

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2, Annual Meeting June 24, 2026

Chairman John FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and introduced the Prudential Committee members and Officers: John FitzGerald, Alton Bruso, Kathy Rochedieu, Rod Will, and Charlie Mackin committee members. John Chesarek, clerk, and Kathy Rochideau, treasurer. Public members in attendance: Lorraine Bruso, Lori Bishop, Paul Hansen, Nancy Fisette, Shirley FitzGerald, Gene Parker, Danielle Simoneau, Jacob Mashtare, Jason Beaulac

Chairman's Report – Chairman FitzGerald thanked all the committee members for their efforts over the year. He presented a brief review of the year, particularly that the construction of Phase 2 of the water line is almost complete, with water expected to flow by the end of July 2026.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy presented a comparison of last year's budget to actual. Water sales appear to be lower than expected. Most categories were within budget. Paul Hansen suggested that when the budget is being prepared, entities that bill us should be contacted to see what their expected fees would be for the coming year. Kathy reviewed the current balance sheet, pointing out that although we currently do not own the Phase 2 infrastructure, it seemed prudent to show it on the balance sheet as an anticipated asset. Kathy then presented the new budget for fiscal 2026/27. She explained several issues involved in preparing a budget for a system that is in the process of connecting users. The base rate was calculated using 200 users, the approximate number of current curb-stops installed. The revenue however is based on 140 users, the number expected to hook up this year. This will result in a budget deficit for 2026/27 but we have funds available to cover it in the Capital Reserve account. We expect the cost of water from the Village to increase from the current \$6.13 to around \$6.50 per 1000 gallons since the Village has a new water tower to finance. For this reason the charge to SAFD2 users will increase from \$8.35 to \$9.00 per 1000 gallons. Paul Hansen asked if the Village had indicated a new rate. John F indicated they had not. Kathy also explained that although the debt service for the Phase 2 loan will not be payable in the 26/27 fiscal year, we will be collecting money to pay for it in July of 2027, so it should be accounted for in the current budget. Paul Hansen moved and Shirley FitzGerald seconded a motion to approved the 2026/27 SAFD2 budget. This budget was approved by a 10 to 1 vote.

Election of Officers – Chairman FitzGerald asked for nominations for a clerk. No nominations were received. The position remains open.

Chairman FitzGerald asked for nominations for a treasurer. Kathy Rochideau was nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved the nomination.

Chairman FitzGerald asked for nominations for a tax collector. No nominations were received. The position remains open.

Election of Prudential Committee Member - Chairman FitzGerald asked for nominations for a three year term to the Prudential Committee. Jacob Mashtare was nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved the nomination.

Chairman FitzGerald asked for nominations for two 1-year terms to the Prudential Committee. Alton Bruso, Charlie Mackin, and Rod Will were nominated and indicated a willingness to serve. Voters approved Rod Will and Charlie Mackin.

Chairman FitzGerald thanked Alton Bruso for his 10 years of serving on the prudential committee. Lori Bishop expressed thanks to all the committee members for their work. Paul Hansen moved and Alton Bruso seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk