

EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MAY 8, 2025

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Eastchester Town Hall (40 Mill Road) Eastchester, NY 10709.

Board Members Present:

Chairman Paul M. Ranellone
Commissioner Paul J. Carlo
Commissioner Anthony J. Lore, Sr.
Commissioner Tony Cerasi
Commissioner Luke Yankowski

In Attendance:

Chief Brian Tween
Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom
Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith

● **CALL TO ORDER**

Action: 1.1 - Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Ranellone

● **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Adoption of Minutes

Recommended
Action

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to adopt the following meeting minutes:

- March 13, 2025 - Regular Meeting
- April 10, 2025 -Promotional/Award Ceremony and Regular Meeting

Motion by Commr. Lore, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Cerasi

Final: Motion Carried

● **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom presented the Treasurer report to the Board:

Subject **7.2 - Budget Transfers**

Recommended
Action

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the budget transfers recommended for the following accounts that are over budget for 2025, and for GL

3413.14, Overtime-Chiefs, which was authorized by the Board after creation of the 2025 budget as follows:

FROM 1200.5 Recruitment TO 3145.4 Association Dues -- \$ 500.00
FROM 1200.5 Recruitment TO 3155.4 Sewer Tax – \$ 1,153.18
FROM 3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers TO 3410.46 Consultants fees –\$ 4,500.00
FROM 3411.1 Holiday Pay TO 3412.1 Retroactive Salary – \$69.44
FROM 3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive TO 3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs – \$25,000.00

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom shared the budget transfers with the Board.
Motion by Chairman Ranellone, seconded by Commr. Yankowski
Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo,
Chairman. Ranellone

Final: Motion Carried

Treasurer Hedstrom continued to present the Treasurer report below:

May 8, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District
From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer
Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, April 2025

The financials as of April 30, 2025 currently present a net budget surplus of approximately \$650K.

At this time, budget transfers are recommended for the following accounts that are over budget for 2025, and for GL 3413.14, Overtime-Chiefs, which was authorized by the Board after creation of the 2025 budget.

From:	To:	Amount
1200.5 Recruitment	3145.4 Association Dues	\$ 500.00
1200.5 Recruitment	3155.4 Sewer Tax	\$ 1,153.18
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 4,500.00
3411.1 Holiday Pay	3412.1 Retroactive Salary	\$ 69.44
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	\$ 25,000.00
Total Budget Transfers		\$ 31,222.62

We will continue to monitor the GL for future budget transfer recommendations.

Funds allocated to 2025

Below is the current list of budget encumbrances for 2025.

Budget Encumbrances- Purchases initiated that won't be complete until 2025

Emergency Equipment	\$26,204.90
Coats, Boots, Helmets	\$22,836.00
Total	\$49,040.90

Budget Encumbrances- Engine to be delivered in Q3 2026

Ladder Truck Commitment	\$1,064,000.00
2024 Encumbrance- Fire Equip and Cap Outlay	(\$500,000.00)
2025 Encumbrance- Fire Equip and Cap Outlay	(\$500,000.00)
Additional Funding Required	\$64,000.00

Other:

Treasury Direct Investments

At this time, we have ceased our investments in Treasury Direct. We will begin these investments again at the end of this month, once we receive our tax collection from the Town. Current interest rates are around 4.25%.

Year-End Audit

The fieldwork on our year-end audit with BST & Co. is complete, and we are waiting on drafts of our financial statements for review. Our AUD has been filed with New York State.

Tax Collection

We anticipate that we will receive our full tax levy from the Town, in the amount of \$23,872,423, next week. Our current balance across all accounts is approximately \$2.9M, of which \$376K is the capital reserve.

Upcoming Worker's Compensation Renewal

In 2024, the Board entered into a two-year agreement with PERMA for worker's compensation coverage. The guaranteed coverage cost for the upcoming renewal year ranges from approximately \$200K - \$225K depending on our loss ratio, with an estimated NYS assessment charge of approximately \$18K. We anticipate receiving a final calculation and invoice next month, for payment prior to 7/1.

Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2025 - FY25 P&L
January - April 2025

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Appropriated Fund Balance				
Budget Encumbrances	26,204.90	26,204.90	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes			0.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	22,718.06		22,718.06	
2680 Insurance Recoveries	41,331.44		41,331.44	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	250.00		250.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	11,085.84	12,000.00	(914.16)	92.38%
Total Income	\$ 101,590.24	\$ 38,204.90	\$ 63,385.34	265.91%
Gross Profit	\$ 101,590.24	\$ 38,204.90	\$ 63,385.34	265.91%
Expenses				
1110.5 Outside Services	4,425.00	4,000.00	425.00	110.63%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	7,198.62	3,666.68	3,531.94	196.33%
1150.5 Insurance	96,058.68	112,500.00	(16,441.32)	85.39%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	293.95	4,000.00	(3,706.05)	7.35%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,341.46	1,666.68	(325.22)	80.49%
1200.5 Recruitment		1,666.68	(1,666.68)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	7,469.34	25,000.00	(17,530.66)	29.88% BE
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	1,883.65	6,666.68	(4,783.03)	28.25%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles		6,666.68	(6,666.68)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	2,196.42	5,333.32	(3,136.90)	41.18%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	10,277.34	16,666.68	(6,389.34)	61.66%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	43,865.55	33,333.32	10,532.23	131.60%
3070.2 Telephone	4,863.12	18,333.32	(13,470.20)	26.53%
3090.2 Certiorari	12,188.13	66,666.68	(54,478.55)	18.28%
3105.4 Uniforms	39,599.71	39,400.00	199.71	100.51%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	907.64	1,666.68	(759.04)	54.46%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	98,406.45	76,204.90	22,201.55	129.13% BE
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	4,687.40	6,666.68	(1,979.28)	70.31%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	23,053.57	22,066.68	986.89	104.47%
3130.4 Office Supplies	2,245.41	2,666.68	(421.27)	84.20%
3135.4 Postage	136.30	500.00	(363.70)	27.26%
3140.4 Subscriptions	140.00	400.00	(260.00)	35.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,581.25	500.00	1,081.25	316.25%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	335.00	0.00	335.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax	15,153.18	14,000.00	1,153.18	108.24%
3160.4 Fire Training	27,279.20	18,000.00	9,279.20	151.55%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	42,545.37	33,333.32	9,212.05	127.64%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	310.57	20,000.00	(19,689.43)	1.55%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing		1,333.32	(1,333.32)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	70,968.27	66,666.68	4,301.59	106.45%

3410.11 Fire Chief salary	72,662.40	76,666.68	(4,004.28)	94.78%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	65,304.00	65,666.68	(362.68)	99.45%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	266,176.00	300,000.00	(33,824.00)	88.73%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	395,769.60	443,333.32	(47,563.72)	89.27%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	1,857,271.54	1,936,000.00	(78,728.46)	95.93%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	23,689.20	25,666.68	(1,977.48)	92.30%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	13,875.00	16,666.68	(2,791.68)	83.25%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	54,323.50	58,733.32	(4,409.82)	92.49%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay		0.00	0.00	
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	9,672.37	10,000.00	(327.63)	96.72%
3410.44 Year-End fees		0.00	0.00	
Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	\$ 9,672.37	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (327.63)	96.72%
3410.46 Consultants fees	4,500.00		4,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers		0.00	0.00	
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	7,267.74	30,000.00	(22,732.26)	24.23%
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 11,767.74	\$ 30,000.00	\$ (18,232.26)	39.23%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	75,676.87	0.00	75,676.87	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	49,747.68	67,000.00	(17,252.32)	74.25%
3411.1 Holiday Pay		0.00	0.00	
3412.1 Retroactive Pay	69.44	0.00	69.44	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	257,158.68	366,666.68	(109,508.00)	70.13%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	32,186.32	30,000.00	2,186.32	107.29%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	1,504.08	33,333.32	(31,829.24)	4.51%
3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	7,192.46	0.00	7,192.46	
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	11,523.67	13,333.32	(1,809.65)	86.43%
3414.1 EMT Training	18,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	180.00%
3416.1 Terminal Leave		0.00	0.00	
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	238,960.89	286,666.68	(47,705.79)	83.36%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	10,620.82	12,941.00	(2,320.18)	82.07%
9040.8 Workers Compensation		0.00	0.00	
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	25,372.80	23,000.00	2,372.80	110.32%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	5,022.50	20,000.00	(14,977.50)	25.11%
9060.81 Hospital	1,373,577.54	1,595,000.01	(221,422.47)	86.12%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	45,600.00	53,000.00	(7,400.00)	86.04%
Total Expenses	\$ 5,583,135.68	\$ 6,223,246.03	\$ (640,110.35)	89.71%
Net Operating Income	\$ (5,481,545.44)	\$ (6,185,041.13)	\$ 703,495.69	88.63%
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 January - December 2025

	Actual	Appropriated for 2026	Actual + Appropriated	Budget- with Modifications	Total Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2025 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
Income								
Use of Capital Reserve	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Appropriated Fund Balance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Budget Encumbrances	49,040.90		49,040.90	49,040.90	0.00	49,040.90	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	0.00		0.00	0.00	23,872,423.00	23,872,423.00	0.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	22,718.06		22,718.06			0.00	22,718.06	
2680 Insurance Recoveries	41,331.44		41,331.44			0.00	41,331.44	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	14,328.76		14,328.76			0.00	14,328.76	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	250.00		250.00			0.00	250.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimb	11,085.84		11,085.84	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	(9,914.16)	52.79%
Total Income	\$ 138,755.00	\$ -	\$ 138,755.00	\$ 70,040.90	\$ 23,893,423.00	\$ 23,942,463.90	\$ 68,714.10	198.11%
Gross Profit	\$ 138,755.00	\$ -	\$ 138,755.00	\$ 70,040.90	\$ 23,893,423.00		\$ 68,714.10	198.11%
Expenses								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1110.5 Outside Services	4,425.00		4,425.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(7,575.00)	36.88%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,000.00		1,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(8,000.00)	11.11%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	8,141.71		8,141.71	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(2,858.29)	74.02%
1150.5 Insurance	96,058.68		96,058.68	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00	(128,941.32)	42.69%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	293.95		293.95	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(11,706.05)	2.45%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,341.46		1,341.46	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(3,658.54)	26.83%
1200.5 Recruitment			0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	7,469.34		7,469.34	97,836.00	75,000.00	22,836.00	(90,366.66)	7.63%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	1,883.65		1,883.65	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(18,116.35)	9.42%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles			0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	2,196.42		2,196.42	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(13,803.58)	13.73%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	10,277.34		10,277.34	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(39,722.66)	20.55%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	43,865.55		43,865.55	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(56,134.45)	43.87%
3070.2 Telephone	4,863.12		4,863.12	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(50,136.88)	8.84%
3090.2 Certiorari	12,188.13		12,188.13	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(187,811.87)	6.09%
3105.4 Uniforms	39,599.71		39,599.71	76,000.00	76,000.00	0.00	(36,400.29)	52.10%

