

Unofficial

Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission Meeting

Unofficial

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Roll call: Doug Plourde, Rita Lawson, Travis Belisle, Jason Crotty, Dave Wolner, Aaron Morrison, and Chris Dubak.

Doug called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Dave moved, Chris seconded approval of the September 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Approved.

Budget Report: *2025 YE review and approval:* Travis reported that they had purchased many things that were needed and had \$1,254 cash left from the 2025 budget. New this year, they had bought what they needed even before the 2% had actually come in. Dave moved, Aaron seconded approval of the Budget Report. Approved.

Membership Update: Travis reported that they have 24 firefighters and just interviewed a candidate this week. They will be doing background checks and interviews regarding this person.

Old Business: *Discuss Strategic Plan progress:* The man helping them with the plan has interviewed many Village Board and Town Board members, firefighters, and local business people to gather their insights and concerns.

Discuss specifications for new fire department truck: Travis noted they are still working on what is and will be needed. Travis wants to set up meetings in the Village and Town to get input on what developments/buildings are expected in the next years. He added they have also been talking with several of the truck manufacturers.

New Business: *Discussion on available grants:* For the FEMA grant, Travis noted there has been no news if they will get it or not. There has also been no news on the \$30,000 medical supplies grant they applied for.

Update on Department Activities: *Software change:* Travis reported they plan to switch software companies because the software they now have is hard to use. Some other local departments are making the same software change. He noted switching will be a lot of work, but the program will work better, and every member will be trained to use it. They will need an iPad in every truck and will be able to share information among local departments.

Membership Mental Health: Travis noted they were working with local groups and a local person they can contact when they need this help and guidance.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Doug to adjourn the meeting. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next meeting: Joint Town/Village meeting next Wednesday, January 28, at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.