

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the District Offices, 4222 S. Taylor Road. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wierzbowski and began with the pledge to the flag.

**Roll Call:**

Chairman:	Frank Wierzbowski	Dist. Chief:	Jay Knavel
		Treasurer:	Nick Enser
Commissioner:	Robert Benning	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	Edmund Jensen Jr.	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Mark Szczepanik	Administrator:	Monica Theilemann

**Fire Company Officers Present:**

Orchard Park Chief: Rob Germano  
Windom Chief: Jacob Leckle  
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

**Others Present:**

Howard Hoffman, Windom	Drew Carey, Windom
Greg Bienias, EMS	Eric Knavel, EMS
Dave Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki	Robert Baun, Windom
Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park	

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. All in favor; motion carried.

**Comments from the floor (Public):**

None

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of Central 5-3-2026, Paul Gorczyca. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Jensen regarding the same. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of Central 4-4-2026 Connor Moran. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Jensen regarding the same. All in favor; motion carried.
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of Central 5-16-2026. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Jensen regarding the same. All in favor; motion carried.
4. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of FF. See new memberships and removals.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of FF. See new memberships and removals.
6. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: resignation of FF. See new memberships and removals.

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Auditors will be at the next work session.

**District Chief Jay Knavel:**

1. Monthly reports read, attached to file copy
2. The drills are as follows: Leadership coming in April
3. Classes are as follows: Fire Officer 1 and RTV coming soon
4. Reminder to those who still need physicals.

**EMS**

No report

**Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:**

No report

**Windom Chief, Jacob Leckle:**

No report

**Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:**

No report

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

**\*\*\*Orchard Park\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Michael P. Carey from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Caitlyn Berry from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to accept Alicja Hendershot to the District Rolls as a Jr. FF. All in favor; motion carried.

**\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Chris Pieri from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**Commissioner Benning:**

No report

**Commissioner Jensen:**

No report

**Commissioner Szczepanik:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to sell the old OP6 to Sanborn for \$60,000.00. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Wierzbowski:**

No report

**Attorney Chelus:**

1.The Attorney General has approved the dissolution of EMS Inc. and to roll EMS over to the District.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:**

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$202,110.62. All in favor; motion carried.

**Motions Made:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Jensen to sell the old OP6 to Sanborn for \$60,000.00. All in favor; motion carried.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Benning seconded by Commissioner Jensen that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:07 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary