

A special monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on February 12, 2026 by Chairperson, C. LaPrease.

Present: K. Thompson, C. LaPrease, M. Harrison, M. Speech, T. Gleeson, A. Speech, M. Malone (arrived at 5:25pm)

Pledge to the Flag.

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding policy review and updates.

New Business:

- M. Harrison made a motion to approve the following resolution and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District, pursuant to General Municipal Law §103(4), may be exempt from the public bidding requirements of General Municipal Law §103 if an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners must determine that an emergency, as that term is defined by §103 of the General Municipal Law, exists before the Board of Commissioners may declare an exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that:

- 1) A public emergency arising out of an accident has occurred, or
- 2) An unforeseen occurrence or condition has occurred.

The Station #1 septic system needed repair and did not function. This limited the ability to use the building for our volunteers and career members to respond effectively as they need functioning facilities.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners also finds that:

As a result of the public emergency, accident, unforeseen occurrence, event or condition, there is some imminent danger

1. Affecting fire district buildings; - Station #1 Septic
2. Fire district property; or
3. To the life, health, safety or property of the people of the fire district. The ability to have functioning facilities for career and volunteer members to respond effectively.

WHEREAS, the above occurrence or condition requires immediate action, which cannot await the public bidding requirement of §103 of the General Municipal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District declares a public emergency exists for competitive bidding purposes based upon the factual circumstances outlined herein as set forth in General Municipal Law §103(4).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BELGIUM COLD SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT

Amy Speech
Fire District Secretary

- M. Harrison made the motion to pay for the septic repairs out of the maintenance budget pending a permissive referendum to expend funds from the capital improvement reserve fund up to \$25,000 and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried.
- K. Thompson made the motion for the following resolution a permissive referendum to expend funds from the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the payment septic system repairs not to exceed \$25,000 and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried.

NOTICE OF SPENDING
OF FIRE DISTRICT FUNDS OF THE
BELGIUM COLD SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT
TOWN OF LYSANDER

Notice to all residents of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District that the Board of Fire Commissioners of said Fire District, pursuant to the following resolution, which is SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, intend to expend funds on hand in the Reserve Fund for Capital Improvement for an emergency repair to the septic system at Station #1 7920 River Road.

Whereas, at a special meeting of said Board of Fire Commissioners on February 12, 2026 it was resolved to use said funds as follows:

RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRE DISTRICT EXPEND FUNDS ALREADY ON HAND IN THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR UP TO \$25,000 TO BE USED FOR AN EMERGENCY REPAIR TO THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AT STATION #1 AT 7920 RIVER ROAD, TOWN OF LYSANDER, INCLUDING LEGAL AND ADVERTISING COSTS.

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Executive Session: At 5:19pm, K. Thompson made the motion to enter Executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual which may lead to his or her continued employment and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried. M. Malone arrived late and entered the executive session at 5:25pm.

6:42PM returned to open session.

After the review of the suspension of a volunteer member, no further action/discipline is required.

K. Thompson made the motion to increase the Deputy Chief's annual salary to \$45,000 per year starting with the next pay period of February 16th and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried.

K. Thompson made the motion to increase the Chief's annual salary to \$60,000 per year starting with the next pay period of February 16th and M. Speach seconded the motion. Carried.

Public comments: None

Meeting dates:

Next Commissioners meeting: Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7PM

M. Speach made the motion to adjourn at 6:45PM and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Speach

District Secretary