

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

September 16, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call taken. Trustees present: John Hannah, Thad Gilman, and Barry Viktora. Trustees absent: Donald Deffenbaugh, and Rusty Woliung. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of August Minutes – Minutes of the August 2026 meeting were reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the minutes. Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Approval of Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report for September 2026 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for September reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports, Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Public Comment

Audience member asked about the old fire truck, John gave an update. Discussion of possible open trustee position. Audience member asked about the driveway concrete project.

Old Business

1. New tower – Chief has only heard back from a company out of Champaign that is willing to do the tower work. He stated he has asked about antenna replacement costs and still waiting for reply. Discussion of the tower and our current insurance policy.

New Business

1. 2027 Election – Packets given to current board members; filing period is earlier this year - November 16-23, 2026.
2. Secretary reported there would be an insurance presentation at the next meeting – October 21st.

Chief's Old Business

1. Hose drying rack – rack is in and will work fine.
2. DeWalt batteries - Chief went through Amkus dealer on the 4 batteries that didn't work and Amkus was able to get them for the department for free, just need to purchase a charger.

Chief's New Business

1. Menards – Discussion of billing issues with Menards. Payments made through online bill-pay are always late; do we want to get a Menards credit card or another debit card. Decided to put on October agenda and will discuss further.
2. Rescue Truck – new truck is here. Since pickup was delayed, the company paid for Chief's hotel stay. The truck is running good and had its first call yesterday. Chief stated nothing has been secured permanently to the truck yet, except for the narcotics safe, which had to be secured before the inspection on Tuesday. Chief will call for new stickers for the old truck. After some items have been moved to other trucks, there will be some extra items. Chief stated need a couple things for the new truck – a Halligan Tool, set of Spanner Wrenches, and three canvas bags for chains, straps. John made a motion to purchase the Halligan Tool, Spanner

Wrenches and three canvas bags. Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.

3. Chief stated open house is October 7th this year.
4. Chief mentioned he had changed the ice machine filters and it seems to be now working. He also changed furnace filters.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:35.

Next Meeting – October 21, 2026