SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Business Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

President Tim Nelson brought the meeting to order at 1900. There was a quorum present at the start of the meeting and throughout. There were no objections to the notice of this meeting. The **Pledge of allegiance** was followed by a **Silent prayer.**

August 10, 2026 Business meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership. ***Upon motion made by Jason Baleno, second by Ed Feola, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes as written.***
There was no Executive Committee meeting in August.

Reports of fires and alarms: No report. Jason Cox not in attendance.
Alarm comments: Rt 20 MVC -5 ambos. Battery was removed from car -unable to open door. 13 curves motor cycle crash- driver had carry permit, lost possession of firearm, later found.
Delinquent members: Read by Linda Grindrod:
Meetings: John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Mark Fenner, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall, JJ Ingraham, Dylan Whittico.
Drills: John Casolare, Brayden Coutri, Charlie Doupe, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall, JJ Ingraham.
Roll call: **26** members present. **26** eligible to vote.
REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Chief Erik Nelson (Erik):
No report. Not in attendance.
1st Asst. Chief Pat Abbott (Pat):

- E-6 to have pump test done on Sat. He will take it over.

2nd Asst. Chief Jason Baleno:

- Thanked those who helped with homecoming.

Capt. Jason Cox: Not in attendance.
Jason Baleno read Upcoming Drills:

- Master streams/handlines, Nat. Grid electric, civilian disaster preparedness.

Lieutenant Todd Cotterill: Not in attendance. No report.
Lieutenant David Toomey: Not in attendance. No report.
Safety Officer Dave Fisher: No report.
Fire Police Captain Tom Jones: No report.
EMS Administrator Susan Abbott:

- Her EMT is renewed for another 4 years.

President Tim Nelson (Tim):

- Referring to Dave Fisher and Don for budget.

VP Dave Fisher: BLD usage: 9/20 birthday party.

- Shawn is coming back to fix the driveway sinkhole.

Secretary Sue Fisher:

- Next Business meeting is Octoberber12th 2026 @1900. Dinner at 18:30.

Assistant Secretary Linda Grindrod (Linda): No report

Treasurer Bob Grindrod (Bob): Read report of account balances to membership and distributed report of bills. Membership was provided the opportunity to review and question. ***Upon motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Mary Lou Sobon, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the treasurer's report as read.***

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget: Don Fisher met with the Town, it went OK.

Building Maintenance: Diamond and Thiel tile donation- Pat asked for an estimated value. President Nelson asked for an invoice marked pd for tax purposes Letter of thanks to be sent for donation.

By-Laws: Don reviewed Taunton's and will meet with Tim.

Grants/Loans: Don Fisher reported: received a letter of support for Southwood from Schumer.

Memorial: Banner is up in park. Steve Babcock asked if it was ok to spray paint the bottom of the flag pole and asked if old one can be removed. Ed Feola has been raising and lowering the flag at the Station asked for a new bigger flag.

Motion made by Ed Feola, second by Howard Carr discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to approve Ed to purchase a new flag

Sports: Michele Cotterill reported:

- Walk was completed: 6th place Team, 3rd place Dave Pierce Sr.-Individual, 30th out of top 50 Dave Toomey.
- House of Hazards attendees: Michele and Todd Cotterill, Shane Moore, Dave Pierce Sr.

Training Tower: Pat Abbott reported.

- Topics discussed at meeting, Still want a rotary broom, new building and plowing. Contract w/OCC, Tractor tires and nails in tires. Driveway top coat-look for grant next year. Pat has treasurers report to be filed for record.

The following committees did not submit a report this month: Achievement, Audit & Finance: Banquet, Building Improvements**,** Community, Grounds, Historic Records LOSAP, Membership/Recruitment, Nominating, Recycling, Social media and Truck Replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

Communications: None.

Report of Bills was distributed by the Treasurer; membership was provided the opportunity to review and question. ***Motion made by Jerry Holbrook, second by Michele Cotterill, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to accept and pay the bills as presented.***

Bob needs NAPA charges clarified. Bill for $975 entered for "EMT Text" is Class charge, Sue Abbott to call AL Tompkins to look into charge for class as County/State usually covers the charge.

PROPOSALS for MEMBERSHIP: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Unresolved:** 2027 Banquet tabled from July& August,

Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Marilyn Strock, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to continue annual banquet and have a planning banquet committee.

Members interested in banquet planning committee come to **Executive Committee meeting Tuesday October 6th at 7pm.**

- **Unresolved:** Status of memorial bench for Joanne Hull? Tabled from July& August, Denny Abbott. has some bench information. He will get the contact information.
- **Remains Unresolved:** Don Fisher reported he looked into a plaque to recognize members 50+ years of service. Plaque in entryway is not very visible with small plates.
- **Believe 31.**

Motion made by Michele Cotterill, second by , discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to donate $500.00 to believe 31.

Susan Fisher mentioned this motion had already been approved last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Animals at Barn Fire Lecture at Camillus FD on 9/28 at 7pm & 10/5 Salt Springs Rd.
- The TV is coming in today.
- Beak & Skiff has slides and zip lines, petting zoo, etc.

Motion for adjournment made by Jason Baleno, second by Don Fisher, meeting adjourned at 19:54.

With Regards

Susan Fisher, SOFD Secretary