

Board of Fire Commissioners

Bedford Hills Fire District
332 Bedford Road
Bedford Hills, NY 10507



BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph J. Lombardo, *Chairperson*
Dominick N. Bueti, *Vice-Chairperson*
Dominic A. Bueti
Jonathan A. Lucas
Maureen Bailey

DISTRICT STAFF

Diane Bancroft, *Secretary*
Alexandra Graniero, *Treasurer*
Kerry McGill, *Deputy Treasurer*

Minutes of Monthly Meeting February 10, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Tuesday February 10, 2026, which was held both in person and via Zoom.

Attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS	DISTRICT STAFF	FIRE CHIEFS
Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo	Secretary Diane Bancroft	Chief Zachary Patierno
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti	Deputy Treasurer Kerry McGill	
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas (Virtual)		
Commissioner Maureen Bailey		

Commissioner D.A. Bueti is excused from meeting

In Person: Firefighter David Tomack and Firefighter William Nakelski

Virtual: Firefighter Gregory Wege

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo at 7:03 P.M.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Maureen Bailey.
- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo opened the meeting with the public forum, inviting attendees to address the Board of Fire Commissioners. No attendees provided comments. Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo noted that if any member of the public joined the meeting in person or virtually prior to the conclusion of the meeting, they would be afforded an opportunity to address the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo moved to the first order of business, the permissive referendum for fitness room equipment.

Permissive Referendum

- Secretary Diane Bancroft provided the affidavit for the Public Notice in the Journal News for the permissive referendum for replacement of the fitness room equipment. No petitions were received against the permissive referendum.
- Commissioner Joseph J. Lombardo invited attendees to speak on the permissive referendum. No attendees provided comments.
- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti made a motion with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move forward with the permissive referendum.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Correspondence

- Secretary Diane Bancroft noted that a FOIL request was received for the recent fire call located at Rebel Gas station.
- Secretary Diane Bancroft shared that a contract for D.P. Wolff, Inc. was received and requires signature.

Report of the Secretary

- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas made a motion with second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti to approve December 15, 2025, Monthly Meeting minutes with noted minor corrections.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Commissioner Maureen Bailey made a motion with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to approve January 1, 2026, Annual Organizational Meeting minutes with noted minor corrections.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas made a motion with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to approve January 30, 2026, Special Meeting minutes.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas made a motion with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to approve January 13, 2026, Monthly Meeting minutes with noted minor corrections.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Report of the Treasurer

- Deputy Treasurer Kerry McGill advised that the annual audit was completed the week prior, with representatives onsite. Feedback from auditors has been positive. The final report will be provided in the next few weeks. Deputy Treasurer Kerry McGill also noted that the annual report is being prepared for submission to the state. She extended her and Treasurer Alexandra Graniero’s appreciation for all those that helped to support the audit.

Report of Commissioners

Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti

- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti raised the need to review and monitor the budget for snow removal performed by Joe Valvano. Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo noted that the recent snow removal completed in preparation for the demolition will be included within the budget for the building demolition.

Commissioner Maureen Bailey

- Commissioner Maureen Bailey shared that coordination was underway for additional cleaning supplies to be ordered. Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo provided updated contact information for the cleaning supply vendor.
- The 2026 cleaning schedule will be on the third Saturday of the month, except for February, when the cleaning will be done on February 14, 2026. The schedule will be provided to the department for awareness.

Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas

- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas confirmed that the LOSAP transfer to National Life was in process and would be completed by the end of the week.
- Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas confirmed that the LOSAP benefit form annual reporting was being corrected in coordination with Treasurer Alexandra Graniero and Deputy Treasurer Kerry McGill.
- Cancer coverage membership roster review was completed and filed with the state by December 31, 2025. The Cancer Policy renewal headcount for the 2026 policy period was also completed and submitted to VFIS.

