



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes August 20, 2026

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

Absent: Vice President Kevin Marquardt, Board Members Richard Marquardt, and Al Luther

At 6:06 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 July 9, 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

a. FYE26 Budget Item:

Three bills from Courville's dating back to June were received on July 30th. The bills total approximately \$21,000 and are related to a turbo replacement for Ladder 35, a turbo actuator on Engine 32 and a check engine light also on Engine 32. The board agreed to pay these bills out of the district's operating investment fund so the payments can be tracked back to FYE26 without impacting the current budget.

New Business

- a. CDs: The Chief proposed opening a new three-month CD in the amount of \$2,000,000 at an interest rate of 4.00%. The Chief further proposed that the Board review the financial situation in October and, depending on circumstances at that time, consider opening an additional three-month CD in the amount of \$1,500,000. Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar made a motion to open the \$2,000,000 three-month CD and, following a review of the financial situation, consider opening an additional \$1,500,000 three-month CD in November. Board Member Randy Ackley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:32 pm and ended at 6:41 pm. No motions or votes were taken.

Good of the Department

- a. **Fire Drill:** Chief Rheaume informed the District that B-Shift, along with the Deputy Chief and himself, attended a fire drill at AHEPA on July 31st. The drill included a full building evacuation, followed by a question-and-answer session in the community room. The tenants expressed their gratitude and were very pleased with the drill and the department's participation.
- b. **Donation:** The Chief conducted a survey, which resulted in an \$800 donation to the Department. The donated funds will be used to pay outstanding bills.
- c. The New London Fire Department Chief Vernon Skau sent an email thanking the Department for its support and assistance with a fatal fire.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for July 2026 in the amount of \$358,816.91 were accepted.

MOTION: At 6:55 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on September 10, 2026.

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