

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on December 15, 2025 by Chairperson C. LaPrease.

Pledge to the Flag

Present: K. Thompson, M. Chura, M. Malone, C. LaPrease, W. Dwyer, A. Speech, T. Gleeson, M. Speech, C. Curtis, M. Evans, B. Raymond-LaPrease, L. Evans, G. Roziock, Pac B

K. Thompson made the motion to approve the November 17, 2025 meeting minutes and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

<b><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></b>	Checking	116,480.86
	Savings	178,386.11
	NY Class General Fund Acct.	556,335.71
	Firehouse Payroll	70,858.87
	Capital Imp. Reserve	89,378.33
	NY Class Capital Imp.	871,672.05
	Apparatus Reserve	59,236.14
	NY Class Fire Apparatus	123,876.74
	Cont. Tax. Stab. Res.	3,701.43
	NY Class Contin. & Tax	44,167.13
	Equipment Reserve	65,227.50
	NY Class Equipment	939,213.21
	NY Class Retirement Fund	56,828.59
	Vouchers	385,441.19
	CODES Checking	895.63
	CODES Savings	6,430.65
	NY Class CODES bequest	84,288.37
	Vouchers	13,133.46

W. Dwyer reviewed the treasurer's report. Reviewed the CODES report. Reviewed the district report. M. Malone made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and M. Chura seconded the motion. Carried. K. Thompson made the motion to approve the vouchers as audited, and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried. K. Thompson will be the commissioner to review bank statements this month. K. Thompson will review the NY Class accounts.

**Correspondence:**

- Fire District Election Results – 127 votes cast- 52 for Barbara Raymond-LaPrease, 71 for Matthew Speech, 4 write-in. Matthew Speech was elected commissioner 1/1/2026 – 12/31/30.

**Chief's Report:**

T. Gleeson reported:

Thanks to everyone for their hard work, we have rolled out a lot of information and appreciate everyone's efforts.

Personnel: No Report

Purchase Requests & Notifications:

Surplus Requests:

Surplus & Dispose or donate:

- Nothing currently

Surplus and Auction:

- Nothing currently

Purchase:

- Nothing currently

Communications:

- Nothing currently

Projects:

- SCBA Training and rollout – will defer to Chief Melchior to report.

Policy:

- Nothing Currently

Natoli: Gleeson reported.

- NYS DEC VFA Grant Approval for up to \$7000 of supplies to support portable outdoor fire operations. Up to \$3500 paid by the district and matching amount from DEC. Funds would be encumbered from 2025 equipment budget. Powered portable pumps with related supplies and Indian Pump Tanks. Discussion. Specific details to be sent to commissioners prior to application, we will not buy the equipment if not awarded. The grant is best opportunity to get the funding. K. Thompson made the motion to move forward with the grant and M. Malone seconded. Carried.

Melchior:

- Training Update – New policy was approved for personnel level requirements and information has been sent out to interior firefighters so they can see their requirements in a spreadsheet.
- SCBA training to get new SCBA in service. On Wednesday the testing will be completed on the SCBA. Thursday nights training will be with the new SCBA packs on. Last Thursday we did classroom training to review the new packs. There are a few more interior firefighters to be fit tested.
- EMTs – The CMEs are complete for the year, and we are developing plans for next year.
- Truck Ops course to be hosted at BCSFD.
- We have 3 people in firefighter survival class starting next week.

Carroll: C. LaPrease and T. Gleeson reported:

- Smoke detector installs are going smoothly. N. Carroll is tracking the installations.
- Working on updating CPR program.
- N. Carroll has introduced himself to Timber Banks homeowners' association. C. LaPrease had the opportunity to speak with them, and they are impressed with the program/
- Worked with Lysander Public Safety on fire extinguisher training equipment.

**Committee Reports**

**Long Term Planning:** Chair M. Malone had nothing to report.

**New Truck Committee:** Chair M. Harrison not present but provided a written report to C. LaPrease:

- The Radio at Sta. 1 is not scanning. Chief Gleeson reported that Chief Natoli has made arrangements to have someone look at it.
- Status of the Gator repair? Chief Gleeson reported that there are few vendors to work on it, but continuing to work on scheduling the repair.
- Nothing to report on the sale of the apparatus. M. Chura reported that he spoke to someone today that may be interested.

