

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

NORTH CASTLE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, ARMONK, NY

January 12th, 2026

Constituting a quorum ready to transact business, the meeting called to order by Commissioner Ernie Lombardi at 6:30 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

William Fisher	Commissioner
Donald Dehmer	Commissioner
Mario Dushi	Commissioner
Ernie Lombardi	Commissioner
Edwin Schultz	Commissioner
Adam Ross	Treasurer
Joseph McConnell	Secretary

Commissioner Lombardi administered the oath of office to Donald Dehmer as Commissioner of the North Castle Fire District 2.

Commissioner Schultz nominated Commissioner Fisher for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Fisher nominated Commissioner Dehmer to the position of Deputy Chairman. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion giving the Deputy Chairman the authority to sign the district checks. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Board tabled a decision on the annual salary increases until the Regular January meeting.

Chairman Fisher administered the oath of office to Adam Ross as Treasurer of the North Castle Fire District Number 2.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to appoint Joseph McConnell as Secretary of the North Castle Fire District Number 2. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chairman Fisher administered the oath of office to Joseph McConnell as Secretary of the North Castle Fire District Number 2.

Commissioner Dehmer made a motion to appoint Edwin Schultz as the Purchasing Officer for the Fire District. Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chairman Fisher administered the oath of office to Edwin Schultz as Purchasing Officer of the North Castle Fire District No. 2.

Commissioner Dushi made a motion to retain the firm Kornfeld, Newman, Rew and Simeone as the Districts Legal Counsel at \$300.00 per hour with a minimum of two hours. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to appoint Michael Giaccio as Chief of the Department. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to appoint Carlos Cano as 1st Assistant Chief of the Department. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Dushi made a motion to appoint Sonny Vataj as 2nd Assistant Chief of the Department. Commissioner Dehmer seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chairman Fisher appointed Secretary McConnell as the District Records Access Officer.

The Board determined Chairman Fisher will function as the District Appeals Officer.

The Treasurers bond will be \$3.0 million dollars' coverage.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to appoint Donald Cohen, M.D, Sean Donegan, M.D and Rajni Singh, M.D. of Northwell Health Physician Partners as the district physicians. Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Dushi made a motion to designate The Journal News as the Official Newspaper for the District. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Schultz made a motion to use the Webster Bank for the General Fund checking and the Reserve Fund "B" accounts. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to use the Putnam County Savings Bank the Reserve Fund "A" accounts. Commissioner Dehmer seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Pursuant to Town Law 177, at the Organizational Meeting, The Treasurer shall:

- Account with the Board of Fire Commissioners for all monies received and dispersed during fiscal year 2025, and
- File a detailed statement in writing of the receipts and disbursements for the preceding year, and
- Produce all books, records, receipts, orders, vouchers, and cancelled checks (or check images) for examination anytime.

Due to December 2025 checking account statements not being available, the audit will be completed for the February 2026 meeting.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to have the following vendor invoices considered recurring monthly payments and to pay through Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT).

Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- Consolidated Edison
- Webster Bank – Master Card
- Staples
- Costco
- Ricoh USA, Inc.
- Clearfly

Commissioner Dehmer made a motion to have the District join the Association of Fire Districts of New York; Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Dushi made a motion to have the District join the Association of Fire Districts of Westchester County; Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to have the District join the National Fire Protection Association; Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chairman Fisher appointed Commissioners Fisher and Dehmer to the Truck Committee; Commissioners Schultz and Dushi to the Building and Grounds Committee; and Commissioner Lombardi to the EMS Committee.

Commissioner Lombardi made a motion to approve all existing maintenance contracts, mutual aid agreements and the contract to provide ambulance service to North Castle Fire Protection District No. 3. Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The regular monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Castle Fire District No. 2 for 2026 will be on the following Dates:

North Castle Fire District No. 2 2026 Meeting Schedule	
Monday, January 12, 2026	Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	Public Budget Hearing
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2026	Regular Meeting
Monday January 11, 2027	Organizational Meeting

All meetings take place at the Armonk Fire Station, located at 400 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY. These meetings will be advertised in the Journal News, open to the public and posted on the North Castle Fire District No. 2 website.

Commissioner Dehmer made a motion to ratify the District investment policy (Policy #23). Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Dushi made a motion to ratify the District purchasing policy (Policy #5). Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Board approved the following Driver Training Examiners for 2026:

Ambulances & Utility 82	William Fisher, Edwin Schultz, Michael Giaccio, Ron Macellaro, Ernie Lombardi, Dwight Eisenhower, Bruce Wuebber
Engine 288	Ron Macellaro, William Fisher, Dwight Eisenhower, Bruce Wuebber
Engine 286	Ron Macellaro, William Fisher, Dwight Eisenhower, Bruce Wuebber
Engine 287	Ron Macellaro, Dwight Eisenhower, William Fisher and Bruce Wuebber
Tanker 9	William Fisher, Ron Macellaro, Dwight Eisenhower, Bruce Wuebber
Rescue 85	William Fisher, Ron Macellaro, Dwight Eisenhower, Bruce Wuebber
Boat	Michael Giaccio, William Fisher and Ron Macellaro
ATV	Carlos Cano, Michael Giaccio, Sonny Vataj

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to approve the 2026 Driver Training Examiners. Commissioner Lombardi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to have all motions and seconded considered unanimously approved, unless stated otherwise. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

On a motion by Commissioner Lombardi, BE IT RESOLVED that the provisions of Section 176-D of Town Law and Section 18 of the Public Officers Law, providing for the defense and indemnification of the Fire District Employees, Fire District Officers and the Volunteer Firefighters be applicable to the North Castle Fire District No. 2 and be it further resolved that this resolution shall remain in force and effect until rescinded. Commissioner Dushi seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting stood adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Dehmer at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph P. McConnell
Secretary