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo discussed the following items:

- Advantage Fitness is under New York State contract to assist with the fitness room layout. The Peloton will be removed to allow for a new StairMaster, elliptical and two treadmills. The total project cost is estimated to be \$47,373.20; the permissive referendum was for \$80,000. Some electrical work may be needed and would be included in the permissive referendum.
- ESS is expected on Thursday, February 12, 2026, for completion on the Zello and radio upgrades.
- Remote speaker mics on the portable radios are aging and in serious disrepair. Consideration of a capital project to replace the damaged Chief radio and repair or replace mic/radios currently in use.
- An apparatus replacement committee will need to be established to develop a plan for purchase of new apparatus. Manufacturer build timing has increased from 18 months to over 4 years. Mapping a plan of replacement for the 2 pumper trucks, MA9, U6, etc. will likely result in substantial savings given that costs are rising annually. The Chief's truck is scheduled to be replaced this year. A work session with the Commissioners and the Chiefs will be the initial step.
- Consideration for a donation to an upstate New York volunteer firehouse for the surplus Bullard cameras that were replaced last year. The cameras would allow their department to refurbish the 10–15-year-old cameras no longer in use.
- Consideration for a donation to a local school district, like Bedford Central, of the Peloton bike that will be removed from the fitness room.

Report of the Chief

- Chief Zachary Patierno provided the Department summary of activity:

Total Alarms for January	60
Total Alarms to date for February	15
Year-to-date Mutual Aid Alarms	17
Year-to-date In District Alarms	58
Year-to-date Total Alarms	75

- Chief Zachary Patierno noted Bedford Hills Fire Department response for the following:

Date	Detail
January 15, 2026	Yorktown – chimney fire
January 15, 2026	Bedford Village – dryer electrical fire
January 17, 2026	ALS Echo – Harris Rd.
January 17, 2026	Yorktown – FAST
January 18, 2026	Hartsdale – water main break (standby)
January 24, 2026	Bedford Village – chimney fire; oil burner malfunction
January 24, 2026	Somers – structure fire
January 26, 2026	Bedford Village – basement fire
January 26, 2026	Speedway Gas Station – car fire
January 31, 2026	Port Chester - funeral; Cpt. Spastas (standby)
February 1, 2026	Yorktown - FAST
February 5, 2026	I-684 – motor vehicle fire
February 8, 2026	Meeting House Rd. – chicken coop fire

General Membership / Training Updates

Chief Zachary Patierno discussed the following items:

- PESH training will be held on March 9th and October 12th after the monthly meetings at 7:00 PM. It will also be available online for those unable to attend in person.
- ID cards and job roles are in the process of being updated for some firefighters.

- The uniform vendor was onsite for the February monthly meeting to size members for Class A uniform. A quote was received for any alterations and repairs that are needed that is under budget at \$4648.00.
- The March monthly meeting will have FIT mask testing with AAA onsite. Members will have until the end of April to have the FIT mask testing completed at AAA in White Plains to remain as interior firefighters.
- February 11th Firefighter Equipment of New York will be onsite for NFPA gear inspection and repairs. Preliminary work was done to find any items in need of repair. Cost is \$19.25 per set with a \$250 service fee.
- A meeting was held with the Town of Bedford for discussions around the battery energy storage systems proposed in the Town of Bedford. Requirements include a lot size of 4-5 acres and need to be located near a substation to be a viable option. Other NFPA standards include required distances away from exposures, fencing, water, etc. Concerns were raised with the Town Supervisor around HAZMAT needs should a fire occur.

Upcoming and Past Events

- Ice rescue training at Glen Arbor on February 21st.
- Advance extrication training at Chappaqua Crossing on March 21st and 22nd.
- First Responder Informational Session with Commissioner Joseph J. Lombardo as moderator and Captain John Norcia and Firefighter Daisy Vasquez-Max were panelists. Interest from 1-2 community members as a result of the event.

Membership Updates

- Optum and Quest billing continues for membership related to their physical. The process continues to be a challenge with the documentation to invoice the fire department. Concerns of consistency on services provided by LPN vs. doctors. Breath test may not be given.
- Chief Zachary Patierno noted a change in membership: Firefighter Kyle Cullum will be moving from active status to inactive beginning February 2, 2026.
- A motion is made by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti with a second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey that Firefighter Kyle Cullum be moved from the active to inactive roster of the Fire District effective February 2, 2026.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Chief Zachary Patierno noted a change in membership: Firefighter Zachary Macucci will be moving from active status to inactive beginning February 10, 2026, due to relocation.
- A motion is made by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti with a second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas that Firefighter Zachary Macucci be moved from the active to inactive roster of the Fire District effective February 10, 2026, due to relocation.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Chief Zachary Patierno noted a change in membership: Firefighter Candidate Matteo Haro has been elected to membership; pending the results of his medical, arson, and sex offender background checks.
- A motion is made by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti with a second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey that Firefighter Candidate Matteo Haro be approved contingent on successful clearance with the medical, arson, and sex offender background checks.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Chief Zachary Patierno noted that 2 members are on medical leave.

Old Business

- Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti provided an update that the RTU work is complete as per Commissioner Dominic A. Bueti. Payment should be processed.
- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo advised that the demolition project required snow removal from Valvano & Sons to allow for proper installation of the silt fencing. Once completed, the Building Department is scheduled to inspect prior to demolition moving forward. The machinery for the demolition is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Once demolition is completed, remediation of the property will occur with Spring cleanup and plantings once the snow melts.
- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo noted that the radio project has been substantially completed. Minor updates are scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026, to close the project.

New Business

- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to approve purchase order 2026-0027 for up to \$5,000.00 for uniforms to Emergency Responder Products from the 2026 uniform budget.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to approve purchase order 2026-0028 for up to \$1,200.00 to Signal 73 for elevator training from the 2026 training budget.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to note the vendor change for purchase order 2026-0004 for up to \$7,500.00 to Tire Buys, Inc. (former Elman Brothers) for tire installation on Tanker 5. Under Westchester County contract. Purchase order 2026-0005 will be cancelled.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo advised that the Tower Ladder requires four new rear tires for replacement.
- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to approve purchase order 2026-0029 for up to \$5,000.00 for four new rear tires for Tower Ladder 57. The vendor is to be determined.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti to approve purchase order 2026-0030 for Tire Buys, Inc. for up to \$2,500.00 for installation of four new rear tires for Tower Ladder 57.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- A motion is made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with a second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N.

Bueti to approve purchase order 2026-0013 for \$47,373.00 to replace the fitness room equipment. NYS contract 30204, contract number PC70843. Permissive referendum to remain open for any electrical work needed.

- 700 series treadmill with incline
- 800 series treadmill with incline and decline
- Elliptical
- StairMaster

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo recommended setting a date for the annual inspection dinner. Tentatively set for May 22, 2026. Location and pricing to be obtained for consideration.

Surplus/Purchase Requests

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to authorize surplus of Peloton bike; in accordance with NYS law, to donate to a fire department. If no fire department accepts, donation to a local school district.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti to surplus and donate three Bullard thermal imaging cameras to South Blooming Grove Fire Department.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to authorize a permissive referendum for \$30,000.00 for the purchase of 54 ground radio mics with encryption from the Repair Capital Reserve account. NYS contract

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti to authorize signature of a 2-year contract with D.P. Wolff, Inc. for the maintenance of the gas-fired hot water heater, the gas-fired hot water boiler, the heating hot water pumps, and the two domestic hot water recirculation pumps. To be paid quarterly without penalty.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to move \$65,000.00 from NYCLASS General Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover bills.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas to move \$2,750.00 from TD Bank Equipment Apparatus Repair and Replacement Fund to TD Bank General Fund to cover purchase order 2025-0049 for WSG for the computer project.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti to move \$3,711.40 from TD Bank Apparatus Reserve to TD Bank General Fund to cover purchase order 2024-0009 ESS.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

Audit of the Claims

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to approve payment for the checks issued below:

Check Numbers	Account	Amount
9986-9988	Payroll-Gross	\$3,708.33
9989-10031	General Fund	\$63,564.98
10032-10034	General Fund	\$4,090.48
Total Checks: 49		\$71,363.79

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

- Motion made by Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo with second by Commissioner Maureen Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call vote as follows:

Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo, Aye
Vice-Chairperson Dominick N. Bueti, Aye
Commissioner Jonathan A. Lucas, Aye
Commissioner Maureen Bailey, Aye

Motion Carries: 4 – In favor, 0 – Against, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Recuse

With there being no other business, Chairperson Joseph J. Lombardo adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Minutes Completed by Kerry McGill, Deputy Treasurer; Bedford Hills Fire District