



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026

Present: President Ron Yuhas, Vice President Kevin Marquardt, Randy Ackley, Gale Goode, Jon Luther, Richard Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar, Chief Rheume, Deputy Chief Lowell and District Administrator Wanda Morales.

Absent: Board Member Al Luther

At 6:08 p.m. President Ron Yuhas announced the call to order with the time, date and place. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A moment of silence and a pledge to the flag followed.

Remarks from Visitors:

n/a

Approval of Previous Minutes:

MOTION: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the meeting minutes of May 14, 2026.

Reports and Communications:

Fire Chief Rheume's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Deputy Chief Lowell's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Fire Marshal Bednarz's report was accepted for the record.

Old Business

n/a

New Business

a. Over-Budget Apparatus Repairs: The Chief explained that funds are available in other budget line items and requested permission to transfer money to cover over-budget apparatus repair expenses. The Board suggested that the Chief provide a written request specifying the amount needed and the budget line from which the funds would be transferred.

b. Pickup Truck Replacement Grant Application: The Chief reported that the department is seeking to replace the pickup truck through a regional grant program that would provide 95% funding. Information will be submitted to the Town, and the Chief will prepare a letter in support of the application and proceed with the grant request.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session to discuss potential litigation strategy at 6:30 pm and ended at 6:46 pm.

Good of the Department

- a. Chief Rheume informed the District that the Connecticut Airport Authority sent a letter to the PBFD expressing appreciation for the department's support during a recent visit by the President of the United States. The department was able to provide adequate water supply and firefighting support throughout the visit.
- b. A message was received via Facebook thanking department members for their assistance and support during a recent incident.
- c. An individual who suffered a severe leg injury at Bluff Point State Park earlier this year visited the station and brought donuts for the firefighters as a gesture of appreciation for their care and assistance.
- d. The Ledges hosted a First Responder Appreciation event in June, which was attended by the on-duty shift.
- e. Deputy Chief Lowell reported that in the early morning hours of May 31, members responded to 135 Ledgewood Road for a reported structure fire. Upon arrival, crews encountered heavy fire conditions. PBFD personnel, working alongside mutual aid partners, performed exceptionally well in ensuring the safe evacuation of all occupants and preventing the fire from extending to or affecting nearby structures.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for June 2026 in the amount of \$94,011.24 were accepted.

MOTION: At 6:57 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on July 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Aguiar, Clerk
Poquonnock Bridge Fire District