

President:	Peter G. Burk
Vice President:	Guy Beck
Clerk:	Margaret Guyette
Commissioners:	Scott Beiler Peter Burk
Treasurer:	Scott Wyllie

SHAKER PINES FIRE DISTRICT #5

A regular meeting of the Shaker Pines Fire District was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the fire station.

Those present were President Peter G. Burk, Vice President Guy Beck, Clerk Margaret Guyette, Commissioner Peter Burk, Commissioner Scott Beiler, Treasurer Scott Wyllie, Fire Chief James Nolan, Deputy Fire Chief Edward Prajzner, and Administrative Assistant Jolene Bauckman.

President Burk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES: The minutes for March 2025 were presented to the Board members. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Vice President Beck and Commissioner Burk made a second to the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous, and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wyllie submitted the treasurer's report for March 2025 to the Board members. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Burk and Vice President Beck made a second to the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous, and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received a letter of thanks from the Somers Fire Department for providing mutual aid during the Growers Direct fire. We also received a letter of thanks from the East Windsor Police Department for assisting with a search on the Connecticut River.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Fire Chief Nolan submitted his report verbally.

Annual independent hose testing has been completed.

Our department assisted with the Spring Splash event on the Scantic River.

A water softener system will be installed at the end of the month. This will treat the water for the entire building.

Unfortunately, the annual Officers Weekend at the National Fire Academy was cancelled.

Firefighter Matt Gagnon passed his EMT test and has been promoted to Firefighter/EMT.

The old SCBA equipment including air packs, bottles and masks were sold to a company in Canada. We received \$10,000 USD for the sale.

Torrington Volunteer Fire Department has closed permanently.

Chief Nolan suggested using a different company for HVAC maintenance and services. He received a renewal quote from the current company, Air Temp Mechanical, for \$4,680. Charter Oak Environmental Services quoted \$4,200, and Air Serv gave a maintenance quote for \$8,800.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT: Deputy Chief Prajzner read the report, and it was placed on file. We had 90 incidents, 2 plan/site reviews (138 North Maple Street and 234 North Maple Street), and no inspections. The monthly fire drill at LEGO Creative Child Care was conducted. A fire drill was also conducted at Martin Brower, 191 Moody Road. Training was completed as follows: Deputy Chief Prajzner, 3 hours; Firefighter Joe Kara, 3 hours.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: The tax collection committee is still waiting for an updated agreement from the town. Otherwise, there is nothing new to report.

Vice President Beck and Deputy Chief Prajzner gave an update from the consolidation committee. The most recent meeting was held March 10, 2025. The attorneys were present, and they have begun preparing the next documents, such as the resolutions for each district to join the consolidation effort. A meeting will be held May 1, 2025 during which all commissioners from all four consolidating districts will need to vote on the resolutions. Two committees have been formed: a labor committee and a legal committee.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee made final adjustments to the 2025-2026 proposed budget. Vice President Beck made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented, and Commissioner Beiler made a second to the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Burk presented a letter of intent to run for another term on the Board of Commissioners. It was placed on file.

President Burk made a motion to accept the HVAC maintenance proposal presented by Charter Oak Environmental Services. Vice President Beck made a second to the motion and a vote was taken. It was unanimous and the motion carried.

Vice President Beck made a motion to enter Executive Session and invited Chief Nolan and Administrative Assistant Bauckman into the session to discuss a personnel matter. President Burk made a second to the motion, and a vote was taken. It was unanimous, and the committee went into Executive Session.

After coming out of Executive Session, President Burk made a motion to accept an addendum to the union agreement. Clerk Guyette made a second to the motion, and a vote was taken. It was unanimous and the motion carried.

BILLS: The Board members reviewed the bills. A motion to pay the bills as submitted was made by Vice President Beck and Commissioner Burk made a second to the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice President Beck and Clerk Guyette made a second to the motion. A vote was taken, it was unanimous, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jolene Bauckman".

Jolene Bauckman

Administrative Assistant