

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on April 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the District Offices, 4222 S. Taylor Road. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wierzbowski and began with the pledge to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

Chairman:	Frank Wierzbowski	Dist. Chief:	Jay Knavel
Commissioner:	William Hanrahan	Treasurer:	Nick Enser
Commissioner:	Robert Benning		
Commissioner:	Edmund Jensen Jr.	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Mark Szczepanik	Administrator:	Monica Theilmann

**Fire Company Officers Present:**

Orchard Park Chief: Rob Germano  
Windom Chief: Jacob Leckle  
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

**Others Present:**

Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park	Andrew Carey, Orchard Park
Eric Knavel, OPEMS	Robert Baun, Windom
Shawn Wheaton, Windom	Greg Bienias, OPEMS

**Moment of Silence for D. Patrick Curley**

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Jensen that the minutes of the March meeting be approved. All in favor; motion carried.

**Comments from the floor (Public):**

None

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Windom Fire Company re: multiple applications. See new memberships and removals
2. Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall July 11, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
3. Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall April 5, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
4. Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall May 30, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
5. Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall August 22, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
6. Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall April 5, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tax day is tomorrow, April 15, 2026

**District Chief Jay Knavel:**

1. Monthly reports read, attached to file copy
2. Drill May 2<sup>nd</sup> Basement Fires in Amherst
3. May 11<sup>th</sup> Company drills
4. Reminder to all firefighters and Jr. firefighters that the physicals are due by the end of April
5. Reminder to all firefighters that the classes are due by the end of May
6. FDIC is next week so Hillcrest 9 will be covering.

**EMS**

No report

**Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:**

No report

**Windom Chief, Jacob Leckle:**

No report

**Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:**

No report

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

**\*\*\*Orchard Park\*\*\***

None

**\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to accept Sofia LaDuca to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to accept Cody Wieszczeinski to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to accept Brian Schohn to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to accept Cody Lynch to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to accept Landon Corbran to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to accept Safone Ahmed to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to accept the transfer of Kiley Dearborn from Hillcrest to Windo. All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**Commissioner Hanrahan:**

1. The auto lift has passed inspection with a few minor repairs.
2. The scissor lift inspection will be next week.

**Commissioner Benning:**

No report

**Commissioner Jensen:**

1. The light in the walk in cooler at Central has been replaced and wired correctly.

**Commissioner Szczepanik:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Crestline Ambulance for \$222,090.00

**Commissioner Wierzbowski:**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:**

Motion made by Commissioner , seconded by Commissioner that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$272,191.95. All in favor; motion carried.

**Motions Made:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet Crestline Ambulance for \$222,090.00**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Benning to go to Executive Session. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Executive Session began at 7:11**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Benning to return to regular meeting. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:25**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Benning seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:26 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary