

BLOOMINGBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Bloomingburg Fire House
117 Godfrey Road, Bloomingburg**

Commissioner's Present: Larry Arnold, Charles Medicott, Joe Carpenter, Charlie Griswold.

Absent: Tom Dempsey, Russell Wood Jr., Phil Longden

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Arnold @ 6:30 p.m. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Larry Arnold asked for any corrections to the regular meeting minutes dated June 10, 2025. Motion made by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Charlie Griswold to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Last month's bills not on abstract total: \$4,459.72. This month's bills totaled: \$13,860.53.

Treasurer distributed fund balances for Orange Bank & Trust from 05/2025 to 06/2025 for review by the BOFC. As per our NYS Office of State Comptroller corrective action plan, prior to the monthly meeting, the secretary forwarded Orange Bank & Trust bank statements and QuickBooks banks reconciliation for the general fund and money market for the general fund for the period of 05/31/2025 through 06/30/2025 along with paid bills for the last month to the finance committee. Both accounts are reconciled.

The audit committee and treasurer have reconciled bank accounts.

Joe Carpenter made a motion 2nd by Charlie Medicott to pay bills, including bills that were not on bill abstract. All in favor.

Motion made by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Charlie Griswold to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Treasurer's Announcements:

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer, reported on 6/15/2025 she transferred \$3,000.00 from Orange Bank & Trust Special checking account and put back into Orange Bank & Trust Regular checking account. On 6/23/2025 a \$515.02 check from Schmidt was deposited because we had credit from a return, and on 6/26/2025 \$2,500.00 check NYS DEC Grant was deposited into Orange Bank & Trust General checking account also.

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer
Bloomingburg Joint Fire District
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Chief's Report:

Chief Justin Arnold- Justin Arnold talked about Circleville, Walker Valley and Bullville being on automatic response to cover in our district.

First Asst. Chief Garry Call Jr.- Garry Call Jr. was not present at the meeting.

Second Asst. Chief Dillon Dunham- Dillon Dunham had nothing to report.

Officer's Report:

Captain Andrew Medlicott- Andrew Medlicott gave quotes for CO meters. Haight \$1721.04 for 6, NY Fire \$2,070.00 for 6, and MES \$1,374.00. They are ordering CO meters from Haight. Motion made by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Charlie Griswold to order 6 CO meters from Haight. All in favor.

First Lieutenant Dan Hutting-Dan Hutting was not present at the meeting.

Second Lieutenant Kyle Cole- Kyle Cole was not present at the meeting.

Engineer: (Joe Carpenter)-Joe Carpenter said because of an elevator rescue call that took place at 68 Godfrey Rd. at the Godfrey Meadows Senior complex, the district needs to purchase a "lockout tag" system to go along with the elevator keys that are located on the ladder truck 62-41. A lockout tag out system is made up of locking devices used to lock electrical breakers and switches during elevator rescues to keep both the firefighters and those trapped in the elevator safe. A simple lock out tag out system runs between \$150-\$250.00.

Fire Police:

Captain: Zev Karpen-Zev Karpen was not present at the meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary: President Virginia Arnold -Virginia Arnold was not present at the meeting.

President's Report: President Kyle Robbins- Kyle Robbins stated there will be a 90th Anniversary celebration for our community on August 24, 2025, at the firehouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Maintenance Committee: (Russell Wood Jr., Phil Longden)- Larry Arnold is still replacing ceiling tiles. There is a leak in the entry way above the radio room. The tile is wet.

Truck Maintenance Committee: (Joe Carpenter, Tom Dempsey)-Joe Carpenter nothing has been done in the past month.

Truck Committee: (Larry Arnold, Joe Carpenter)-Larry having meeting about chief vehicles and the firetruck should be here in September 2026.

Insurance/Utility/Fuel Committee: (Larry Arnold)-Larry Arnold said 2,000 gallons of fuel oil was delivered.

LOSAP Committee: (Tom Dempsey)-Tom Dempsey was not present at the meeting.

Schoolhouse Committee:(Joseph Carpenter, Philip Longden, Russell Wood Jr)-Joe Carpenter tried contacting Russell Wood Jr. The paperwork was dropped off to the Town of Mamakating for application. Tonja Robbins will ask Mike Robbins to check on the status of the application.

Finance Committee: (Charlie Medicott, Larry Arnold)-Charlie Medicott reported everything was fine with finances.

Health & Safety Committee: (Phil Longden, Larry Arnold)-Phil Longden was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey was not present at the meeting to give an update on the boiler replacement or website.

NEW BUSINESS: Frank Gusmano was present to talk about our investment allocations. We are at a 50/50 ratio, total of \$635,000.00 with 8.3% return. He said depending on what happens in the fall with the market we may have to change ratio moving forward.

Announcements and Communications:

Open Discussion: Larry Arnold said that Ainbinder Colony has people there. Larry Arnold got a price for \$26,700.00 from Pac Signs for a sign to be put at new substation. This will be tabled till the building is done.

Adjournment: Motion made by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Charlie Griswold to adjourn meeting @ 7:28pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonja Robbins, Secretary
Bloomingburg Joint Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners

****Next BOFC mtg. scheduled for August 12, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.****