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	Actual	Appropriated for 2026	Actual + Appropriated	Budget- with Modifications	Total		Budget Encumbrances from 2025 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
					Original Budget				
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	907.64		907.64	5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00	(4,092.36)	18.15%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	98,406.45		98,406.45	176,204.90	150,000.00		26,204.90	(77,798.45)	55.85%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	4,687.40		4,687.40	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00	(15,312.60)	23.44%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	23,053.57		23,053.57	66,200.00	66,200.00		0.00	(43,146.43)	34.82%
3130.4 Office Supplies	2,245.41		2,245.41	8,000.00	8,000.00		0.00	(5,754.59)	28.07%
3135.4 Postage	136.30		136.30	1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00	(1,363.70)	9.09%
3140.4 Subscriptions	140.00		140.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		0.00	(1,060.00)	11.67%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,581.25		1,581.25	1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00	81.25	105.42%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	335.00		335.00	10,500.00	10,500.00		0.00	(10,165.00)	3.19%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	15,153.18		15,153.18	14,000.00	14,000.00		0.00	1,153.18	108.24%
3160.4 Fire Training	27,279.20		27,279.20	44,000.00	44,000.00		0.00	(16,720.80)	62.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	42,545.37		42,545.37	100,000.00	100,000.00		0.00	(57,454.63)	42.55%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	310.57		310.57	60,000.00	60,000.00		0.00	(59,689.43)	0.52%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing			0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		0.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	70,968.27		70,968.27	200,000.00	200,000.00		0.00	(129,031.73)	35.48%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	80,736.00		80,736.00	230,000.00	230,000.00		0.00	(149,264.00)	35.10%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	72,560.00		72,560.00	197,000.00	197,000.00		0.00	(124,440.00)	36.83%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	299,448.00		299,448.00	900,000.00	900,000.00		0.00	(600,552.00)	33.27%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	445,240.80		445,240.80	1,330,000.00	1,330,000.00		0.00	(884,759.20)	33.48%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	2,099,438.74		2,099,438.74	6,600,000.00	6,600,000.00		0.00	(4,500,561.26)	31.81%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	26,661.20		26,661.20	77,000.00	77,000.00		0.00	(50,338.80)	34.62%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	15,675.00		15,675.00	50,000.00	50,000.00		0.00	(34,325.00)	31.35%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	61,133.90		61,133.90	176,200.00	176,200.00		0.00	(115,066.10)	34.70%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay		500,000.00	500,000.00	630,000.00	630,000.00		0.00	(130,000.00)	0.00%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	9,672.37		9,672.37	17,500.00	17,500.00		0.00	(7,827.63)	55.27%
3410.46 Consultants fees	4,500.00		4,500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	4,500.00	

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3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers			0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	0.00%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	7,267.74		7,267.74	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	(82,732.26)	8.08%
3410.48 Labor Consultants			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 11,767.74	\$ -	\$ 11,767.74	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ (178,232.26)	6.19%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	13,915.78		13,915.78			0.00	13,915.78	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	55,966.14		55,966.14	201,000.00	201,000.00	0.00	(145,033.86)	27.84%
3411.1 Holiday Pay			0.00	605,000.00	605,000.00	0.00	(605,000.00)	0.00%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	69.44		69.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.44	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	302,441.29		302,441.29	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	0.00	(947,558.71)	24.20%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	32,186.32		32,186.32	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	(117,813.68)	21.46%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	2,238.24		2,238.24	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(97,761.76)	2.24%
3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	7,767.32		7,767.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,767.32	
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	13,794.57		13,794.57	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	(26,205.43)	34.49%
3414.1 EMT Training	18,000.00		18,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	90.00%
3416.1 Terminal Leave			0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00	(400,000.00)	0.00%
9010.8 NYS Retirement			0.00	3,600,000.00	3,600,000.00	0.00	(3,600,000.00)	0.00%
9020.8 Social Security	269,288.03		269,288.03	860,000.00	860,000.00	0.00	(590,711.97)	31.31%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	11,968.79		11,968.79	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(26,854.21)	30.83%
9040.8 Workers Compensation			0.00	255,000.00	255,000.00	0.00	(255,000.00)	0.00%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	25,372.80		25,372.80	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	(20,627.20)	55.16%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	5,022.50		5,022.50	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(54,977.50)	8.37%
9060.81 Hospital	1,369,326.67		1,369,326.67	4,100,000.00	4,100,000.00	0.00	(2,730,673.33)	33.40%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00		140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	45,600.00		45,600.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00	(7,400.00)	86.04%
Total Expenses	\$ 5,956,845.31	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 6,448,877.99	\$ 23,942,463.90	\$ 23,893,423.00	\$ 49,040.90		24.88%
Net Operating Income	\$ (5,817,890.31)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ (6,310,122.99)	\$ (23,872,423.00)			\$ 17,562,300.01	24.37%
Net Income			\$ (6,310,122.99)	\$ (23,872,423.00)				0.00%

● **Chief Report**

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm Activity: 309

Fire: 6

EMS/Rescue: 183

Mutual Aid Given: 3 (Scarsdale FD, NRRFD, Yonkers FD)

Mutual Aid Received: 1 (NRRFD)

- 1) On the morning of April 28th, Captain Debitetto and the members of Group four, responded to an apartment fire at 40 Midland Place in Tuckahoe. The members did a great job by quickly extinguishing the fire in the second-floor apartment which had spread to the attic area. Once again, the first due engine was Engine 27, which is assigned a Lieutenant and two firefighters. This level of staffing meant that the member on the hose line did not have to enter the fire area alone. A total of three hose lines were used to extinguish the fire. Thank you to the Tuckahoe PD and EVAC for their assistance, and to the NRRFD for covering the District while the Eastchester units were operating at the scene. Great work by all involved.
- 2) The Five probationary firefighters in the Westchester County Career Fire Academy are doing well so far and are scheduled to graduate in July.

- 3) Hank Henninger’s mechanic report for April was emailed to the Board on 5/8/2025. Ladder 15, a 2002 Seagrave Quint is currently up for auction on the Auction International website. The auction will end on May 14th at 7:40 pm. Should the auction bidding not go higher than \$2,500.00, we will reject the bids and take the truck to the scrap yard for recycling.
- 4) Tim Dalton’s maintenance report for April was emailed to the Board on 5/8/2025.
- 5) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports were emailed to the Board on 5/6/2025.
- 6) Currently there are two members are out on long term absence, and one member is assigned to light duty and is working with Isang on digitizing the Fire Prevention records.
- 7) There are six local High School seniors signed up for the WISE and internship programs during May and June. Five seniors from Eastchester HS and one senior from Tuckahoe HS are participating this year. Four have already begun their internships.
- 8) The Board was sent a quote from Motorola Solutions for six new portable radios and accessories for \$37,191.22 at NY State OGS contract #PT68722 pricing. Would the Board please approve the purchase of the six new portable radios and accessories?
- 9) Commissioner Carlo was able to get in touch with Frank Casarella of Casarella Contracting Corp. regarding his quote to repair the Chester Heights gong and he reported that the quote is at prevailing wage labor rates. Would the Board please approve the lowest of the three quotes to repair the gong at the Chester Heights firehouse? The lowest bid was Casarella Contracting Corp. of New Rochelle for \$4,100.00.

Respectfully submitted May 8, 2025
by Fire Chief Brian Tween

- **Secretary Report**

Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith submitted the following report:

MONTHLY DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORT
MAY 2025

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Social Media

- **April Activity:** 3 posts
- **Notice - Chromebook Safety** - A notice was posted yesterday warning of a dangerous social media trend where students insert objects like pencils or paperclips into Chromebook USB ports, causing sparks or fires. Parents were urged to discuss the serious safety risks with their children.
- **Annual Report** - As a reminder, the District 2024 Annual Report is available on our website.

Website

- Chief Tween and I met with our new CivicPlus website manager to review ongoing updates and request improvements to several site features.

FOIL OFFICER

- **April Activity:** 5 FOIL requests

RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- **Records 2025:** Shredding service scheduled for May 14, 2025 at 10AM at Station 3 - Bronxville for records that now qualify for destruction
- **Ongoing Projects:** Continued work on organizing loose records and scanning projects

OFFICE - GENERAL

- Prepared the OML document for the April meeting.
- Updated and posted minutes on the website.
- Updated the 2025 resolutions spreadsheet.
- Performed regular office tasks including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

Business Office Recommendations

Subject	7.1 - Payment of Bills
Meeting	May 8, 2025 - Regular Meeting
Recommended Action	BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to pay the bills and vouchers as presented. The Board has been supplied with one set of bills and one credit card bill. Chief Tween has reviewed all prior to the meeting, except certiorari claims and those specifically marked as reviewed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has requested the Board approve the following: Warrant 1-5/8/25 - \$375,213.28 Credit Card – 5/18/25 - \$1,830.13 Total: \$377,043.41

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski
Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo,
Chairman. Ranellone
Final: Motion Carried

Commissioner Lore noted that a memorial service and mass for the volunteers will be held on Sunday, May 25th at Immaculate Conception. He requested that Chief Tween and the Board approve the use of the bell at the Volunteer Firefighters Memorial.

Commissioner Yankowski reminded the public that on Saturday, May 10th, the Tuckahoe Police Department will hold its Awards and Memorial Service at 9:00 AM, followed by the Eastchester Police Department's Awards and Memorial Service at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Chairman Ranellone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MAY 8, 2025**

Minutes prepared by:
Marissa “Isang” Smith
Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners