SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
January 12, 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.**

December 8, 2025 Business meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership. ***Upon motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the last monthly business meeting minutes. With addition of Jerry Holbook voiced his opposition to Don Fisher's eligibility to run for the Immediate past president position as he is not a resident States he has spoken to two lawyers who agree with him.***
December 2025 *There was no* Executive meeting.

Reports of fires and alarms: **25** calls for the month. **16** to end of 2025. **314** for 2025.

Delinquent members: Read by Linda Grindrod:
Meetings: Charlie Doupe, Steve Hall
Drills: Charlie Doupe, Todd Gardner Steve Hall
Roll call: taken with **33** members present. Of the 33 present members 31 are eligible to vote. Total eligible to vote **35** Includes the 4 valid proxy votes received.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Chief Erik Nelson (Erik):

- Continues meeting with Taunton, Howlett Hill and the Town
- IFO class coming to Nedrow. Dillon has signed up.
- Onondaga Hill has a new Chief wants to change box alarms.
- Thanked Membership for the year.
- Read Sue Fisher's request to change to Business status.

Upon motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Ken Case, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved*: *To change Sue Fisher's status to Business member. All in favor none opposed.

- 911 will be coming in the next week or so to replace all SIMS cards in 3 Chiefs vehicles.

1st Asst. Chief Pat Abbott (Pat):

- 2 &1/2 connections on E2 corroded Pat replaced and sprayed connections
- New resident across from Bus garage driveway. May be an at-risk safety concern.

2nd Asst. Chief Jason Baleno:

- Echoed Erik on a good past year.
- FED's have changed the fire reporting program to NERIS (National Emergency Response Information System). We are now 100% live and swapped over.

Capt. Jason Cox: Upcoming Drills:

- Live fire practice w/Taunton. Thank you. He was proud of the showing.
- Held ice rescue practice last month.
- 1/19 & 1/26 OSHA 1&2 start @ 19:00.

Lieutenant Mike Hunter:

- Had practice on E-6.
- Battery powered chain saw is off the truck. Needs new battery,

Lieutenant Todd Cotterill: No report.

Safety Officer Dave Fisher: No report.

EMS Administrator Susan Abbott:

- FYI water bottles do expire-switch them out.
- Has supplies on order.
- More CPR classes coming up as several members still need it.
- American Heart recommends classes for the community. Sue is planning to provide community Narcan, stop the bleed, and CPR classes.

Fire Police Captain Tom Jones: No report.

President Tim Nelson (Tim):

- The new board should meet in the next week or so to start to get Insurance quotes.

VP Dave Fisher: Building usage: 2/4 Western Section, 2/12 Training tower.

- Found new electrician, will work on list when he gets a chance. Reminded membership it is difficult to find electrician to prioritize small jobs.

Secretary Sue Fisher:

- LOSAP eligibility points list is posted on the board in the truck bay. To be posted for 30 days before sending into the Town. Any questions call Don Fisher, and DON'T leave a note in his mail box.
- Thanks to Linda and Bob Grindrod for their assistance over the past year.
- Get well card sent to Mel Simmons, Amber FD.
- Feb.2026 Business meeting is Feb.9th @1900. Dinner at 18:00.

Assistant Secretary Linda Grindrod (Linda):

- Completed records of drills and meetings and sent the info onto Don Fisher.

Treasurer Bob Grindrod: 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 Mike Hunter, second by Denny Abbott, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the treasurer's report as read. All in favor, none opposed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Audit & Finance: Sue Fisher: Meeting in the next few weeks to complete 2025.

Building Addition: See Don Fisher's attached report.

By-Laws: President Nelson Read Don Fisher's report. Steve Shanan has By-Laws to review. Per President Nelson it may be a few months before he gets back to us. Don will check on his progress. Report attached.

Grants/Loans: President Nelson Read Don Fisher's report. FEMA/DHS battery power equip grant stats uncertain.
DEC-50% match increased to $3500.this year application for fire skid tank submitted.

Between FEMA and DEC SOFD has received $589,111 in grants since 2002. See attached report.

Grounds: Mike Kerlin called when sign blew off the building. Erik removed the frame and rivets. Due to damage, it may need to be replaced.

LOSAP: President Nelson read Don Fisher's report. Report showing whether members did or did not get minimum 50 points is posted on the board (1/12/26) any questions about your OWN qualifications call Don Fisher.

Sports: Michele Cotterill reports: winter games will be at Greek Peak 2/6 thru 2/8/26. She requests the department pay the entry fee. Sue Fisher asked to have request tabled for one month as department had done in the past. Discussion followed with some members stating "that is only done for donations".

Motion made by Michele Cotterill, second by Dave Toomey, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To have the department pay the $50.00 per person registration fee for Winter games. One member in opposition, Motion is carried.

