

**THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 14, 2025  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, Chief Tom Smalling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief William Scherer, Mayor Donna Koch and House Attendant Matt Cambria.  
Rescue Officers Jean Varese and Nicole.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Jim Clark, Terry Koch, William Koran, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Dan Cross and Sr. Firehouse Attendant John McKenna.

**Meeting Called To Order At 6:00 PM.**

**Minutes From The September 9, 2025 Meeting Approved.**

**Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$58,323.35.**

**Chief Smalling:**

At the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Department General Membership Meeting the members voted to approve the Village adopt the EMS Cost Recovery Bill in order to collect insurance proceeds for Northport ambulance transport.

Discussion continued this month regarding having an EMT at Headquarters instead of everyone located at Station One.

Jean Varese and Nicole were in favor of this arrangement.

Inflateable Rescue Boat will be stored at Headquarters.

**Mayor Koch:**

The Firehouse must submit a resolution to the Board of Trustees to surplus older light fixtures and speakers.

**Paul Latuso:**

The Firehouse has boxes that need to be shredded. Janet the Secretary will ask the Village Clerk to make the arrangements with the shredding company the Village uses.

Secretary e-mailed all Commissioners prior to this meeting a Proposal For a One Pierce Enforcer Rescue Pumper from Commissioner Terry Koch.

**Matt Cambria read the following report from John McKenna:**

1. The DOH certification stickers arrived from the State and have been affixed to Ambulance 2-9-25.
2. Ambulance 2-9-5 has been out back to the dealership to address post-delivery punch list provided by the truck committee. Those punch list items have been addressed. Still awaiting repair to both rear doors and rear step. At time of this report, John awaiting a call from Commander with a projected return to service date.
3. Nine work orders in September. 6 complete and 1 pending parts/service.
4. An unexpected buckling of the meeting room floor at headquarters occurred in several places. Village Administrator Roland Buzard notified and he checked the

damage immediately. Called for estimates to repair same. All Commissioners notified and contractor's opinion as to the cause of this. Commissioners authorized the emergency repair currently in progress.

5. Annual NYS DMV inspection scheduled for medic's car due this month.
6. Kane Exterminating neutralized the large hornet's nest from the Soundview radio Communications box. Nest falling apart and hornets left will be gone shortly.
7. Rear gutter and down leads replaced at Station One. Gutter had detached from the building and pulled away. Lindstadt Gutters checked the water run off problem to the North side of the building beneath the retaining wall. The rep does not believe the erosion is caused by any of the gutters or drains. He believes it is a landscaping issue with water from the steep hill behind the station running down during rainstorms. The gutters and down leads are all flowing properly to the drywells
8. Engine 296 had an extensive bumper to bumper service completed by mechanic Jamie Conroy. Engine 294 is scheduled a week from tomorrow and Ladder 297 will follow.
9. New ambulance 2925 will have to go back to the dealership when 295 returns. There Are some problems with loose fixtures and controls that need to be addressed. The ambulance is in service.
10. We received an invitation from Alpine Software to attend an in-person training session at the Huntington Manor FD for the new mandated NERIS fire reporting system. All departments are required to switch to NERIS before January 1, 2026.
11. Placement of winter hydrant markers will begin this week.

**Meeting Adjourned At 7:00 PM.**

**Next Meeting Scheduled For Wednesday, November 12, 2025 At 6:00 PM.**