Greenville Fire District
Regular Meeting

ACCEPTED

Minutes:	**September 29, 2026**
Type of Meeting:	Public Session
Meeting opened:	7:01 PM
Meeting called by:	Warren Hershkowitz
Attendees:	Commissioners: Walter Groden Warren Hershkowitz Helene Orce Michael Rappe Louis Russo Fire Chief: Costanzo Spedaliere Consultant Treasurer: Angela Sinclair Deputy Treasurer / Secretary: Jennifer DiMartino

Angela Beckford took her Oath of Office.

Courtesy of the floor: None

Resolution	**2026 – 9.1**
The minutes of the July 14, 2026 Public Session be accepted as amended in resolution 7.4 and the third line in courtesy of the floor. Going forward the Secretary was asked to notate which number resolution was amended.	
Motion:	Orce
Second:	Rappe
Voting in favor: Groden, Orce, Rappe, Russo	
Abstained: Hershkowitz	

Resolution	**2026 – 9.2**
Approve the financial reports for July and August 2026 as presented.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe, Russo	

The 2025 financial audit was discussed. It is a clean audit with no comments or materials items.

Chief's Report:

Resolution	**2026 – 9.3**
Approve that all members be paid for illnesses during July and August 2026.	
Motion:	Hershkowitz
Second:	Rappe
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Voting against (Comm. Russo would like to discuss this further in executive session): Russo	

- Chief took a look at an engine in Beacon, NY as well as one from Marion and US Truck. Chief is leaning on purchasing a Pierce but needs more time to gather a few more details. He would like the approval from the Board to replace Engine 150 for up to 1.5M. Delivery for this would arrive at the end of 2027 / early 2028.
- There was a discussion about replacing 12 Scott Paks in 2026 (12 more will be replaced in 2027). There is a 90 day wait for the new Paks. The old ones can be disposed of for a credit with AAA of $250 per Pak.
- Regarding a capital plan prepared for the apparatus: Commissioner Hershkowitz replied that before Angela joined there were not enough resources to prepare this, but with her assistance everyone is looking to prioritize this effort. Goal of end of the year / early next year to plan for the urgent capital items. Angela will prepare a list of items for 2027. Commissioner Russo asked if there could be a 5 - 10 year capital plan prepared for the apparatus.
- Squad 15 is still out of service and will return on October 2.

Volunteer Assistant Chief Report: The A/C report was presented. There was a discussion about training, scheduling drills to meet training requirements as well as the blood drive which successfully generated 30 donations (equating to saving 90 lives). Commissioner Russo thanked the volunteers for their blood drive and training that A/C John-Michael completed.

Old Business:

There was a discussion about E150. The 16-year-old rig was out of service 1 in every 12 days. In a 2024 evaluation report of the apparatus, the consultant recommended that it be replaced. Due to its lack of dependability, Commissioner Rappe supports the acquisition of a replacement rig. Commissioner Russo stated that NFPA standards says the rig should last 25 years. A community member asked a question about how this rig would affect the tax payer's taxes. Commissioner Russo requested data points and records for out of service, downtime and maintenance costs across all rigs.

A community member requested that the website have more transparency. The information for the acquisition of the new engine should be on our website.

Resolution	**2026 – 9.4**
Motion to replace the Fire District's 2010 Ferrara, designated as Engine 150, which has now been in service for sixteen years, the Board authorizes the Chief to move to forward with the process to complete the details from the selected vendor for the acquisition of a replacement Squad Engine for the Fire District that meets our needs going forward. The acquisition process will take advantage of an accelerated apparatus-purchasing option designed to reduce the long delivery times that are now associated with new fully customized fire apparatus. This approach is being utilized to expedite the delivery of a new apparatus to the District, and it is estimated if we move along promptly that delivery would occur sometime in the first quarter of 2028. This acquisition will be done as an element of the Houston Galveston Area Cooperative (HGAC) to meet competitive bidding requirements. This acquisition will be executed as an installment lease contract which requires no down payment from the Fire District, and at the end of the contract, the Fire District will own the apparatus. In consort with the District Treasurer, Chief will also take steps to secure a completed financing agreement from an experienced firm familiar with apparatus purchases and financing requirements as well as compliance with the Districts Purchasing Policy. The Treasurer will review the terms of the installment lease contract to assure that it can be accommodated within the constraints of the District's budget. Going forward, financial planning will assure that future District budgets will accommodate payments of the installment lease contract to term. Staff will make District counsel aware of our intent to proceed in this manner and when the finalized acquisition agreement and financing agreement are ready, for those documents to be submitted to District's counsel for review as to form and compliance so that they can then be executed by the Board. Staff will ask District counsel to make reasonable efforts to move their review promptly so that the District can execute the documents and secure a build slot in the manufacturers production line. The amount of the acquisition of this new apparatus will not exceed $1,500,000.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Voting against: Russo	

There was a discussion about trauma and crisis training (RMC). The free services with the County do not offer conflict resolution / preventative training, it is primarily for post-incident / triage stress management. The District will plan to use the free services with the County for triage and RMC for preventative stress management and conflict resolution.

Resolution	**2026 – 9.5**
Approval to hire RMC for Crisis, Trauma and Stress Counseling for GFD employees and volunteers in an amount not to exceed $26,180.	
Motion:	Hershkowitz
Second:	Orce
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Voting against: Russo (voted no based on the process)	

Resolution	**2026 – 9.6**
Approval to replace 12 SCBA's on state contract for an amount not to exceed $145,000.	
Motion:	Hershkowitz
Second:	Rappe
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe, Russo	

The refreshments policy draft was discussed. The Board decided to continue to work on the draft policy and discuss it at a future meeting.

Resolution	**2026 – 9.7**
Approve the proposed LOSAP policy draft as submitted.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe, Russo	

New Business:

Resolution	**2026 – 9.8**
Award bid to Michael Della Gala for the lower-level basement project.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Recused: Russo	

There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed 2027 budget. It was requested that the budget lines be broken out further / more detailed. The Board will have contact information added to the website for any budget related questions.

Resolution	**2026 – 9.9**
Motion to eliminate the unfilled Firefighter position.	
Motion:	Russo
Second:	None
Motion does not pass.	

There was a discussion about adding the Board committees to the district website.

Resolution	**2026 – 9.10**
Approve the 2027 preliminary budget of $14,550,220.	
Motion:	Hershkowitz
Second:	Orce
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Voting against: Russo	

Resolution	**2026 – 9.11**
Hire D’Angelo Construction to remove exterior AC unit by the South East entrance in an amount not to exceed $7,500.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe	
Recused: Russo	

Resolution	**2026 – 9.12**
Seek reimbursement from County for EMS responses on the Sprain Brook Parkway.	
Motion:	Rappe
Second:	Hershkowitz
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe, Russo	

Correspondence: There was a letter sent to the Town of Greenburgh regarding hydrants and a letter of recognition to the crew for an EMS call on 7/9/26.

Courtesy of the floor: None.

Questions: None.

9:18 PM – Motion to close Public Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Motion:	Hershkowitz
Second:	Orce
Voting in favor: Groden, Hershkowitz, Orce, Rappe, Russo	