
 - President Andy Eaton and Commissioner Kirchheimer will be meeting shortly to discuss planning for the banquet.
 - The topic of a new gym membership, as previously mentioned by Commissioner Tomko.

The board agreed to complete PESH safety consultations for all buildings and follow up on apparatus laptops.

- PESH has already inspected Station 4 and the basement of Station 3. The plan is to have the PESH Inspector to inspect the rest of Station 3 and Station 2.
- Concerns about Station 3’s “work in progress” state led to a plan to coordinate with the Station President and Director of Facilities before the visit.
- The group then revisited the topic of laptops on the apparatus, with a note to follow up with The Computer Shop and Jason McGonnigal.

e. Commissioner Purdy – Asset/Equipment/Fleet Management

- Quartermaster:
 - Inventory completed through end of May; all items properly signed out.
 - Yellow helmet order received this past week.
- Fleet Report:
 - DMV requirements necessitate obtaining certified weights for some vehicles to complete DMV paperwork, reopening the M2 vs. M3 compliance discussion.
 - Concern raised that if a vehicle is overweight, it will be red-tagged and cannot be driven, increasing pressure on stations that “overpack” equipment.
 - Board direction to ensure M2 and M3 have matching equipment configurations and remain within GVWR limits. Prior meeting minutes stated M2 and M3 were supposed to match; they currently do not.



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- Action Item: Assistant Chief Paffie to address equipment matching at Station 3 so M3 and M2 match.
 - Old Brush 1:
 - DMV weighing request deemed unnecessary; vehicle's transmission is gone.
 - Plan to liquidate via Auctions International or similar.
 - Engine 1:
 - At Millertown Garage for recall program on roll-up doors; parts arrived but are incorrect.
 - HME pumper alert:
 - Cummins X12 engines (four in fleet) have a dipstick arm issue breaking at the collar, causing oil leaks.
 - Oil leak indicates inclusion on a backorder/repair list rather than a catastrophic failure.
 - Engine 1's return is delayed due to backordered parts; when parts arrive, other engines will be inspected.
 - Old Tower 1:
 - Being reassembled; pump test later this week; aerial test expected next week.
 - Only minimal work to obtain pump and aerial certifications for sale due to failing initial aerial certification.
 - VanderMolen Fire Apparatus estimates total bill < \$10,000, significantly less than prior quotes.
 - Documentation will be provided before completion for approval; intent is to sell promptly.
 - New Rescue 2:
 - Manufacturer requested a pre-construction meeting during business hours, which is difficult for volunteers.
 - This is an early pre-con; the truck will be built next year.
 - Operational notes:
 - "Reset M2 and then shut off the Ford auto feature" to address an issue (context suggests an operational setting).
 - Foam 4 decontamination vendor can perform cleansing at the station but cannot provide a schedule; anticipating opportunities if nearby airport contracts occur (potentially Syracuse or either Ithaca or Elmira). Orders have not yet come in.
 - One new "command car" is at Matthews; process to begin for paperwork and configuration.
 - UTV 32-2:
 - Dealer indicated UTV 32-2 is in today and available for pickup



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- Akron Revolution Inlet Valve:
 - Three quotes received with shipping issues:
 - Two vendors omitted shipping costs entirely.
 - One vendor stated, “shipping included,” which is suspicious; concern that nothing ships for free, especially Akron.
 - One vendor claimed Akron would not disclose shipping cost, raising procurement concerns.
- New Tower 32-1
 - Vander Molen Fire Apparatus will be onsite Tuesday, June 30, 2026, to inspect New Tower 1 and address:
 - Camera issue.
 - Mud flap issue.
 - Previously reported hot hydraulic fluid issue has been repaired and not recurred.
 - They may bring roll-up door parts or assess needs, despite uncertainty about carrying such parts on a service truck.

13. Director of Communications

The Director of Communications is unavailable for tonight’s meeting but has a draft letter prepared and will be finalized after the outcome of tonight’s meeting regarding the change Fire Chiefs.

14. Secretary Report

14.1 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve for Colt Abbott to take Basic Passenger Vehicle Rescue starting on August 11, 2026, at Spencer Fire Department in Tioga County; out-of-district/out-of-county.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

Secretary Bowen inquired on whether a training vehicle was requested; response: “It was not a request.”

14.2 Secretary Bowen attended Records Management Officers Training and Conference in Lake Placid beginning of June and identified several areas needing work, including AI usage.

14.3 Physicals:

- Ongoing coordination with Denise Lewis at Guthrie to address provider practices (some doing things they should not or not doing required tasks).
- On Saturday the thirteenth (June 13, 2026), twenty-one members were processed, each taking 45–60 minutes; a bottleneck occurred when someone arrived 45 minutes early, causing scheduling delays.



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- Advanced lift test for Monday was canceled and pushed to July 13, 2026. A second date could be added for those unable to attend.

