

BLOOMINGBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
Re-Organization Meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the
Bloomington Fire House, 117 Godfrey Road, Bloomington, NY

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

The re-organization meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tom Dempsey at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Tom Dempsey then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year 2025. Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Joe Carpenter to nominate Tom Dempsey as Chairman for the year 2025. All in favor. Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to close the nominations. All in favor.

Tom Dempsey elected as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year 2025.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Tom Dempsey who asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Motion by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Phil Longden to nominate Larry Arnold for Vice-Chairman. All in favor. Motion by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Phil Longden to close the nominations. All in favor.

Larry Arnold elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year 2025.

Secretary Tonja Robbins provided a copy of the notification to the media of organizational meeting to be made part of these minutes.

Motion by Phil Longden 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to appoint Tonja Robbins as secretary for the year 2025 and set the salary of the secretary at \$5,000.00. All in favor.

Motion by Phil Longden 2nd by Larry Arnold to appoint Tonja Robbins, as treasurer for the year 2025 and set the salary at \$8,000.00. All in favor. Oath of Office for Secretary and Treasurer signed by Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion by Joe Carpenter Jr 2nd by Larry Arnold to have the treasurer sign checks for all approved bills. All in favor.

Motion made by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Phil Longden to authorize the treasurer to pay utility bills including fuel oil and truck diesel when received and any bills to avoid incurring late fees from vendors which will be listed on approved bills not listed on monthly abstract. All in favor.

Motion by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Phil Longden to authorize treasurer to purchase postage and office supplies. All in favor.

Motion made by Joe Carpenter 2nd Phil Longden to have approved signors on bank signature cards to sign payroll check for secretary and treasurer. All in favor.

Motion made by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Larry Arnold to authorize the Treasurer to make all budget modifications required during the year so as not to exceed budget line items when year end expenditures are paid. All in favor.

Motion by Charlie Medlicott 2nd by Phil Longden to appoint the law firm of Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone as attorneys for the year 2025, retainer being \$14,000.00 and \$275.00 per hour, with a two (2) minimum meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Phil Longden 2nd by Larry Arnold to appoint KKB &N for Fire District CPA for payroll for the year 2024/2025. All in favor.

Motion by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Phil Longden to appoint Cooper Arias, LLP to do 2024 Audit. All in favor.

Motion by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Charlie Medlicott to designate the Times Herald Record as the official paper. All in favor.

Motion by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Charlie Medlicott to designate Orange Bank & Trust Company as the official bank. All in favor. Investment Policy of the Bloomingburg Joint Fire District dated January 10, 2023, was reviewed the FDIC coverage from \$100,000.00 to \$250,000.00 and motion to approve made by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Larry Arnold. All in favor. Motion made Charlie Medlicott 2nd by Phil Longden to appoint Treasurer, and Tom Dempsey and Larry Arnold as designated signors for all banking and investments. All in favor.

Motion by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to authorize treasurer to invest in NY Class accounts and transfer to checking account as needed. All in favor.

Motion by Larry Arnold 2nd by Charlie Medlicott to hold all regular meetings in the year 2025 on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except for the month of December, which due to the annual election will be held on December 16, 2025. The date of the next re-organization meeting for 2026 will be January 13, 2026 with the regular meeting following. The notice of regular meetings for 2024 and the date of the re-organization meeting for 2025 for the Bloomingburg Joint Fire District will be posted on the district's website and will be sent to the Times Herald Record. All in favor.

The Procurement Policy of the Bloomingburg Joint Fire District dated June 12, 2018 was reviewed and motion to approve made by Larry Arnold 2nd Russell Wood Jr... All in favor. The Fund Balance Policy was amended on October 8, 2024. Motion was made by Larry Arnold and 2nd by Charlie Griswold. All in favor.

Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Joe Carpenter to approve membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Fireman's Association State of New York (FASNY), Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, and Association of Fire Districts of Sullivan County. All in favor.

Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Larry Arnold to appoint Partners in Safety for the provider of mandatory annual physicals for the year 2025/2026. All in favor.

Motion by Charlie Griswold 2nd by Joe Carpenter to allow the Chief to take the necessary truck/trucks out of the district for training purposes. All in favor.

Chairman Tom Dempsey made the following appointments:

Finance Committee: Charlie Medlicott, Larry Arnold

Building/Maintenance Committee: Phil Longden, Russell Wood

Truck Maintenance Committee: Tom Dempsey, Joe Carpenter, Charlie Griswold

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Insurance/Utility/Fuel Committee: Larry Arnold, Charlie Medlicott

LOSAP Committee: Tom Dempsey

Schoolhouse Committee: Joe Carpenter, Phil Longden, Russell Wood Jr.

Health & Safety Committee: Phil Longden, Larry Arnold

Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden appointed Tonja Robbins the Records Access Officer and Scott Dow of Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone as Appeals Officer. All in favor.

Motion by Joe Carpenter 2nd by Phil Longden to adjourn the Re-organization meeting @ 6:41 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Tonja Robbins, Secretary

Bloomington Joint Fire District

Board of Fire Commissioners