

THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 14, 2026  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, Terry Koch, Jim Clark and William Koran. Chief Dan Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Ryan Gerow, Paramedic Tom McCarthy and John McKenna, Sr. Firehouse Attendant.

**ABSENT:** William Sherer, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief.

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

**Minutes From The March 10, 2026 Meeting Approved.**

**Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$15,702.54.**

Phil Weber welcomed the incoming Chief Dan Cross and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Ryan Gerow.

**Chief Cross:**

The 2915 Ambulance out for repairs will be back by end of next week.

Request to purchase a hose for the new boat for \$2,100.00 and hand tools-**Approved.**

**Chief Gerow:**

Fire Department House Committee has discussed with contractors replacing the existing kitchen at headquarters. Drawings will be presented to the Commissioners at a future meeting.

**Commissioner Koch:**

Terry will be contacting an auction company regarding the 2910 vehicle.

**Tom McCarthy:**

Discussed replacing Zoll carbon dioxide monitors. He presented a quote and recommended financing the expensive purchase over a five year period. Commissioners advised Tom we have an approved budget for the year and would have to discuss this at a future date.

They told Tom he needs to provide a list of items he needs to purchase prior to future budget preparation.

Since 3 Paramedics have resigned for a higher paying job, Tom recommended an increase in pay for paramedics. Average pay is \$36.50 an hour and we are at \$32.00 an hour. EMT coverage is now at 24/7.

**Commissioner Koran:**

Checked with John McKenna status of servicing and repairs to vehicles.

**John McKenna:**

March 2026 Monthly Report as follows:

1. 13 work orders. 10 are completed and 3 are pending part/service.
2. Total Alarms for March 2026 = 121.

3. New Phone System installed at Station 1. This system tied into system at HQ. Outside Emergency call box phone working which connects caller directly to HQ.
4. Hurst eDraulic tool batteries arrived and in service.
5. Fireboat serviced and will be ready for season after the electronic navigation system replaced w/new system. Cracked weld on the dive door repaired. Boat will be relocated to the fireboat dock when float is in.
6. Ambulance 2915 out for repairs at Kessel Auto in Rocky Point. After it is painted, buffed out, graphics applied, washed and waxed we should have it back by end of week. When 2915 returns, they will replace damaged trim on the 2925 with the new wheel well flair.
7. NYS DMV inspection for Ambulance 295 will be done when 2915 back in service.
8. Mechanic J. Conroy completed preventative maintenance on Engine 293 and is working on E298's Hurst eTool mounts. Awaiting shelving from Firematic, air dryer parts and bleeder valves for the tanks. Once parts come in, he will need two or three days to accomplish work.
9. Fire Department House Committee in discussion with contractors to replace the kitchen at Headquarters. Membership will cover all project costs. The Committee Chairman will have a rendering and a report for the Commissioner's approval prior to starting the project.
10. Village Administrator Roland Buzard received a request from Paramedic Tom McCarthy to have all three ambulances lettered to match their New York State registrations. The State requires the match. Roland asked John McKenna to have this done as soon as possible. John requested pricing from vendors to add "Village of" above the word "Northport" on the required three (3) sides of each ambulance-**APPROVED**.
11. Firematic Supply has sent a quote for annual preventative maintenance and service of our Hurst extrication tools. Cost is \$970.00 which includes inspection and service. It does not include any parts that might be needed-**APPROVED**.
12. Winter/snow hydrant markers are in process of coming down.
13. Truck detailing (wash/wax) will begin soon and will be complete for the Memorial Day Parade.
14. Discussed renovation of headquarter's front staircase and both lobbies if possible in this year's budget. Second Floor renovations down the staircases and into the lobbies were not continued. They need to be done (strip wall paper, clean, seal, replace base moulding and paint}. Commissioners suggest providing prices or doing work in house.

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

**Next Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, May 12, 2026 At 6:00 PM.**