15. Elections (Annual or Special) - None

16. Treasurer Report

16.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve May 2026 Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, and Budget vs. Actual report. All reports and bank reconciliations were reviewed by Commissioner McCartney.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

16.2 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to deposit check received from Broome County (Grant) in the amount of \$29,155.00.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

16.3 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to authorize Treasurer Marisa Butler to sign the engagement letter from EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC to provide audit and related services for the year ending December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$9,950.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

16.4 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to accept the final audit for the year ended December 31, 2025, from EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

17. Approval to Properly Audit and Pay Claims as Submitted

17.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the Audit of Claims for 2026 Expenses dated June 25, 2026, in total amount of \$76,214.87.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

18. Director of Purchasing Report

18.1 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve debit card expenses from May 2026 in the amount of \$15,410.89.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.



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18.2 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve all Chief's Monthly Mileage Reports excluding Chief 32-2 report from May 20, 2026, to June 24, 2026.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

19. Policies and Procedures

19.1 Review and approved the revised Policy No. 200.00 Sexual Harassment and Other Harassment Prevention Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the revised Policy No. 200.00 Sexual Harassment and Other Harassment Prevention Policy as written.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

19.2 Review and approve new Policy No. 401.00 Application Process for New Members

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the revised Policy No. 401.00 Application Process for New Members as written.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

20. Resolutions

20.1 Resolution No. 2026-006 To Expend from Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 6-g, the Vestal Fire District in the Town of Vestal, County of Broome, State of New York, established the "Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of accumulating capital reserves for acquiring, maintaining, repairing, improving and replacing the buildings and land of the Vestal Fire District; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public meeting held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vestal Fire District authorized and approved the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the necessary resurfacing of the concrete floor in the apparatus bay of Station #1 as it has been determined to be necessary for the Fire District pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

MOTION TO ADOPT the Resolution made by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy.

A vote was then taken upon the motion for adoption with the following results:

THOMAS MCCARTNEY, CHAIRMAN	VOTING	AYE
DAVID HARRINGTON, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
MARK TOMKO, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
DANIEL KIRCHHEIMER, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
KEITH PURDY, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE

The Chairman then declared said Resolution adopted by the majority of the permanent vote of the total voting power of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vestal Fire District in the Town of Vestal.



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Secretary to place legal notice in the Press and Sun-Bulletin on July 2, 2026.

20.2 Resolution No. 2026-007 To Amend the 2026 Budget

WHEREAS, the Vestal Fire District has been awarded and received a grant in the amount of \$29,155 that was not anticipated when the 2026 budget was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners wishes to utilize these grant funds for the construction of the concrete pad and stairs for the burn building at the Training Site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2026 budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenues A2706 Grants from Local Government \$29,155.

Increase Appropriations A3410.426 Training Site Expenses \$29,155.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the necessary accounting entries to reflect this budget amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to adopt the Resolution.

A vote was then taken upon the motion for adoption with the following results:

THOMAS MCCARTNEY, CHAIRMAN	VOTING	AYE
DAVID HARRINGTON, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
MARK TOMKO, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
DANIEL KIRCHHEIMER, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE
KEITH PURDY, COMMISSIONER	VOTING	AYE

The Chairman then declared said Resolution adopted by the majority of the permanent vote of the total voting power of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vestal Fire District in the Town of Vestal.

21. Unfinished Business

21.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Tomko approved sending old Brush 32-1 to Auctions International.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

Commissioner Purdy to gather the necessary information and to give to Jarod Fiacco at Vestal Police to list the vehicle on Auction International.

21.2 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to support and fund the proposed helmet color change at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. This was previously discussed at the last regular commissioner meeting.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

21.3 Commissioner McCartney requested a follow-up to Councilwoman Messina's letter to the board from the last regular commissioner meeting. Assistant Chief Paffie left a message but has not heard back from her.



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22. New Business

22.1 Discussion and approval for All-Mode support contract for the Mitel Phones System

The board discusses telephone system support; current contract expires mid-July 2026; decision deferred pending IT input and options (All-Mode vs. Pyramid).

22.2 Review and approve the bid specification for concrete floor resurfacing of the apparatus bays at Station 1.

Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve to advertise for bids for the concrete floor resurfacing of the apparatus bays at Station 1 in the Press & Sun-Bulletin on Monday, June 29, 2026, to open on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Fire District Administration Office. All bids must be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, June 15, 2026.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

22.3 Discussion regarding Photos for the District Office

The board discusses acquiring and displaying photographs of the facilities and apparatus of the district at the district office with potentially larger prints; vendor quotes are provided.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve spending up to \$499 for displaying photographs of the facilities and apparatus of the district at the district office.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

23. Announcements

23.1 Special Board Meeting on July 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 3 for 2027 Budget Work Session

23.2 Regular Board Meeting on July 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 3.

24. Public Input Session – No comments at this time.

25. Executive Session

25.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of individual(s) under Public Officers Law Section 105 (f) at 7:53 p.m.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer, to exit the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:47 p.m.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

No action or decision was made.



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Mark Tomko

26 Approval and Swearing of New Officers

26.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve Charles Paffie as Department Chief of the Vestal Fire Department.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

26.2 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve Justin Petcosky as Station 4 Chief.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

27. Additional New Business

27.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to outfit Assistant Chief Petcosky's personal vehicle with emergency warning equipment, not to exceed \$5,000.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None.
Motion carried.

28. Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.

All in Favor: 5 (McCartney, Kirchheimer, Harrington Purdy, Tomko) Opposed: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bowen
Fire District Secretary