

CALEDONIA JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
September 9, 2026

MINUTES

Present: Fire Commissioners Chairman Jim Dutton, Tony DeMarco, and Ron Beach

Excused: Don Cook and Bill Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief Mike Churchill, and Deputy Chief John Murray

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

Motion #099 -2026

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

Motion #100– 2026

- WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the Caledonia Fire Department has approved the proposed membership of applicant Bradley Gnage, residing at 299 Barks Rd. 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 Beach, seconded by Commissioner DeMarco, that applicant Bradley Gnage be approved for membership in the Caledonia Fire Department with a D status, subject to his 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: Aye
Beach: Aye
Cook: Absent
DeMarco: Aye
Anderson: Absent

Chief Churchill's Report:

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

Motion #101-2026

- Mr. Beach made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved of the August Fire Report.
- Sam D'Agostino, Bob Jake and Chief Churchill will be attending chlorine rail safety training sponsored by Jones Chemicals tomorrow at the Syracuse Fire Training Center.
- Equipment Update
 - Tonawanda Firematic's service manager has been to the Fire Hall to review the fleet of trucks. Tonawanda will examine trucks, determine issues that need to be addressed and will provide a list of concerns for each truck.
 - #114 & 118 radios have been installed.
 - Three G1 Unication pagers are not in service.
 - Tahoe – stabilizer bar replaced.
 - KABLES has fixed issues with computer access.
- Deputy Chief Murray reported the following:
 - Motorola will not support mobile radios after 15 years. Livingston County Fire Services are reviewing grants provided by Motorola for help on replacement of these radios.
 - York fire calls will not be responded to unless the York Fire Department has a readily available water supply to access due to recent issues.
 - Noted it was necessary for a workman's comp form to be submitted due to dehydration issues he experienced at a recent call.
 - Due to a powerline going down on Lacey Rd during the recent storm with a tornado warning all power was lost at the firehall.
- The 2027 Fire Chief's proposed budget was reviewed.

Approved Purchases

Motion # 102-2026

- Mr. Dutton made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved the Western New York Radio Services update the District's radios, including auto tuning and upgrading firm ware for a cost of \$3,840.

Motion # 103-2026

- Mr. Dutton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved the purchase of two 6 packs of Full Circle lithium 2.5-gallon power recharge. This will replace budget item of blankets to suppress electric car fires.

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

- See September 2026 attachment.

Motion #104 – 2026

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

September

13 – Retirement party
16 – Board meeting
20 – Party
21- Blood Drive- Red Cross & Rotary
21- Senior Citizens
23 CFD meeting
26 – CFD Chicken BBQ

October 10 -Wedding

Ford F150 Police Responder

- Ford has discontinued producing the 2026 F150 Police Responder trucks and is now making 2027 models.

Motion #105 – 2026

- Mr. DeMarco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved purchasing a 2027 F150 Police Responder, not a 2026 truck at state bid using \$75,000 previously approved from the reserve accounts and giving Mr. Dutton the authority to sign the purchase agreement with Bob Johnson Ford.

Grant Update

- Mr. DeMarco noted the application for a dryer grant was not completed due to lack of matching funds from the District.

New Fire Hall Update

- Mr. Dutton stated he has appointed Mr. Anderson to lead the Fire Hall committee and choose the members.

Fire Commissioner's Reports

- No Report

Secretary Treasurer's Report

Motion #106 – 2026

- Mr. Dutton made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeMarco, and all approved the Annual Monitoring Results document for the Multiyear Capital Plan.
- The District will hold the 2027 Budget Hearing on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm at the fire hall.
- The September meeting will continue Tuesday, September 22 to discuss the 2027 budget at 6:30 pm at the fire hall

Motion #107-2026

- Mr. Beach made a motion, Mr. DeMarco seconded, and all approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of vouchers #138-150, totaling \$9,718.74.

Motion #108 – 2026

- Mr. Dutton made a motion, Mr. DeMarco seconded, and all agreed to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

September 22, 2026 Reconvene Meeting

Present: Fire Commissioners Jim Dutton, Don Cook, Tony DeMarco, and Ron Beach Jr.

Excused: Bill Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Dutton at 4:00 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposed Chief's Budget along with balances for 2026 budget lines as of September 14, 2025, finalizing the 2027 budget.

Mrs. DeMarco made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved adjourning the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Carson
Secretary/ Treasurer