

CLERMONT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2026

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:23 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Those in attendance were Chairman Joe Scott, Commissioner Laurence Saulpaugh, Commissioner Marc Lebowitz, and Commissioner Ronald Miller. Others present were Chief Ron Rifenburg, Even Decker, Secretary Jennifer Flandreau, and Treasurer Brian Fitzgerald.

Chairman Scott opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Saulpaugh, seconded by Commissioner Lebowitz to accept the minutes. All in favor. So carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Lebowitz, seconded by Commissioner Salpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lebowitz to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC wealth management \$378,667.28
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- Albany med urgent care offering on-site physicals
- Commissioner training - thursday March 26th White Plains

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Purchased heater for station one office.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

A dump trailer is parked next to the shed at station one.

Old nozzles will be sent to Questar.

FIRE EQUIPMENT:

6013 battle to get it fixed. Vrs is not working out.

Tim Ferrell from Luke's garage in West Athens can work on our trucks.

Or Rock service.

The chief will call him tomorrow and see if he can work on the truck.

The chief needs to order one set of exterior fire gear for a new member. FF gear will be \$1,500.00 for a set of pants and coat.

Need 6 helmet lights \$100.00 a piece.

Dewalt handheld blower \$200 estimate

Under vehicle attachment for cleaning salt off the trucks \$25 to \$100.00 estimate

Stewarts gift cards for the year \$600

All Commissioners agree with these purchases.

LOSAP:

Chairman Scott and Commissioner Miller will get together to tally it up.

LAWS AND POLICIES: All Commissioners

Get together and finish the SOPS.

LEGAL: All Commissioners

No discussion

OLD BUSINESS: All Commissioners

Chief spoke with Cameran Farewell and he wants to stay active; next BEFO class is in July we have two members going up for the next one.

All pagers have been returned; we have two spares with chargers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Collin Brown resigned on Saturday the 17th as assistant Chief but will remain an active firefighter.

That position is open.

Hoping for Brendan Hegarty but he needs all of the training.

We will need to buy a new helmet.

Commissioner Lebowitz made a motion to appoint Brendan Hegarty 2nd assistant Chief. All in favor.

We will be seeking a lieutenant.

Application and clear background check submitted for John Panagakis.

Commissioner Lebowitz made a motion to accept the application of membership, seconded by Commissioner Miller. All in favor. So carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The chief report for December was turned in for Lasap calculation.

CHIEFS REPORT:

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WORK DETAILS

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Physicals are open at the training center.

CR plus model has been deemed end of production.

Evan decker:

CPR training at Columbia Greene classroom is \$90 per member interested. Dates to be announced.

Commissioner Lebowitz made a motion to pay for any member interested in the CPR class; seconded by Commissioner Saulpaugh. All in favor. So carried.

Possible grant request needs:

Parking lot at station one extended.

Blacktop station two.

FUEL REPORT:

gallons used 79.8 for 2 months

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:02 P.M. by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lebowitz. All in favor. So Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Flandreau Secretary,

Clermont Fire District