

**CALEDONIA JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**  
**March 11, 2026**

**MINUTES**

Present: Fire Commissioners Co Chairman Ron Beach, Jr., Don Cook, Bill Anderson, and Tony DeMarco

Excused: Fire Commissioner James Dutton

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief Mike Churchill, Deputy Chief John Murray, Kevin Stone, Deputy Chief Andrew Carpino, Aolanni Bubel, Samuel Dietrich, Theresa Lambert, Elyse Fuhry and Allison Fellows.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Ron Beach at 6:30 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members Aolanni Bubel, Samuel Dietrich, Theresa Lambert, Elyse Fuhry and Allison Fellows introduced themselves to the commissioners.

**Motion #032– 2026**

- WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the Caledonia Fire Department has approved the proposed membership of applicants Anne Marie Fahy, residing at 10 North Meadow Dr, Caledonia NY within the territorial boundaries of the Caledonia Fire District/area protected and
- WHEREAS, the Board has been further informed that the applicant has been cleared for membership based upon the successful completion of the arson/sex offense records check performed in accordance with Executive Law Section 837-o;
- IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED on motion of Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner DeMarco, that applicant(s) Anne Marie Fahy be approved for membership in the Caledonia Fire Department with a D status, subject to her completion of the oath of membership and subject to the six- month probationary requirements of the Caledonia Fire Department. On the roll call the vote was as follows:

Dutton: Absent  
Beach: Aye  
Cook: Aye  
DeMarco: Aye  
Anderson: Aye

**Motion #033 -2026**

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved of the February meeting minutes.

### **Chief Churchill's Report:**

- The February Fire Report was provided electronically prior to the meeting. The February Fuel Log was presented.

#### **Motion #034-2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved of the February Fire Report.
- Equipment Update
  - #114 – The Chief reviewed the progress Firematic is making on repairs.
  - #116 – Mr. Anderson presented potential bid documents it's for sale.
  - #118 – Foam pump exploded. It has been repaired and is possibly under warranty.
  - #119- Serpentine and tensioner belt need replacement.
  - Tahoe – Sway bar and tire sensors have been replaced.
  - Silverado – Mirror has been replaced.
  - Thermal imaging battery, chains for chain saw, five thermal cameras, Sensit gold G2O2 sensors, Dragon soap, salt eliminator - received.
  - Ladder testing scheduled for 3/16
  - Generator service is scheduled for 3/26.
  - SCBA Masks – require new nose cups and thermo -imaging cameras (TIC) to pass NFPA. Mr. DeMarco's mask has not been received. Outstanding. Deputy Chief Murray to follow up.
  - Key fobs – Received additional key fobs. Mr. Beach will follow up with Humphrey Electric to determine if fobs can be programed by the District.
  - KABLES has installed the laptop and desktops. iPad 11 has been ordered by KABLES.
  - Avon has borrowed the District's 5-inch hose. Outstanding.
  - Fire Prevention giveaways and Easter candy -received.
- The Sensit four gas meter needs to be repaired. The cost to repair it is more than a new five gas meter. Deputy Chief Murray will bring quotes for replacement meters to the April meeting.
- A discussion was held on the training stipend for volunteer firefighters. Kevin Stone will provide more information on this program for the commissioners at the April meeting.
- A discussion was held on the Social Media Policy and concerns of the Fire Department members.
- Attorney Ray DiRaddo will be invited to the April meeting for clarification on Social Media policies.

### **Approved Purchases**

#### **Motion #035-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved the purchase of four tires for #118 in the amount of \$3,414.48 from Lewis Tire.

**Motion # 036-2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved the purchase of four tires for #119 in the amount of \$3,888.10 from Lewis Tire.

**Motion # 037-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved the purchase of two APX8500 all band radios at a total cost of \$18,154.50

**Motion # 038-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved the purchase of five helmets at a cost of \$2,099.50. Shipping costs were not provided by Firematic at the time of the quote.

**Reported Purchases (under the \$500 threshold that do not require motion and approval)**

- See March 2026 attachment.

**EMS Update**

- AED batteries are needed. Quotes will be provided at April meeting.

**Grant Update**

- Nothing currently.

**Fire Commissioner's Reports**

- A discussion was held on increasing the truck values for insurance coverage. Selective has provided a quote of \$6,377 to increase these.

**Motion # 039-2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion to leave the truck values as they currently are with no increase in coverage. No second to this motion was declared. Motion rejected.

**Motion # 040-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion to increase the truck values as presented, seconded by Mr. DeMarco.

The vote was noted as follows:

Mr. Dutton- Not present

Mr. Beach-Abstained

Mr. Cook- No

Mr. DeMarco-Yes

Mr. Anderson – Yes

The motion is rejected due to lack of three yes votes.

- Mr. Anderson provided a Procurement Policy for review.

- Mr. Cook stated he had reviewed February bank statements and reconciliations for the Checking, Money Market Account, and JUMBO CD bank accounts and noted no discrepancies.

#### **Secretary Treasurer's Report**

- The 2026 tax levy was received in the amount of \$597,247. The Capital Equipment & Apparatus Reserve was funded per the budget and Multi year Capital Plan in the amount of \$254,999.

#### **Motion #041-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved the 2026 Selective insurance policy package presented by Tompkins Insurance in the amount of \$43,793.63, with the contingency the Department reimburses the District for their premium of \$8,197.93.

#### **Motion #042-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, Mr. Cook seconded, and all approved upgrading the QuickBooks subscription to the PLUS version with an annual cost of \$1,383. Prorated adjustment will be applied.
- The District has not received the \$1,500 from the Mumford Fire Department for the set of gear recently sold to them.

#### **Motion #043-2026**

- Mr. DeMarco made a motion, Mr. Cook seconded, and all approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of vouchers #28- 50, totaling \$53,130.35.

#### **Motion #031 – 2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion, Mr. Anderson seconded, and all approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Carson  
Secretary/ Treasurer