

Yaphank Fire Department

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

Meeting start time: **20:01**

Chief's Present: **Donald Schaaf, Edward Kress, Michael Smith**

Treasurer Present: **Billy Peters**

Secretary Present: **Cher Stinton**

Motion of last month's meeting minutes: Motion **1st** Chris Austin **2nd**. Kevin Stinton

General Savings: \$19,827.87

General Checking: **\$87,567.53**

2% Savings: \$10,398.59

2% Checking: \$5,424.51

*CD \$210,000.00 matures in April 2026

Welfare Savings (February ONLY):

Welfare Checking (February ONLY):

Raffle Income:

Raffle Expense:

Profit:

Treasurers Report Approval: 1st: Al Rowland 2nd: Chris Austin

Communications:

1. Rev. Ralph and Grace sent Merry Christmas wishes from AZ
2. NYSFFA – acknowledges \$100 donation for “Operation Small Change” Thank You for your donation!!
3. Ridge FD – 50/50 raffle drawing Feb. 13th, 2026. 10 raffle tickets @ \$5 each.
4. Greenport FD – Inviting the department to celebrate 181st George Washington Birthday Parade and their Ex-Chief Annual Cocktail Party at Station 2, Saturday, February 15th 10AM -11:30AM Sharp!
5. Brookhaven Town Volunteer FF Museum is looking for our continued support for 2026. Dues are \$365 for the year.
6. Seminar 2026 NYSAFC- member \$35 pp nonmember \$50 to register. Enclosed please find Nassau/Suffolk locations and availability.
7. Smithtown FD – “Co Cash Bash ’26 “\$30,000 prizes – grand is \$10,000. \$50 per ticket. May 15th drawing.
8. Basic EMT class- Jan. 20th – Aug. 6th, 2026. Tuesday & Thursday class, 1830- 2130
9. Pack 221 – Manorville FD looking for a donation for funds and activities. June 25, 2026 “Pinewood Derby @ MFD.

Accounts to be presented: Tonight’s Food Bill Was: \$311 for tonight’s meeting.

Proposals For Membership: None currently.

Company Officers Report

CO 1. Report Given by Captain A. Zeruto

- Meeting will be Tuesday Jan. 13th @ 1900hrs
- During truck checks – be mindful of batteries in the SCBA packs and battery tools
- All Co1 members please meet at the back for a company meeting discussing Co1 holiday dinner
- Ladder detail at RFD at 1000hrs Still need a driver!

CO 2. Report Given by Captain C. Fetherson

- Meeting will be Tuesday 27th @ 1900hrs
- Anyone who would like “Youth Car Show Shirt “putting an order in tonight.

CO 3. Report Given by Capt. Cher Stinton

- Meeting will be on Thursday Jan.8th 1900hrs
- BTFPA meeting will be @ Holtsville FD, van leaving @ 1730hrs
- FASNY Fire Police refresher zoom class – will be set and available for all Co3 members.
- Thank You to all who helped with Co3 hosting Decembers dept. meeting

CO 4. Captain Sam Visser

- Meeting will be Thursday 19th @ 1900hrs

Chiefs Report (32):

- Weather permitting please be mindful when washing trucks with the freezing temps outside.
- Updated bail-out inspection forms are available by the end of the meeting please make sure you sign the black book
- Please make note that the compartment door latches on Rescue 15 are to be locked

Chiefs Report (31):

- Happy New Year!!
- Drills
14th ... Christmas take down
28th ... in house Hazmat class given by SCFA and FP refresher via Zoom will be held in the basement

Chiefs report (30):

- Went over department calendar for the month
- Tonight is the last night for committee signup sheets. The Chiefs office will make determination if there are too many members in specific committee. Posting sheets in Radio Room.
- Thanked everyone for coming out for parades. There were several: Mastic
Manorville
Center Moriches
- Thanked everyone for Santa Run, especially those who dressed all out in the big 'RED' suite
G. Carter
J. Steckler
P. Russell
- Thanked everyone who came out to support Kenny & Kelly Spillet's Family... during their time of need.
- Any issues on any equipment "no one is to contact mechanic" "everyone must reach out to DM or chiefs office – Please put in a work order. Under no circumstances are members to try and fix or dismantle District Property.
- Members, please check expiration date on ID cards. Give ID to any Chief – district will have it replaced.

Going over communications...

EMT class please reach out to Co4's Captain.

NYSFC seminar – please reach out to your Co's officer.

Smithtown FD – 'Cash Bash' There are no raffle tickets, but a QR code will be posted by finger reader.

Manorville Post 221 – looking for donation. Tabled.

George Washington Parade – 5 tickets for \$5 each – purchased all.

Brookhaven Town FF Museum – pay dues \$365 – "all members were in favor".

Ridge FD – purchased all 10 tickets @ \$5 each.

Fire Expo @ Coliseum Friday 01/30/26- Sunday 02/01/26. Voucher will be at the door, please sign in.

"IAM Responding" expiring 01/31/26.

- Remember to finger read, if missed one must fill out "override" sheet for point within 72 hours!!
*One member per sheet...!
- LOSAP points posted. Any questions please see Kieran Donlon.

Reports Of Special Committees

Special Committees: N/A

Unfinished Or Misc. Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Good and Welfare:

Lifetime member B. Accardi's girlfriend passed

Honorary member Brett's brother passed

Ex Chief E. Walsh – heart surgery

J. Walsh was transported to hospital

Awards/Certificates:

Awards and Certificates handed out to: P. Russell, M. Devito, S. Austin, S. Rowan and E. Kress

Roll Call (Late Arrivals):

Ex Chief K. Donlon

Meeting ended time: 2026hrs

Motion:

1st: Greg Carter

2nd: Al Rowland

ALL IN FAVOR

