

CRONOMER VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Cronomer Valley Fire District was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Rahuba, followed by a pledge of allegiance. The following Commissioners were present: Messrs. Rahuba, Greene, Schneider, Patterson and Dorrman. Also present: Mrs. Fogg, Treasurer, Mrs. Dieckmann, District Secretary, and Chief Frank Patterson Jr.

The secretary noted that the time, place and date of this meeting has been given to the media and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

At 7:00 a zoom presentation was given by Alex representing Haas Alert regarding a Digital Alerting System for Emergency Vehicles. The board will review the proposal.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2026 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Greene and second by Mr. Schneider. All in favor – Approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Greene and second by Mr. Patterson. All in favor- Approved.

A copy of this report has been made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve payment of the bills as audited. A second was provided by Mr. Schneider. All in favor- Approved.

CHIEF: The Chief reported on the following:

- Reviewed physicals, vehicle qualifications, equipment and vehicle updates.
- Requesting the board accept new department member Joseph Perez as “active”. Mr. Patterson made a motion to accept Mr. Perez as active pending his passing the required physical. Mr. Greene second the motion. All in favor – Approved.
- Requesting the purchase of one Edraulic Combo tool. Vendor – EMS. **Total cost \$14,255,44.** A motion to approve was made by Mr. Patterson and second by Mr. Dorrman. All in favor – Approved.
- Requesting the purchase of 1 flow meter 1.5”. Vendor – The Fire Store. Cost \$1,124.25. 1 flow meter 2.5”. Vendor – The Fire Store. Cost \$1,684.50. **Total cost for both \$2,808.75.** A motion to approve plus shipping charges was made by Dorrman and second by Mr. Schneider. All in favor – Approved.
- Requesting the purchase of 68 sheets of 7/ 16 OSB for the training site. Vendor – The Home Depot. **Total cost \$620.28** (includes shipping). A motion to approve was made by Mr. Dorrman and second by Mr. Greene. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that the board approve the purchase of collar brass and badges. Vendor – Haight Fire Equipment Supply. **Cost up to \$325.00**. A second was provided by Mr. Dorrman. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that the board approve the proposed Easement with the Cronomer Valley Fire Department for use of their property by the district. Property located on the west side of the parking lot. A second was made by Mr. Dorrman. A legal description for this Easement will follow when received by the district's Attorney.

Mr. Patterson made a motion that the board accept new S.O.G. #42 - Use of the Tractor. A second was supplied by Mr. Schneider. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Schneider made a motion that the board accept the expense of **up to \$200.00** for Class B uniforms for new CVFD "Cadets". Vendor – Alfi's. A second was supplied by Mr. Greene. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Dorrman made a motion that the board accept the purchase of **up to \$350.00** for 5 shields and Tetrahedron reflective stickers for the new cadets. Mr. Schneider second the motion. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Greene made a motion that the board approve the purchase of 3 new locker sets for gear. Vendor – Gear Grid. **Total cost \$5,083.00**. A second was given by Mr. Schneider. All in favor – Approved.

Mr. Rahuba made a motion that the board approve the purchase of 1 case of light bulbs for the firemen's room overhead lighting. Vendor – Amazon. **Total cost up to \$300.00**. A second given by Mr. Patterson. All in favor – Approved.

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Rahuba made a motion that the board go into an executive session to discuss a personal matter having to do with a particular person or persons. A second by Mr. Greene.

At 9:14 p.m. the regular meeting resumed

The board reviewed a letter submitted by Wallesca Penz. At this time the board has no response to this letter.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Dieckmann
District Secretary

Cronomer Valley Fire District – Treasurer’s Narrative Summary

Reporting Date: April 14, 2026

The Treasurer’s Report provides an overview of the District’s financial position as of April 14, 2026, including reserve balances, general fund activity, accounts payable, and year-to-date budget performance.

Overall Financial Position

The District remains in a strong financial position, with healthy reserve balances and stable operating funds. Total reserve cash across all Orange Bank & Trust and NYCLASS accounts stands at **\$45,154.98**, reflecting routine interest earnings and no unusual activity.

General Fund cash held in debit-card-related accounts totals **\$5,250.00**, consistent with expected operational liquidity.

Reserve Accounts

The District maintains several designated reserve funds, each earning monthly interest. As of the report date:

- **Capital Reserve:** \$5,872.27
- **Land & Building Reserve:** \$6,591.14
- **Radio Fund Reserve:** \$21,459.62
- **Repair Reserve:** \$5,439.86
- **Tax Stabilization Reserve:** \$5,792.09

These balances reflect small interest deposits posted on March 31, 2026.

Accounts Payable

The District’s **total outstanding payables are \$48,660.69.**

- **Current invoices:** \$14,530.85
- **1–30 days outstanding:** \$32,743.44
- **61–90 days outstanding:** \$4,650.00
- **Over 90 days:** Net credit balance of $-\$3,263.60$ due to historical adjustments and vendor credits

Most current obligations relate to operational vendors such as W.B. Mason, Main Care Energy, Amazon Capital Services, and Haight Fire Equipment.

A single older invoice from Hudson Vista Medical (dated January 2026) remains unpaid in the 61–90 day category.

Budget vs. Actual – Year to Date (January–December 2026)

The District shows **significantly higher income than budgeted**, driven primarily by tax receipts and interest earnings.

Income

- **Total income:** \$1,654,039.73
- **Budgeted:** \$261,000.00
- **Variance:** +\$1,393,039.73

This variance is largely due to the annual property tax check of **\$1,512,399.00**, along with strong interest earnings across reserve accounts.

Expenses

- **Total expenses:** \$261,271.58
- **Budgeted:** \$1,224,399.00
- **Variance:** $-\$963,127.42$

Most expense categories are well below budget at this point in the year. Notable expenditures include:

- **Contractual Fire Expenses:** \$181,897.25
- **Capital Outlay:** \$27,224.45
- **Personal Services:** \$45,982.30

Several major budgeted items (insurance, LOSAP contributions, debt principal payments) have not yet been incurred for the year.

Net Income

The District currently shows a **net surplus of \$1,392,768.15**, reflecting the timing of tax revenue and the early-year expense cycle.

Balance Sheet Highlights (as of December 31, 2026)

The District's total assets are reported at **\$16.9 million**, with:

- **\$4.16 million** in checking and savings
- **\$2.73 million** in reserve accounts
- **\$6.66 million** in fixed assets
- **\$5.62 million** in other long-term assets, including LOSAP investments

Liabilities total **\$6.05 million**, including:

- **\$361,381.69** in current liabilities
- **\$1.3 million** in bonds payable
- **\$1.07 million** in lease liabilities
- **\$3.25 million** in LOSAP obligations

Total equity stands at **\$10.85 million**.

Summary

The District is financially stable, with strong reserves, manageable liabilities, and a substantial year-to-date surplus driven by tax revenue and conservative spending. No irregularities or unexpected variances appear in the report. The District re