

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Regular Meeting September 17, 2025

Members Attending: John FitzGerald, Alton Bruso, Kathy Rochedieu, Rod Will, Rick Perreault, John Chesarek , Cheryl Dunn

Public: Paul Hansen, Lorraine Bruso, Kim Chesarek, Shirley FitzGerald, Nancy Fisette, Carol Yarnell, Barbara Smith, Frank Smith,

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by chairman John FitzGerald. An adjustment was made to the agenda to include a discussion under New Business of meeting attendance via virtual formats.

Minutes - The minutes of the August 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Kathy moved and Alton seconded that the minutes be approved. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy presented the treasurer's report showing August end of month balances for our Operating account, Construction account, Capital Reserve account, and Phase 2 deposits. We have essentially borrowed from the Capital Reserve account to pay current bills but will replenish the funds when money is available. Kathy accessed another \$150,000 from our Union Bank loan to help pay for the current Dirt Tech invoice. We had anticipated not needing to use all of the 2.7 million loan but may need to due to unexpected requirements of the USDA loan soon to be accessed. She requested that John F go to M&T Bank to sign the papers required to close he accounts there. John F. moved the treasurer's report be accepted. Alton seconded. All voted in favor.

Warrants: \$3,225.38 – SAFD2 Union Bank Operating account, closing of M&T account

\$25,198.04 – DuBois & King, engineering

\$25 – Endyne, water testing

\$403 – lawyers, work on USDA loan set up

\$40 – Islander, special meeting warning

\$3,000 – T & A Reynolds, easement

\$1,136,868.88 – Dirt Tech, Phase 2 construction

John F. moved and Rick seconded a motion to approve the warrants. All voted in favor.

Phase 2 report – John F report Phase 2 is going well, although Dirt Tech is encountering more rock than expected. Digging will soon begin on Poor Farm Road where issues such as septic tanks near the road edge and one customer's retaining wall may necessitate adjustments. John F will discuss these issues with the Alburgh Town Road commissioner to see what options may be available regarding cutting into the road. Kathy presented the concept of customers using direct boring to connect their curb stops. It appears to be a better option for her property, and she wanted others to be aware of it. Any costs beyond those currently contracted to the district would be paid by the property owner. John F. reported that a review of the history and current plans regarding Phase 2 on Wager Point Road show that there has been no discrimination to those property owners at the end of the road. The committee members were in agreement. John will send a letter to Peter Irish regarding this matter.

New Business – Virtual meeting attendance. Kathy moved that it be the policy of the SAFD2 that Prudential Committee members may attend and vote at any and all meetings in person or virtually via various methods (Zoom, Teams, phone, etc.) Rod seconded the motion. All voted in favor. John C will open a Zoom account for the District.

No visitor input.

Agenda items for next meeting – The inter-local agreement with the Alburgh Village. John F. will send copies of the current agreement to committee members for review before the next meeting.

Discussion about water meter issue at Mud Point - A new meter hookup at a trailer in Mud Point has not been completed after several months on Jason's work list. Discussion ensued about how best to get the work done. It was suggested the District should discuss Jason's lack of action with the Village Board. No resolution was reached.

Kathy moved and Rick seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk