

Board of Commissioners
Sennett Fire District
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2025
CO#2 - Franklin St. Firehouse

Present: John Komarisky
William J. Feocco
David Morris
Urson La Sagna – Excused
Tyson Turner - Absent

John Komarisky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Financial Reports and Bank Statement reviewed by Board members.

Lens Report: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by David Morris to accept. Second, William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2025, were approved. Motion by William Feocco. Second by John Komarisky. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communications:

- The new loan schedule was received from the NYS DHSES. There are **five years** left on the tanker loan.
- A Tolls by Mail bill was received for a fee that was charged in error to the district. Heather has disputed it electronically with the Thruway Authority.

New Business:

- The 2026 proposed budget was reviewed. John Komarisky made a motion to accept the proposed 2026 budget. Second by William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried A public hearing will be held on 10/14 to further discuss before adoption at the regular meeting immediately following.
- Election petitions were made available. Urson La Sagna's seat is up for re-election this year.
- John has noticed water damage on a ceiling tile in the banquet room. A window may be leaking. He will look into it.

Old Business:

- John contacted Secor Lumber out of Clyde regarding the replacement of the awning on the west side of the building. They are planning to stop and look at the building. Once they do, they will reach out to John.
- Discussion on the electronic sign has been tabled until the next meeting.
- John is still waiting on a quotation from Halco with regard to the heat run replacement at Co#2.
- John Komarisky made a motion to approve the purchase of **fifty fabric padded steel folding chairs for Co#1** for a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00. Second, David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Chief Holmes is waiting on Brandon with regard to the roof leak on Engine #2.
- Discussed a 5-year loan to purchase twenty (20) sets of turn-out gear.
 - o The cost of this protective equipment has increased by 85% since December 2020.
 - o Quotes were presented from five vendors with MES providing the best and lowest price for the requested specifications at \$3,791.00 each.
 - o The 2025 general fund budget includes \$20,000.00 to purchase four to five sets of gear. That same amount is included in the proposed 2026 budget as well as projected budgets through 2030.
 - o The total projected expenditure for twenty sets of protective turn-out gear through 2030 (including 2025) is \$120,000.00.
 - o MES has quoted \$72,028.00 if all sets are purchased at once. **Joe Shernesky will confirm this pricing.**
 - o The board rejected the idea of a five-year loan at 7.99% as it would increase the cost of the equipment to \$88,925.00.
 - o The commissioners discussed funding through the Purchases/Equipment General Fund Account (\$20,000.00 allocated in 2025) and the Equipment Reserve Account (maximum of \$55,000.00). The Purchases/Equipment budget would be reduced by \$20,000.00 in years 2026 through 2030 to reflect this one-time purchase. Upon implementation, this purchase would cover current volunteers with the correct training. Turn-out gear for new volunteers/members in the coming years would be additional. John would like to discuss qualifications for new members to receive this gear – possibly tied to the LOSAP qualifications.
 - o The following resolution was discussed as it pertains to the purchase of 20 sets of protective turn-out gear.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Fire Chief and determined by the District Board that they would like to replace the turn-out gear for the Sennett Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, according to NFPA standards, turn-out gear has a useful protective life of ten years; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that the district provide its volunteer firefighters and emergency responders with the latest and safest equipment to use in the hazardous duty they perform in service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sennett Fire District in the Town of Sennett, Cayuga County, New York, duly convened does hereby resolve pursuant to the provision of the laws of the State of New York that the Sennett Fire District be and hereby does authorize the transfer(s) of a sum not to exceed \$55,000.00 from its Equipment Reserve Fund to the District's General Operating account to replace twenty sets of protective turn-out gear.

- Willaim Feocco made the motion to accept the above resolution subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. Second by David Morris. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Chair:

- No Report.

Chief Report: Sean Holmes

- The department responded to 58 calls in June for a year-to-date total of 453.
- Chief Holmes introduced two new department members for board approval. Brady Reed has fire training and Chief Holmes will pull his certifications from the state system. Stephen Barski is a new volunteer and will need to complete all training. The department will get both set up with orientation, physicals, and review department policies. They will start when cleared and report to Co#2. David Morris made a motion to approve Brady Reed and Stephen Barski as members of the fire department. Second, William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried.

The September Warrant for \$17,860.98 was approved. Motion to accept by David Morris. Second William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Motion by David Morris. Second William Feocco. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Christopher

Heather A. Christopher
Secretary/Treasurer