

**SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 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**.

**January 12, 2026 Business meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership.** *Upon motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes as written.*

**February 5, 2026 Executive meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership.** *Upon motion made by Michele Cotterill, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes with the addition of the word "Cabinet" to Don Fishers report asking about "replacing kitchen door fronts".*

Michele Cotterill asked to have the report state "kitchen cabinet door fronts".

**Reports of fires and alarms:** 21 calls for the month. 29 for the year.

**Delinquent members:** Read by Linda Grindrod:

**Meetings:** John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Don Fisher, Steve Hall

**Drills:** John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Steve Hall, Benjamin Nett

**Roll call:** taken with 26 members present. 26 are eligible to vote.

Adjusted to 27 & 27 with late member.

Pat Abbott read an account of MVC response on Rt 20 on 1/28/2026, where Susan Abbott used her phone to translate with non-English speaking victim at the scene. Pat nominated Susan Abbott as "Person of the Month" for her efforts on this alarm. Pat provided the written account for filing in her record.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Chief Erik Nelson (Erik):** Not in attendance.

- Pat Abbott reported they plan to meet to discuss Lieutenants later this week.
- Erik texted the wash soap dispenser has arrived.

**1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Pat Abbott (Pat):**

- OEM Fire news: there are grants available to upgrade facilities.
- First Net- All vehicle air cards are updated.
- MTD's- E6's hasn't worked in years. Squad had no power to unit d/t corrosion.
- Smith Garage can do oil changes, etc. on trucks beside the squad. Pat to check with Har-Rob to see if that is ok with them.

- NYS Assoc of Fire Chiefs -Fire behavior class in E. Syr. April 18 &19<sup>th</sup> info posted on board.

President Nelson added the Emergency Management (EM) Lithium battery classes are filled up. OCCRA will not allow departments to use the pails unless they have the class.

- When taking a tanker on calls ask what direction to come in from.
- Tanker passenger seat alarm will be on all the time if no passenger- need to have the seat belt bucked all the time until it is fixed. New sensor on order.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Jason Baleno:**

- The tablet is finally in. Will get it up and ready for inventory.

**Capt. Jason Cox: Upcoming Drills:**

- 2/16 in house scene support/SCBA fill, 2/23 highway safety,3/2 Utilities,3/16 EMS, 3/23 hydrants,3/30 Fire investigation,4/6 handlines,4/20 rescue tool basics,4/27 basement fires. (subject to change as needed)
- Thanks to all that attended the MCI drill last week.
- S. Section meeting here on 2/26.

**Lieutenant Todd Cotterill:** No report.

**Safety Officer Dave Fisher:** No report.

**EMS Administrator Susan Abbott:**

- The 2yr recert with Albany is done. Look for the sticker it will be coming in the mail.
- She went to the RCME report program in Auburn on 1/22. Afterward met with Colleen (Tompkins Co.) here, and went through the state paperwork.
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> New law requires forward and backward cameras on the squad. President Nelson will check into it.
- She will be getting with Jason Cox to work on the department's exposure plan.

**Fire Police Captain Tom Jones:** No report.

**President Tim Nelson (Tim):**

- Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> phone line- request written history from Verizon. Pat Abbott states he tried the line it's not a bunk in line.
- Town is looking for articles for the newsletter. Marilyn Strock has some ideas.
- Scott Clark resigned for EM.
- Onondaga Co is doing an EMS study.
- Have Don Peck put speaker back up in truck bay, Pat checking on it.

**VP Dave Fisher:** Building usage: 2/12 Training tower.

- Truck bay doors were serviced. Rescue truck door opener does not have a brake on it, so it may back up a bit. Exec. committee approved replacing top seals and getting price on additional weather stripping. Will have Wayne Dalton make recommendations for cleaning up areas of rust and replacing ancient weather stripping.

**Secretary Sue Fisher:**

- LOSAP eligibility points list is posted on the board in the truck bay. To be posted for 30 days until 2/11.
- emailed LOSAP info for tax preparers to members.
- Thanks to Mary Lou for dinner.
- March.2026 Business meeting is March.9<sup>th</sup> @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 Joan Moosebrugger, second by Ed Feola, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the treasurer's report as read. All in favor, none opposed.***

Bob added the 2025 remaining account balance was split \$35,000 to Truck fund and \$34,282 to building fund.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Building Addition:** Kitchen ideas being gathered.

**Building Maintenance:** Excessive upstairs heat issue- Dave Fisher is having Holbrook come to take a look at the issue.

**Grants/Loans:** Newsletter was forwarded from Jerry Payne.

**Historic records:** Susan Fisher reported the plaques are updated and Dave Fisher helped her hang them last week. Susan Abbott criticized the plaque placement.

**LOSAP:** List to be taken down and sent to the Town later this week.

**Recruitment:** Michele to report on Recruit NY next month.

**Sports:** Michele Cotterill reports: They took 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Obstacle course at Winter games.

**Social media:** Marilyn Strock would like to help with this committee.

**Training Tower:** Meeting this Thursday. Pat will be getting refreshments.

The following committees did not submit a report this month: Achievement, Audit & Finance, Budget, By-Laws, Community/Halloween, Grounds, Highway Clean up, Membership, Memorial, Nominating, and Truck Replacement.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:**

Communications: President Nelson read Thank You from OCS for yearbook ad.

Report of Bills was distributed by the Treasurer; membership was provided the opportunity to review and question.

***Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Cooper Luchsinger, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to accept and pay the bills as presented.***

**PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None.

President Nelson read Mike Hunter's letter of resignation.

***Motion made by Jason Cox, second by Jason Baleno, to accept Mike Hunter's resignation. Vote taken, with all in favor and none opposed.***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Susan Abbott

- Discussed Oregon chain saw battery replacement- better off finding an aftermarket battery. Which led to discussion on replacing it with a Dewalt model.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ***Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Dave Toomey, to purchase a Dewalt chainsaw with 18- inch bar and 60V batteries. Vote taken, with all in favor and none opposed.*** President Nelson will look into pricing.

***Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Michele Cotterill, to look into pricing to purchase Dewalt 20V Tripod lights. Vote taken, with all in favor and none opposed.***

- Pat Abbott requested the department purchase sweatshirts for the members. He has quotes of \$52.00 and \$64.00 a sweatshirt. Cost would be greater than \$2500.00 for all members. Three bids need for purchase over \$2500.00. Stephen Strock mentioned CBA has a business program they can make shirts. Mary Lou Sobon has a contact also. Members asked to show support by show of hands, 14 members were against and 10 were in favor of sweatshirt purchase. Everyone needs to present their quotes in at the March meeting.
- Pat also submitted a quote for tee shirts at \$22.00 a shirt/100 for \$2200.00.

***Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Dave Toomey, to post a sign-up sheet for interested to purchase tee shirts for \$22.00 per shirt. Vote taken, with 18 members in approval.***

- Signup sheet for those interested in shirts posted on the board.

***Motion for adjournment made by Pat Abbott, second by Ken Case, the following resolution was approved: to adjourn the meeting @ 20:24.***

*With Regards*

*Susan Fisher, SOFD Secretary*