SOUTH ONONDAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Business Meeting Minutes
August 10, 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.**

July 13, 2026 Business meeting minutes were previously distributed to membership.
Upon motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Michele Cotterill, 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 July.
Reports of fires and alarms read by Jason Cox:
Calls for the month **18.** For the year **143.**
Starting next month, only the number of alarms will be read, unless there are questions or comments on alarms.
Delinquent members: Read by Linda Grindrod:
Meetings: John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Mark Fenner, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall.
Drills: John Casolare, Charlie Doupe, Todd Gardner, Steve Hall, JJ Ingraham.
Roll call: **22** members present. **22** eligible to vote. Two more members arrived late.
REPORTS OF OFFICERS
Chief Erik Nelson (Erik):

- David Pierce Jr and Ben Nett are both eligible for active member status.
- ***Motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Dave Toomey to change David Piece Jr's status from RAM to full Active Member. All were in favor none opposed.***
- ***Motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Dave Fisher to change Benjamin Nett's status from RAM to full Active Member. All were in favor none opposed.***
- ***Motion made by Erik Nelson, second by Dave Toomey to change Susan Fisher's status from Business member back to Active Member. All were in favor none opposed.***
- The move for alerts from Active 911 to IamResponding is in progress.
- Discussed missing applications from member files and missing meeting minutes from several years ago, made it difficult to determine Ken Case's exact start date. Therefore, Erik recommended Ken Case for Life Member Status.

Motion made by Linda Grindrod, second by Ed Feola to grant Ken Case Life Member status. All were in favor none opposed.

Suggested reaching out to former Presidents to see if they may have copies of missing meeting minutes.

1st Asst. Chief Pat Abbott (Pat):

- Credited Rachel Toomey, Shane Moore and Michele Cotterill for their work with Cadets at CNY Youth Fire/EMS training at Fairmount

2nd Asst. Chief Jason Baleno: Not in attendance.

- Erik reported Jason Baleno will be out for Four weeks.

- Jason Cox will be Car 4 for the next Four weeks and responding to the scene for in district calls.

Capt. Jason Cox: Upcoming Drills: 8/17 EMS/Sm. tool, 8/24 Mitson truck Co. drill w/ Marcellus truck.

- 7/23 S. Section Meeting: EM open house Aug.19th, Fire advisory board surveys, OCVFA -$ for new safety trailer and truck.
- State Fair House of Hazards improved.

Lieutenant Todd Cotterill: Not in attendance**.** No report.

Lieutenant David Toomey: No report.

Safety Officer Dave Fisher: No report.

Fire Police Captain Tom Jones: No report.

EMS Administrator Susan Abbott:

- Thanks to everyone who showed up for Narcan Training.
- Some people still need CPR see Sue to schedule.

President Tim Nelson (Tim):

- Voiced concern with missing minutes.

VP Dave Fisher: BLD usage: 9/6 shower, 9/8 OCS, 9/20 birthday party.

- Hot water heater was replaced $2700.00.
- Bollards are painted.

Secretary Sue Fisher:

- Requested donation in lieu of Flowers in Marilyn Carr's memory to Hospice of CNY. Executive board was in favor.

Motion made by Pat Abbott, second by Mary Lou Sobon to donated $160.00 to Hospice of CNY in Marilyn Carr's memory. All were in favor none opposed.

- Next Business meeting is September14th 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 Jerry Holbrook, second by Don Fisher, discussion held and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: To approve the treasurer's report as read.***

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget: Don Fisher asked the Town for an early meeting this year.

Building Maintenance: Dave Toomey reported: Diamond and Thiel donated 2 pallets of ceiling tiles. Send a letter of Thanks to them.

By-Laws: Tim and Don will meet to look at Taunton's, Erik did not think their By-Laws would be beneficial.

Community: Mary Lou Sobon reported Halloween is on Saturday this year.

Grants/Loans: Don Fisher reported

Membership/Recruitment: Erik read application for Howard Carr.

Memorial: September 11 display in the park

Social media: Sue Fisher reported newsletter submission went to Town.

Sports: Michele Cotterill reported:

- House of Hazards 8/29 from 4:30-8:15 anyone can help out.
- Members are doing walking group challenge.

- 9/12 is OCS homecoming.
- Requesting $100.00 donation for Believe 31 (new business).

Training Tower: Pat Abbott reported. No meeting this past month.

- Colton FD came up and did their fire bomb training.
- He got 6 pair of Ragg top gloves and passed them out to demo.

The following committees did not submit a report this month: Achievement, Audit & Finance, Banquet, Building Improvements, Grounds, Historic Records, LOSAP, 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 Erik Nelson, second by Dave Toomey discussion held, and vote taken, the following resolution was approved: to accept and pay the bills as presented.***

PROPOSALS for MEMBERSHIP: Application for Howard Carr presented for vote. Results Yes: 20 No:1 Blank: 2. Membership Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Unresolved:** 2027 Banquet tabled from July, tabled again to September members were asked to bring ideas to Sept meeting. Annual dinner vs every 5 years, picnic?
- **Unresolved:** Status of memorial bench for Joanne Hull? Tabled from July, tabled again to September. Again, members were asked for ideas bench/vs picnic table, in park vs FD.
- **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.
- To put the TV up in the community room the screen may have to come down if it doesn't clear the TV. Decision to leave screen up and look into purchasing extension brackets for screen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sue Fisher reported on Lifeseeker mobile cell tower system.
- Denny Abbott reported: someone covered up the top responder list with a sheet of paper. Needs to stop.
- Ed Feola asked about Treasurer replacement-Tim has two people that may be interested.
- Don Fisher mentioned Howlett Hill has a meeting with the Town on signs.
- Michele Cotterill requested donation towards Believe 31 Cancer Education trailer.
- Pat Abbott suggested adding the Donath donation to the Hull memorial project.

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

Motion for adjournment made by Ken Case, second by Anna Wells, the following resolution was approved: to adjourn the meeting @ 20:33.

With Regards

Susan Fisher, SOFD Secretary