

Board of Fire Commissioners, District II

March 2nd, 2026

Board Vice President Bill Horseman opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

The American Flag was then saluted, and the Prayer was given by Pastor Glen Scheyhing.

Members participating were:

Bill Horseman, Ronald Hundt Sr, Ron Sutton Jr. and Fred Hundt and newly elected commissioner Seth Beaumont.

Prior to the start of the meeting Fred introduced Seth Beaumont our new Commissioner. Seth ran in the vacated spot of Cliff Sharp who stepped down. Seth was elected along with Ron Sutton at the annual election.

At this time Seth was sworn in by Cheryl Sayers from our Accountants office.

Fred Hundt reported on the Annual Fire election that was held on February 21st. The budget was approved by the voters of Fire District #2 by a vote of 36 yes and 2 no votes. The two Commissioners who were voted into office for a three-year term were Ronald Sutton Jr with 39 votes and Seth Beaumont with 38 votes, there were no write ins. Fred also took this time to share that with all the input and exposure that was put on Fire Commissions from the group "INFORM THE VOTE" that they had little to no impact on the voter participation. It's of his opinion that most of the community's trust and respect the 100'S and 100'S of hours that these men and women donate to their communities each and every year and that the public generally supports all the volunteer efforts and understand what the cost would be if this was an all-paid service.

Fred also mentioned that he was approached by a local taxpayer with why the Commission holds its vote on the same day as general elections in November. The State dictates that elections are to be held on the 3rd Saturday in February each year.

If the State changed the date this would force the County to redo all the voting boundaries in Commercial Township because there are three fire districts and currently 4 voting districts. The taxpayers would be voting on the fire districts budgets who don't pay taxes in these districts.

The Fire Commission then reorganized for the year 2026.

Nominations were as follows:

President, Bill Horseman by Ron Sutton and seconded by Ron Hundt.

Vice President, by Ron Hundt by Fred Hundt and seconded by Ron Sutton.

Treasurer, by Fred Hundt and seconded by Ron Hundt.

Secretary, by Ron Sutton and seconded by Ron Hundt.

Secretary Fred Hundt cast the ballot, being no other nominations.

At this time Cheryl Sayers presented the Board of Commission resolutions that her office prepared for the year 2026-2027. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolution 26-2 ELECTION RESULTS AND REORGANIZATION FOR 2026.

Fred suggested that we hold the vote until all the resolutions are presented and vote on all at on time. Everyone agreed with this.

Resolution 26-3 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

Resolution 26-4 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

Resolution 26-5 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OD AUDITOR

Resolution 26-6 ADOPTION OF CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resolution 26-7 AUTHORIZING REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolution 26-8 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATIONS

Fred Hundt made the motion to adopt resolutions 26-2 through Resolution 26-8. The motion was seconded by Ron Sutton.

Roll call vote:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

All resolutions were then signed, and they will be uploaded to the Fire Districts web site.

Cheryl then brought to the attention that the State has just passed a new law that governs the publication of legal notices by the Fire Districts.

Effective March 1st of 2026 legal notices will no longer be published in the newspaper but shall be posted on the website of the Fire District in lieu of publication.

Additionally, the Fire District must publish twice monthly until the end of 2026 a public notice the form of which will be set forth.

This form of public notice must be published in a single newspaper, and the notice will be revised once the Secretary of State website for public notices is established

The form of public notice which needs to be advertised twice a month referenced is as follows:

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to P.L. 2025, c.72 the complete text of each legal notice of the Commercial Township Fire District # 2 may be obtained or viewed by the public on our official web site.

Again, the public notice will be modified for publication once the Secretary of State hyperlink is available. Such State website has not yet been established.

Please note that any law that requires the posting of legal notices has not changed. The postings of mandated by statute is still required.

The Local Finance Notice which was issued by the DCA sets forth detail concerning the newspaper which can be utilized by the Fire district. It must satisfy the legal requirements as set forth in the notice.

It's noted that this will be an expense that the Fire District knew nothing about and this line item will have to be adjusted when transfers are made at the end of the current year.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 2nd meeting were sent to all via email. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Ron Hundt and was seconded by Bill Horseman. All the Board members present voted to approve the minutes from the February 2nd commissioner meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Cherly from the accounting office handed out the detailed treasurer report. The report reflected all transactions made since the last meeting and current balance sheets.

The ending check balance was \$66,161.61 The fund balance of checking and savings is \$310,252.54. The total assets of the fire district as shown are \$481,817.52. A motion to accept the report and pay the bills was made by Fred Hundt. and was seconded by Ron Hundt.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

Fred Hundt then made a motion to pay all bills for next month's period, and it was seconded by Ron Hundt.

Roll call vote was taken:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

Old Business:

The first of old business was fixing the transfer switch on the building's large generator. The generator transfer switch has not been working for a few months and word of this was not conveyed to the commission. The commissioners obtained quotes to have this issue fixed. The Commercial Township Committee will not pay for the repairs due to budget issues so the Commission will have this repaired. It was decided that Systems Electric will correct the issue at a cost of \$4,817.00.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

The to switch to this AT & T is still in the process. Currently we are waiting for Comcast to finish. He discussed that all the components may now be completed by Comcast. The project will be handled as a new installation.

Ron Sutton spoke to the Board about new iPads that needed to be purchased as part of new communications with the County's dispatch and communications. The iPads were discussed by Chief Hundt at the February meeting. Ron stated that he checked into the cost and found that we could purchase 4 iPads at a cost of \$2180 or the iPad Pro's for a cost of \$5400. The iPad Pro has more enhanced options. The monthly fee will be \$95.00. This is the same monthly charge for either model. We are currently paying \$143.00 per month. Either way it will be a savings over a little time.

The Commissioners agreed that we should purchase 4 new iPads. Motion was made by Ron Sutton to approve the purchase not to exceed \$6500. If the Chief and the officers decided to buy the iPad Pro. New mounting brackets may also be needed. Chief Hundt will discuss it with the officers. He stated that we may just purchase one iPad Pro.

Roll Call Vote:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

New Business:

There was nothing new at this time.

Chiefs Comments:

The first of three CEVO classes were held at our fire station on February 16th. The CEVO4 (Driver Training) was for the three fire companies in Commercial Township. There were over 30 in attendance for the 1st class. The next training session is Monday March 7th. This training should be done by all those who drive the fire apparatus.

Chief Hundt had an estimate and list of Class A uniforms that he wanted to purchase. Ron Hundt made a motion to give the Chief permission to purchase uniforms and badges in the amount not to exceed \$3000. The motion was seconded by Ron Sutton.

Roll call vote:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

Chief Hundt also presented a receipt from Tom Forkin in the amount of \$622.95 for his uniform and badges. The Motion was made by Ron Sutton to reimburse Tom, and it was seconded by Bill Horseman.

Roll call vote:

Ron Sutton Yes

Fred Hundt Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Ronald Hundt Yes

Seth Beaumont Yes

Public Portion

The meeting was opened to the public.

There was no input from the public.

The public portion was closed.

Secretary, Fred Hundt