Training Tower:

- Burn room damage estimate $80,000. Received the Insurance check $81,000. to redo the building.
- Training tower class incident, TLC called question is who pays for this. The members home department?
- Generator wiring and battery issues.
- Tower received $150,000 grant.

The following committees did not submit a report this month: Achievement, Budget, Building Maintenance, Community/Halloween, Highway Clean up, Historic records, Membership, Memorial, Nominating, Recruitment, social media, and Truck Replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

Communications: Received a $500.00 donation from Dr. Howser in Memory of Joanne Hull. He requests using it towards a suitable memorial. Sue Abbott suggested something at the corner park, like a bench or memorial bricks.

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

Motion made by Erik Nelson, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Susan Abbott questioned electrician status, truck bay speakers, and…Chief Nelson interjected before she could finish asking about truck wash soap dispenser. Erik sent the wash soap/dispenser part back, extremely expensive, he is working on it. Dave Fisher spoke with new electrician, unable to reach Dave Toomey's electrician contact. Jason Baleno is in contact with Don Nichols for speakers, on it. Sue Fisher asked when the ladies room shower was going to be cleaned, Sue Abbott thought Mike Hunter was doing it, which he denied. He did clean the men's shower.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Jerry Holbrook brought up his objection to Don Fisher as candidate for Immediate past president (IPP) due to (d/t) NYS requirement for Active Members. Susan Abbott voiced her

objection as waiving By-Laws. Denny Abbott remarked on long standing personal conflict between Susan Abbott and Don Fisher. Susan Fisher brought up By-Law inconsistencies, thus gray area in eligibility for office between different categories of membership. President Nelson noted the By-laws are in review, by the attorney, in part d/t multiple discrepancies throughout. Standing by previous decision to allow Don Fisher to run for IPP, d/t eligibility irregularities and let the department decide through their vote.

Candidates were given the opportunity to present the membership with a two-minute address prior to voting.

ELECTION RESULTS

CHIEF: **1) Erik Nelson- 22 2) Pat Abbott- 11**

1st ASSIST. CHIEF: **1) Pat Abbott- 22 2) Jason Baleno- 13**

2nd ASSIST. CHIEF: **1) Jason Baleno- 21 2) Jason Cox- 14**

CAPTAIN: **1) Jason Cox- N/A 2) Kenny Case- Withdrew**

Upon motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Jerry Holbrook, discussion held and vote taken, to have the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Jason Cox as Captain
All in Favor, none were opposed.

PRESIDENT: **1) Tim Nelson - 23 2) Susan Abbott- 12**

VICE-PRESIDENT: **1) Dave Fisher- 22 2) Susan Abbott- 13**

SECRETARY **Susan Fisher- unopposed.**
Upon motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Anna Wells, discussion held and vote taken, to have the President cast one unanimous ballot for Susan Fisher as Secretary. All in Favor, none were opposed
TREASURER -Robert Grindrod- unopposed
Upon motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Mary Lou Sobon, discussion held and vote taken, to have the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Robert Grindrod as Treasurer. All in Favor, none opposed.

IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT: **1) Don Fisher- 17 2) Susan Abbott – 15**

DIRECTOR 2 (2YR 2028) formerly Mike Hunter's position.

- **Dave Toomey -18 final**

DIRECTOR 2 (2YR 2028) formerly Jerry Holbrook's position.

- **Pat Abbott- 19 final**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bob Grindrod asked for approval for $6500 for the annual audit. POMPO Audit to be completed later in the year.

Motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Pat Abbott, discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to approve the annual audit for $6500.00.

- Anyone interested in a Lieutenant's position see Erik.
- Denny Abbott will administer the Oath of Office to Elected officers following the meeting.

Motion for adjournment made by Ken Case, second by Joan Moosbrugger, the following resolution was approved: to adjourn the meeting @ 2120.

With Regards

Susan Fisher, SOFD Secretary

DIRECTOR Hunters 2YR -2028	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	Round 5
Mike Hunter	14	14	16	14	15
Jerry Holbrook	1 / 5	out	out	out	Out
Dave Toomey	6	11	14	15	18
Michele Cotterill	5	5	2	out	out
Shane Moore	1 / 25	1 /24	out	out	out
Ken Case	2	1/ 1	out	out	out
Pat Abbott	3	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
Todd Cotterill	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
Dave Fisher	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
DIRECTOR Holbrooks 2YR -2028	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	Round 5
Mike Hunter	12	14	12	12	16
Jerry Holbrook	3	2 / 7	out	out	out
Michele Cotterill	9	10	7	10	out
Shane Moore	3	2 / 26	5	out	out
Ken Case	2	out	out	out	out
Pat Abbott	6	6	9	11	19
Dave Toomey	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
Todd Cotterill	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
Dave Fisher	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD	* WD
* WD withdrew					
* # / # lowest tied position to determine who advances					