

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 April 20, 2026 by Chairperson C. LaPrease.

Pledge to the Flag

Present: K. Thompson, M. Malone, C. LaPrease, M. Harrison, M. Speech, W. Dwyer, A. Speech, T. Gleeson, J. Melchior, N. Carroll, Janelle Melchior, C. Curtis, M. Evans, D. Rafkis, B. Raymond-LaPrease, K. Voce, B. Harden, M. Grabowski, Pac B.

M. Harrison made the motion to approve the March 16, 2026 meeting minutes and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

M. Speech made the motion to approve the March 23, 2026 public hearing minutes and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

At 7:04PM M. Malone made the motion to enter into executive session for the employment history of an individual and M. Harrison seconded the motion. Carried. T. Gleeson was also in attendance. C. Curtis was asked to join for a few minutes and returned.

Returned to open session at 8:24PM

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>	Checking	141,467.80
	Savings	263,403.27
	NY Class General Fund Acct.	1,763,886.36
	Firehouse Payroll	46,166.19
	Capital Imp. Reserve	73,328.46
	NY Class Capital Imp.	1,083,214.32
	Apparatus Reserve	42,567.00
	NY Class Fire Apparatus	352,192.66
	Cont. Tax. Stab. Res.	3,725.64
	NY Class Contin. & Tax	44,697.68
	Equipment Reserve	53,081.25
	NY Class Equipment	606,869.80
	NY Class Retirement Fund	208,881.23
	NY Class Fund Balance	307,222.72
	Vouchers	87,445.07
	CODES Checking	1,157.22
	CODES Savings	6,472.71
	NY Class CODES bequest	72,011.05
	Vouchers	0.00

W. Dwyer reviewed the treasurer's report. Reviewed the CODES report. Reviewed the district report. A draft of the Annual Financial Report (AFR) is complete. M. Speech made the motion

to approve the treasurer's report, and M. Harrison seconded the motion. Carried. M. Malone will be the commissioner to review bank statements this month. K. Thompson will review the NY Class accounts.

Correspondence:

- M. Speech has completed his required commissioner training.
- Central Region Fire Districts Association meeting will be April 27th at Cicero FD.

Chief's Report:

T. Gleeson:

Personnel: Defer to personnel committee

Purchase Requests & Notifications:

- Surplus Requests:
 - Surplus & Dispose or donate:
 - Nothing Currently
 - Surplus and Auction:
 - Nothing Currently
- Purchase:
 - Traffic Cones – M. Harrison made the motion to purchase collapsible traffic cones for all apparatus for up to \$2200 for all apparatus and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.
 - The saw replacement purchase as included in 2026 budget will be in May, there is \$19,000 planned for this project. This will include one battery operated fan for T2.
 - Hose Test – received 2027 agreement from same vendor used previously, needs to be scheduled.
 - MDT Service Contract from Public Safety IT, LLC – they met with us last year. The MDTs are managed by the county. We have made a lot of headway by getting MDTs operational, but they require significant and regular updates. MDTs do need replacement. The Contract is for 4 hours initially for a plan and schedule, work after that will then be billed hourly. K. Thompson made the motion to spend \$580 on the work and M. Speech seconded the motion. Carried.

Communications:

- Civil service. Making progress – we now owe them information. Then we can move forward to next steps.

Projects:

- Wendel will be here for the facility evaluation on May 5 & 6
- Fire Siren Discontinuation – The career staff researched the need for siren and need to meet some obligations first.
- Ongoing plumbing issues at Station - will be a prevailing wage project. There is a process to get it registered and get the appropriate quotes. Discussion. Ok. To move forward.

- Station 2 Line Office conversion to Office / Bunk Room. M. Speach made the motion to spend up to \$1700 on the furniture and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.
- A. Speach provided an update on the Recruitment & Retention grant. The RFP will be opened tomorrow. M. Malone made the motion to authorize A. Speach and the Chief's office to accept the bid and move forward with the program and M. Speach seconded the motion. Carried.
- Ecolab was in today and the washing machines are working and cycles were added. A rinse cycle was added so we can rinse after gear and then use it for bedding and clothing. A bloodborne cycle was added. To discuss further, a dryer at station #2.

Policy:

- SOG Re-write. Reported 90% completion on a ground up SOG rewrite. The SOGs will be based on current staffing, partnerships, and best practices. When complete, 2-4 career and volunteer members will review the SOGs before bringing them to the BOFC. It does not change and district policy and does take them into account.
- Uniform Policy – continue to work on.

Natoli:

T. Gleeson reported that Chief Natoli has been involved in the items in chief's report.

Melchior:

- Training update
- Online Fire/EMS training. Provided a proposal to bring training into one program. The program will meet the 100 hours of required training and required training for recertification for EMTs. We can add dept. training into it and track it. The cost is approximately \$100 per person annually. Discussion. M. Harrison made the motion to approve the Fire Engineering training and M. Speach seconded the motion. Carried.
- The schedule for upcoming training will be coming out.

Carroll:

- Total smoke detector installs 2026 – 150 smoke detectors and 16 Carbon monoxide detectors at 27 residences.
- Request \$4200 to purchase CPR supplies and Mannikins. We have received EMS reimbursements of \$4500. We would be switching to the American Heart new curriculum from ASHI. M. Speach made the motion to approve the switch to American Heart and purchase the necessary supplies up to \$4500 and K. Thompson seconded the motion. Carried.
- Attended Stop the Bleed training. Discussion. M. Malone made the motion to apply to be an Educational Licensee for Stop the Bleed to allow us to hold classes and apply for grants for materials and K. Thompson seconded the motion. Carried.
- Will be attending the Fire and Life Safety Educator I course starting tomorrow at Syracuse Fire Training.

- Will be attending training for Child Safety Seat Technician in May. We may need to partner with the state police as we have to be able to provide car seats in certain circumstances and/or we will need to partner with big box stores – more to come.
- Fire and Life Safety conference over the weekend. Information on data collecting sites for census data.
- Meeting with a resident in one of our apartment complexes to get the word out about the dangers of e-bike batteries.

Committee Reports

Long Term Planning: Chair M. Speach reported the architect will be here the first week in May for the facilities review and condition assessment and that should give us a path forward. Tentative Long Term planning meeting Sunday May 3rd.

New Truck Committee: Chair M. Harrison had nothing new to report.

- R2 has been sold and picked up.
- Discussion on the listings for the engines and possibly reducing the price. M. Harrison to contact the FD that has made inquiries to see if they want to make another offer for consideration.

Lysander Public Safety: Chair C. LaPrease reported:

- Next meeting is on April 21st at Phoenix FD at 7PM.

Budget & Finance: Chair K. Thompson reported that the Public Hearing for Special Tax Zones was held on Monday, March 23rd. K. Thompson made the motion to adopt the resolution below to establish Special Tax Zones and M. Speach seconded the motion. Carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BELGIUM COLD SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF LYSANDER, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, STATE OF NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”), AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF MULTIPLE SEPARATE TAX ZONE(S) WITHIN THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SPECIALIZED FIRE APAPRATUS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPORT STAFFING RESOURCES, AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING OF PERSONNEL NECESSARY FOR PROTECTION OF MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND APARTMENT COMPLEXES, AND COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE TAX ZONES.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairperson C. LaPrease)	yes
Commissioner C. Thompson)	yes
Commissioner M. Speach)	yes
Commissioner M. Harrison)	yes
Commissioner M. Malone)	yes

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Dated: April 20, 2026

IT Committee: Chair M. Speach

- Cameras to be replaced tomorrow.
- Spoke with Usherwood and Garam group for IT contracts, need to discuss with committee.
- ADA proposal for website – will review.

Personnel: Chair K. Thompson reported:

- The vacancy has been filled.
- Personnel committee has discussed this with the chiefs, and the recommendation is to hire 10 more part-time FF/EMTs. K. Thompson made the motion to hire 10 additional part-time FF/EMTs and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.
- K. Thompson made the motion to reaffirm the hourly rate of \$26 an hour and the rate of \$27 an hour as the officer in charge for the part-time FF/EMTs and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Truck Maintenance: Chair M. Harrison reported that some oil changes and inspections were completed.

Building Maintenance:

- A quote was received for the boiler at Station #2. Discussion. M. Harrison made the motion to spend up to \$6500 on the repair to the boiler controls and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Old Business:

- Policy review - Procurement policy. K. Thompson provided an update that would include professional services. Discussion. K. Thompson will send a draft of the revision for review. Tabled.

New Business:

- The bids were opened for the lawn and snow contract and were provided to the board for review. Discussion. K. Thompson made the motion to renew the contract with Yardsmith for lawn and snow removal and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.
- K. Thompson made the motion to approve use of district vehicles to attend the services for J. Pearl's mother and C. LaPrease second the motion. Carried.

Public comments: none

M. Malone made the motion to approve the vouchers as audited, and C. LaPrease seconded the motion. Carried. The BOFC will adjourn the meeting after the vouchers are reviewed.

Meeting dates:

Commissioner's meeting on Monday May 18th at 7pm.
(All meetings at station #1 until further notice or unless specified)

M. Harrison made the motion to adjourn at 10:07 PM and M. Speach seconded the motion.
Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Speach
District Secretary