SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Business Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Vice President Dave Fisher 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.**

May 11, 2026 Business meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership. ***Upon motion made by Jason Baleno, second by Pat Abbott, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes as written***

May 26, 2026 Executive Committee meeting were previously distributed to membership. ***Upon motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Erik Nelson, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes with spelling corrections to the spelling of Tara Cappello and Ed Phelan's names.***

Reports of fires and alarms read by Jason Cox:
Calls for the month **17.** For the year **92.**
Chief Erik Nelson mentioned filling out a new County survey forms for 99's.

Delinquent members: Read by Linda Grindrod:
Meetings: John Casolare, Brayden Coutri, Charlie Doupe, Mark Fenner, Don Fisher, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall, JJ Ingraham.
Drills: John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall, Cooper Luchsinger, JJ Ingraham.
Roll call: taken **26** members present. **23** eligible to vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Chief Erik Nelson (Erik):

- 6/12 ladder testing at 1p. Anyone available to open up?
- Signal 31 tomorrow for past member Howard Carr Jr. 11-1pm. Past practice has been Honor guard for active members. Discussed sending donations vs flowers when requested. Membership in agreement to send donation rather than wait another month.

Upon motion made by Sue Fisher, second by Mary Lou Sobon, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved to send a $150.00 donation to Nedrow ladies auxiliary in leiu flowers, per family request.
1st Asst. Chief Pat Abbott (Pat):

- The tanker bumper has been pushed back in place, approximately $9,700.00 in damage.
- Engine to Otisco with Amber Saturday

- Chief's show will be downtown, see Pat if you want tickets.
- Re: Dewalt chain saw- Dave Toomey can get it cheaper from AC Smith.
- Consider installing outlet over the tanker wheel well.

2nd Asst. Chief Jason Baleno:

- New report program requires more information. Enter call disposition (action taken) on the call sheet.
- Kudos to Den Abbott, he can drive a truck.

Capt. Jason Cox: Upcoming Drills: 6/15 OCWA, 6/22 Roof ventilation, 6/29 forceable entry tools,7/6 Light aircraft, 7/20, 911 tour, 7/27 Narcan, 8/3 Mask confidence, 8/17 EMS/Sm. tool, 8/24 Mitson truck Co. drill.

- County trailer is here- thanks to helpers for set up.
- CSX class is posted. Any ideas for drills?
- No Southern section report.
- Thank you for the award presented at the banquet.

Lieutenant Todd Cotterill: No report.

Lieutenant David Toomey:

- Jazz Fest at Beak & Skiff Thurs. July 9-Sun. July 12th.

Safety Officer Dave Fisher: No report.

Fire Police Captain Tom Jones: No report. Not in attendance.

EMS Administrator Susan Abbott:

- Correction to treasurer's report, line item for AED is actually AED pads not an AED.
- Standby crew wait until trucks have returned to help put back in service.
- 8/10 BEFO in Borodino.

President Tim Nelson (Tim): No report. Not in attendance.

VP Dave Fisher:

- Building usage: Thursday Nancy Donath repast. 6/27 Thomas Hill Graduation, 7/13-7/16 and 7/20-7/23 Melissa Duerr Art Camp Received $300.00 check for reservation.
- Pitre painting will be here next week for bollards.

Secretary Sue Fisher:

- Thanks to the Tim and Ken Case for covering tonight's meal.
- Status of memorial bench for Joanne Hull? Can it be placed in front of the building with landscaping? Ideas and prices for next month meeting discussion.
- Calling hours for Howard Carr Jr. tomorrow.11-1pm
- Reported on TIMposium she attended. Highway safety and secondary collisions. She has links to courses for anyone interested. It is highly recommended for officers to take the 4hr course.
- Next Business meeting is July 13th 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 Erik Nelson, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the treasurer's report as read. All in favor, none opposed.***

Bob reported need to transfer funds from special fund saving to reimburse General fund checking.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit & Finance: Sue Fisher reported. Needed additional information on funds in investment account.

Banquet: Sue Fisher reported. Lots of positive feedback. Reserve it for next year? Think about it, tabled (not voted on) to next month.

Budget: Don Fisher reported plan to have budget meeting at the end of June.

Building Maintenance: Pat reported: overhead doors were getting hung up, the lock was sticking out and catching so he took the locks off.

By-Laws: Don Fisher reported he will get with Tim to set up the next meeting.

Grants/Loans: Don Fisher reported, FEMA 2022 Grant end of 3yr close out report done. New application period for Assist to Firefighters grant. Battery tools are no longer high priority, Officers recommended radios, applying for most trucks and 24 portables. Thanks to Pat, Jason Baleno, Erik and Bob for getting information.

Motion made by Den Abbott, second by Erik Nelson, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to approve the $2,000.00 contract with Tenkate to apply for the 2026 Assist to Firefighters grant.

Historic records: Cemetery Veterans and Firefighters list updated.

Sports: Michele Cotterill reported 7/19 Baseball game starts at 1:05 $35.00 pp includes parking, ticket, tee shirt.

Motion made by Michele Cotterill, second by Todd Cotterill, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: For the department to reimburse members $35.00 for game tickets for members and their immediate family.

Sign-up sheet to be posted.

Training Tower: Fire behavior simulator class has been canceled.

The following committees did not submit a report this month: Achievement, Building Improvements, Community/Halloween, Grounds, LOSAP, Membership /Recruitment, Memorial, Nominating, Recycling, 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 Michele Cotterill, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to accept and pay the bills as presented, with clarification of AED pads purchase, not AED.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Shirts for family members? Should family members be able to get shirts? Shirts were meant to be for members. Discussed at length, without resolution. Dave Toomey suggested a department apparel store. He was tasked to look into it.
- TV for meeting/community room- Sue Abbott has a benefactor willing to purchase a 100inch TV with installation for the community room.

- Stephen Strock was working on a projector for the community room.
- Suggested Stephen and Sue Abbott report to department at next meeting, with decision to be made at July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Shane Moore questioned being removed from some box alarms. Doing less mutual aid calls. How EMS calls are being dispatched. VP Dave Fisher explained how 911 may categorize the call based on the information they received.
- Shane remarked he heard TLC was leaving Syracuse. Chief Nelson will check into that.

Motion for adjournment made by Michele Cotterill, second by Shane Moore, the following resolution was approved: to adjourn the meeting @ 20:39.

With Regards

Susan Fisher, SOFD Secretary