

BLOOMINGBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the Bloomingburg Fire House
117 Godfrey Road, Bloomingburg, NY.**

Commissioner's Present: Tom Dempsey, Larry Arnold, Russell Wood Jr, Charles Medicott, Joe Carpenter, Phil Longden, Charlie Griswold.

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

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Tom Dempsey asked for any corrections to the regular meeting minutes dated August 12, 2025. Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Larry Arnold to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Last month's bills not on abstract totaled: \$1,240.80. This month's bills totaled: \$11,688.28.

Treasurer distributed fund balances for Orange Bank & Trust from 07/2025 to 08/2025 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 period of 07/31/2025 through 08/31/2025 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.

Phil Longden made a motion 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to pay bills, including bills that were not on bill abstract. All in favor.

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

Treasurer's Announcements:

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer, reported a transfer of \$300.00 from Orange Bank & Trust checking account to Orange Bank & Trust Special checking account to cover Amazon purchases. On 8/15/25 a wire transfer of \$235,000.00 for bond payment and \$18,375.00 for interest payment was made. Tonja Robbins and Tom Dempsey met with Margaret Quimby from Cooper Arias, LLP to ask a few questions regarding budget and tax cap.

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

Chief Justin Arnold-Justin Arnold congratulated Tom Dempsey on receiving Sullivan County Lifetime Achievement Award. Justin Arnold is getting prices for Scott packs with this year's pricing for next year.

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

Second Asst. Chief Dillon Dunham- Dillon Dunham was not present at the meeting.

Officer's Report:

Captain Andrew Medlicott-Andrew Medlicott was not present at the meeting.

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)-See truck maintenance

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 was not present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Maintenance Committee: (Russell Wood Jr., Phil Longden)-There was nothing to report.

Truck Maintenance Committee: (Joe Carpenter, Tom Dempsey)-Joe Carpenter reported: 62-31 removed the (2) search lights which were mounted over the doors on 62-31. These lights have not worked properly for quite some time. Installed a stainless-steel bolt to cover mount holes (we may possibly install newer LED lights in the future). Repaired the compartment lights on the 2 rear most compartments on each side of 62-31. Replaced/repair several of the retaining chains on the nose fittings on 62-31. Replaced locking pin and chain on the dump chute on 62-31. Campbell installed new (back order) clearance lights along the running boards on 62-31. Campbell installed a new Kussmaul Shoreline ejection plug on 62-11. (still waiting on parts for 62-11 electronic siren).

Truck Committee: (Larry Arnold, Joe Carpenter)-Larry Arnold spoke to Jeremy at Pierce. We will receive a packet in February. We can do 2 visits depending on the number of people attending to go look at the truck. Larry Arnold asked about a discount, but it was not worth it compared to the interest we are making in NY Class fund. The truck will be here in September 2026. We will look into financing or bonding when it comes time to do so.

Insurance/Utility/Fuel Committee: (Larry Arnold)-Larry Arnold said VEO said they delivered gas.

LOSAP Committee: (Tom Dempsey)-Tom Dempsey had nothing new to report.

Schoolhouse Committee:(Joseph Carpenter, Philip Longden, Russell Wood Jr)-Russell Wood Jr. said that the Town of Mamakating Building department requested a few things for building permit, which Pioneer is getting it for them. Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden to pay MEP \$6,200.00 for mechanical drawing for Station 2. All in favor.

Finance Committee: (Charlie Medicott, Larry Arnold)-Charlie Medicott reported that everything looked okay.

Health & Safety Committee: (Phil Longden, Larry Arnold)-Phil Longden had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey discussed after talking to Matt Blake, boilers, hot water heaters, replacing hot water coil and figuring in the spacing and clearance. Tom Dempsey will get information from Matt Blake, consult with our lawyer to do bid for 3 boilers and replace hot water coils on October 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Motion made by Russell Wood Jr 2nd by Larry Arnold to do bid opening for Boiler replacement on October 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Justin Arnold said that Paula Kay will be giving us \$100,00.00 in grant money to go towards Station 2. Tom Dempsey and Russell Wood Jr. are working with Justin Arnold to get application and paperwork done for this grant. Tom Dempsey discussed and answered questions regarding the proposed 2026 Budget. Tom Dempsey reported: the lawyer fee is the same, increased insurance for Zanetti due to Station 2, pest control increase by \$100.00, added \$2,000.00 for oil and \$10,000.00 for Truck fund. Motion by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Phil Longden to accept \$800,000.00 proposed 2026 budget. All in favor. Tom Dempsey said a budget modification needs to be made of \$9,000.00 from the Awards Program budget line to go into the Truck repair line. Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden to budget modification of \$9,000.00 from Award program to Truck Repair line. All in favor. Robbins Mowing will do the Snow/Ice Contract at the same price as last year. Motion made by Charlie Griswold 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to have Robbins Mowing do the Snow/Ice Contract for 2025/2026 season. All in favor.

Announcements and Communications:

Open Discussion:

Adjournment: Motion made by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Charlie Griswold to adjourn meeting @ 6:52pm. All in favor.

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

****Next BOFC mtg. scheduled for October 14, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.****