HARTSDALE FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hartsdale Fire District was held at Fire Station 2, 300 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, New York, on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Members present:	Chairperson	Vallarelli
	Commissioners	Iamonico, Nanko, Muldoon (Commissioner Muldoon notified Board of possible absence, but arrived at 8:50 p.m.)
	Chief	Maseda
	Secretary	Kane
	Treasurer	Barahona
Members absent:	Commissioner Maguire (with notice)	

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Vallarelli called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

- Commissioner Nanko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. BUDGET 2027

- The Board continued its review of the proposed 2027 budget and the Chief's process for assessing staff requests. To meet the budget target, requests were prioritized, with nonessential items deferred or removed from the 2027 budget proposal.

- The proposed turnout-gear replacement was identified as a significant expense. The Board discussed spreading the purchase over two years, with half of the replacement planned for each year.

- The Board discussed moving approximately half of the projected contingency in the personnel and medical-benefit lines into a designated contingency line. This would not change total appropriations, but would make the contingency more visible and support more consistent budgeting. The discussion noted that a contingency may be funded up to 10% of the budget and that use of the designated funds would require applicable Board action.

- To keep the proposed budget within the tax cap, the proposed 2027 contribution to equipment capital reserves was reduced to $100,000. The Board discussed updating the apparatus funding plan, which currently assumes full replacements on an 18-year cycle. Options to evaluate include refurbishment, replacement timing, resale value, and other lifecycle or funding approaches.

- The budget review also covered current-year and deferred projects. Deferred items may be reconsidered based on priority and available funds.

- A state wellness grant of approximately $15,000 per year was discussed as a possible source of funding for station gym improvements, equipment, and maintenance.

- The Board discussed creating a newsletter or other public-facing communication to share department accomplishments and accurate information. Options included exploring town resources for mass mailings and directing residents to an electronic newsletter or the department website.

- The Board supported a proposal to begin budget planning and discussion of broader operational and structural options earlier in the year going forward. The Board discussed adding two budget work sessions to the annual meeting calendar prepared in January and holding a preliminary budget workshop in July.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Nanko, seconded by Commissioner Iamonico, to adopt the 2027 proposed budget as presented and discussed and present it at the Public Hearing to take place October 20, 2026. The proposed budget is to be submitted to the Town of Greenburgh.

Hartsdale Fire District 2027 Proposed Budget

FY 2027 Budget Summary

960N	Appropriations	$ 16,462,302
962N	Other Budgetary Purposes (Transfers into Reserves)	518,000
	Less:	
510N	Estimated Revenues	286,436
599N	Estimated Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	949,134
	Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes	**$15,744,732**

Appropriations

Budgetary Code #	Account #	Description	Amount
960N	1930.4	Judgements and Claims	$300,000
960N	1980.4	Payment Of MTA Payroll Tax	26,248
960N	3410.1	Fire Protection - Personal Services	7,720,000
960N	3410.2	Fire Protection - Equipment and Capital Outlay	227,500
960N	3410.4	Fire Protection - Contractual	665,786
960N	9010.8	State Retirement System	35,000
960N	9016.8	Fire Retirement	3,140,000
960N	9030.8	Social Security	590,580
960N	9040.8	Workers' Compensation	270,000
960N	9045.8	Life Insurance	21,600
960N	9060.8	Hospital, Medical and Dental Insurance	2,969,900
960N	9710.6	Serial Bonds - Debt Principal	475,000
960N	9710.7	Serial Bonds - Debt Interest	10,688
960N	9760.7	Tax Anticipation Notes - Debt Interest	10,000
	Total		**$16,462,302**

Other Budgetary Purposes

Budgetary Code #	Account #	Description	Amount
962N	878	Reserve for Equipment	$100,000
962N	880	Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve	368,000
962N	882	Reserve for Repairs	50,000
	Total		**$518,000**

Estimated Revenues

Budgetary Code #	Account #	Description	Amount
510N	2401	Interest and Earnings	$150,000
510N	2421	Lease Payments Collected	136,436
599N	914	Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	949,134
	Total		**$1,235,570**

- Secretary Kane requested a roll call vote on the proposed budget, and the results were as follows:
  Chairman Vallarelli - Aye
  Commissioner Iamonico - Aye
  Commissioner Muldoon - Aye
  Commissioner Nanko – Aye

  The motion passed.

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Muldoon, seconded by Commissioner Iamonico, to add two budget work sessions to the annual meeting calendar that is prepared, agreed upon, and shared during the re-organization meeting in January. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Muldoon, seconded by Commissioner Nanko, that the Board hold a preliminary budget workshop in July to set priorities and direction. All in favor. Motion carried.

5, PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments or questions were raised.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business for the Special Meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Muldoon, seconded by Commissioner Iamonico, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. The motion carried.

- Chairman Vallarelli adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Minutes were prepared and submitted by:

Christine K. Kane
Fire District Secretary