**Lysander Public Safety:** Chair C. LaPrease reported:

- Next meeting is on January 20<sup>th</sup> at BCSFD Station #1 at 7PM.

**Budget & Finance:** Chair K. Thompson had nothing to report.

**IT Committee:** Chair C. LaPrease had nothing to report. A. Speech reported that IK systems came in to review the cameras and doors, there are a couple that are not working, we are waiting for a quote.

**Personnel:** Chair K. Thompson reported that M. Chura has asked that the responsibilities for Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs be reviewed. This is a draft that has no date and has not been finalized or reviewed by the personnel committee. M. Chura explained that he is asking for input and updating as all other positions have job descriptions.

**Truck Maintenance:** Chair M. Harrison not present but reported report provided in new truck committee report.

**Building Maintenance:**

- Chair M. Harrison, not present, asked in his written report about status of pressure washer replacement at Station 2. A. Speech reported that she is working with the vendor on the replacement.

- Discussion regarding the boiler pump replacement. If we bring in another vendor would that void our contract with Hills. Discussion. A. Speach reported that the hourly rate of the county contract is higher than what we have on the Hill's contract.
- The door at Station #2 is working, the FOB system was restarted.
- Nothing further on the washer/dryer.

**Fire Prevention:** Chair M. Harrison not present, no report.

Old Business:

- Active member application for Graeme Bradford. T. Eckel provided a report. Discussion. K. Thompson made the motion to approve the application for Graeme Bradford pending his physical and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

New Business:

- Discussion regarding the January and February district meetings, there is a conflict.
  - January meeting to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Station #1.
  - February meeting to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Station #1.
- K. Thompson made the following resolution to accept membership and to authorize signature of the 2026 Municipal Cooperative Agreement and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

**RESOLUTION: ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER TOMPKINS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH INSURANCE CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE OF THE: 2026 MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District (municipality) applied for membership in the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (the "Consortium"), a municipal cooperative organized under Article 47 of the New York Insurance Law, and WHEREAS, approval by the Consortium Board of Directors to become a Participant in the Consortium effective January 1, 2026 now therefore be it RESOLVED, accepts membership effective January 1, 2026 and authorizes the Chief Elected Official to sign the **2026** Amendment to the Municipal Cooperative Agreement of the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Chairperson Charles LaPrease ) AYE  
 Commissioner Catherine Thompson ) AYE  
 Commissioner Michael Malone ) AYE  
 Commissioner Michael Chura ) AYE  
 Commissioner Mark Harrison ) not present

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Amy Speach  
 Fire District Secretary  
 Dated: December 15, 2025  
 Baldwinsville, New York

- Discussion regarding the Boy Scouts request to use the hall. M. Evans said he would watch the hall.
- M. Chura reported that he was notified by civil service that Dewitt will be holding a Chief's exam and provided that to the rest of the board via email on 12/12/2025 for

review and to consideration having BCSFD added to the list for the test. Discussion. M. Chura made the motion to have Chief Gleeson reach out to civil service for a chief's exam, an open competitive and a promotional exam and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Public comments:

- J. Melchior asked that the board focus on retention and ways to keep members active and to recognize and reward members for their efforts. Discussion.
- M. Chura reported on monthly alarm statistics.
- C. LaPrease thanked Commissioner Chura for his service on the board and provided documentation of items to be completed as outgoing commissioner by the end of the year.

Executive Session: M. Chura made the motion to enter executive session to review the employment history of an individual that may lead to his/her continued employment and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried. 8:09PM

Returned to open session at 10:19PM

Meeting dates:

Year-end meeting Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the District Office.

Organizational Meeting January 5, 2026 at 7pm

Commissioner's meeting Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

Commissioner's meeting Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

(All meetings at station #1 until further notice or unless specified)

C. LaPrease made the motion to adjourn at 10:19 PM and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Speach  
District Secretary