

**CALEDONIA JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**  
**May 13, 2026**

**MINUTES**

Present: Fire Commissioners Chairman Jim Dutton, Don Cook, Bill Anderson, and Ron Beach

Excused: Fire Commissioner Tony DeMarco

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief Mike Churchill, Deputy Chief John Murray, Captain Bob Jake, and Will Dietrich.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Dutton at 6:30 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion #054 -2026**

Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and all approved of the April meeting Minutes.

**Motion #055 -2026**

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved removing the following individuals from active membership:

Jay Campbell, Isabella Rapone, Patrick Hanley, Sean Beach, Peter Kantowski, April Mills, Karen Rychlicki, Linda Snyder, Markelle Messinger, John Kellen, Jr., Kelly Beach, Jessica Carpino, Jeffrey Mills, Katherine Shannon, Karen Wilkin, Joshua Hanbach\*, Steve Minges\*, Kathy Murphy\*, Anthony P. DeMarco\*, Shirley Mosele\*, Johnnie Ross\*, MaryLou Chapman\*, and Larry Silvernail\*.

\* Individuals will remain social members only.

**Chief Churchill's Report:**

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

**Motion #056-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved of the April Fire Report.
- Equipment Update
  - #114 – The Chief reviewed the progress Firematic is making on repairs. Estimated it should be back to the Fire Hall by the end of May.
  - #116 – Bid documents completed.

- #118 – Foam lines plugged.
  - #119- E tools must be set up on the truck. Estimated it will be a few days to complete.
  - Tahoe – Rear AC lines not functioning, were capped off. Front AC lines are working. Front condenser was bad, but 60,000-mile warranty covered it.
  - Turnout gear is in.
  - Motorola sent the wrong multiband radios (APX8500) but these have been returned and replaced by the correct ones. The radios must be programmed. Quotes for this will be brought to the June meeting.
- Deputy Chief Murray noted in 2027 turnout gear will significantly rise in cost due to elimination of cancer-causing substance.
  - Captain Jake noted KABLES is in the process of putting all the District’s iPads under contract. This eliminates the ability to change passwords, add or delete apps etc. One iPad is five years out of date and three are three years out of date. Security updates do not occur due to their age.

### **Approved Purchases**

#### **Motion #057-2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dutton, and all approved the purchase of four pairs of HAIX Airpower boots, in the amount of \$401 and total amount of \$1,604. Verbal quotes from All Hands Fire \$406.99 and The Fire Store \$437.39.

#### **Motion # 058-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved the purchase of three G1 Unication pagers from Licciardi at a cost of \$420 each and if the Line Officers agree the pagers are meeting the requirements, three more may be purchased. Prices obtained from Flower City-\$448 and Unications USA - \$422.

#### **Motion # 059-2026**

- Mr. Beach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved switching internet and telephone service from Spectrum to Frontier, with the contingency the District is still not under contract with Spectrum.

#### **Motion # 060-2026**

- Mr. Dutton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and all approved of increasing the truck insurance coverage as follows contingent upon pricing received from Selective of \$600 in additional premium:  
 96 Freightliner – remains at \$607,000; 2001 Ford \$125,000; 2007 Chevy \$60,000; 2007 Pierce 1.2 million; 2008 Pierce 1.5 million; 2015 aerial ladder truck \$1.5 million; 2017 Chevy Tahoe \$80,000; 2021 Chevy Silverado \$80,000 and 2026 Freightliner \$700,000.

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

- See May 2026 attachment.

**Motion # 061-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all agreed to declare the following unnecessary for District operations and surplus: Two laptop computers, serial numbers 9P39RT# and 9HD9RT3 and two desktop computers, serial numbers JW2TYL2 and C8QTDC2.

**Motion #062 – 2026**

- A motion was made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Cook; all approved of the J.W. Jones Hall fundraiser activities as listed below with all active fire fighters eligible to participate.

May

- 14 – Wedding
- 16 – Celebration of Life
- 18 – Senior Citizens
- 20- Babysitters Banquet
- 21 – Dept Board Meeting
- 24 – Photography class
- 27 – Dept meeting

June

- 7 - Photography class
- 13 – Baby shower

**1996 Freightliner Fire Tanker Update**

- Mr. Dutton stated in anticipation of the tanker being sold he obtained the DMV history of the tanker, obtained two written appraisals and noted the District can use a Broker to sell it, if necessary.
- Mr. Anderson requested a classified ad be run for three weeks in the Genesee Valley Pennysaver to advertise the sale of the tanker, based upon a pricing of \$15 per week.

**Motion # 063-2026**

Mr. Dutton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the CALEDONIA JOINT FIRE DISTRICT is vested with the authority to sell property or equipment owned by the District which is determined as no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the District pursuant to Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that a 1996 Freightliner Fire Tanker owned by the District is no longer necessary for its uses and purposes and has been declared surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined to sell such 1996 Freightliner Fire Tanker valued at more than twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars and less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars subject to market forces, in accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of Town Law.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution has been accepted by the taxpayers of the Caledonia Joint Fire District by Permissive Referendum authorized by the Commissioners of the Caledonia Joint Fire District by resolution dated October 19, 2022. No petitions were filed against the resolution, finalizing the action on November 26, 2022.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law, the Caledonia Joint Fire District has declared the 1996 Fire Tanker surplus no longer necessary for its uses and purposes and shall sell such 1996 Fire Tanker whose value shall be determined by market forces.

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

Chairman Dutton Aye  
Commissioner Beach Aye  
Commissioner Cook Aye  
Commissioner DeMarco – Absent  
Commissioner Anderson Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: May 13, 2026

**EMS Update**

- No report.

**Grant Update**

- No report.

**Fire Commissioner’s Reports**

- Mr. Dutton noted the following:
  - AFD mini conference he signed up for has been cancelled.
  - Stipend program is tabled. Possibly a 2027 budget item.

- Ray DiRaddeo has not offered an updated Social Media Policy for the District to review yet.
  - The Chevy Tahoe is 10 years old, and the District has seen repair costs increasing. If the District decides to replace it, a permissive referendum will take place in order to allow removal of the funds from the equipment reserve. The line officers should prepare an estimate for the total cost of the vehicle, including all necessary fire equipment for the vehicle.
- Mr. Cook stated he had reviewed April bank statements and reconciliations for the Checking, Money Market Account, and JUMBO CD bank accounts and noted no discrepancies.

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

- The District has received \$113.90 from City of Laurel vs Cintas settlement and \$257 from Selective Insurance for overpayment of premium.
- An additional meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Multi Year Capital and Financial plans and 2027 budget needs.

#### **Motion #064-2026**

- Mr. Anderson made a motion, Mr. Cook seconded, and all approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of vouchers #67-87, totaling \$95,553.77.

#### **Motion #065 – 2026**

- Mr. Cook made a motion, Mr. Beach seconded, and all approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Carson  
Secretary/ Treasurer