

East Litchfield Vol. Fire Company

365 E. Litchfield Rd.

Litchfield, Ct. 06759

Secretary's Report, minutes for April 2026 meeting

The April 6th, 2026 monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Mark Cattey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call of officers & members was conducted, and the 18 members in attendance were recorded.

The secretary's report for the March 2026 meeting was read and accepted pending minor revision by unanimous vote

The treasure's report for March 2026 was read and accepted pending minor revisions by unanimous vote

Trustee Report:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS:

The department received a Thank You note from Diane Nusom, thanking the department for the scholarships awarded to her son's Jack & William.

The department received parade invitations from Thomaston & Bethany Fire Departments.

Mike Brunetto will post a sign-up sheet for those who want to attend.

FIRE COMMISIONERS::

Commissioner Fogarty reminded the members to make sure their physicals are up to date.

He also reported that the Fire Commissioner's Capital Budget has been submitted to the town, with no issues anticipated. He reminded members to make sure paperwork is submitted to qualify for the Pay per Call program.

Committee Reports :

EMS Captain Regis reported on the call volume for the preceding year, and noted that some recertification will be required over the summer.

Chief's Report:

Chief Cattey reported that the 800 band radios are installed.

Chief Cattey thanked the members for their response to the Structure fire on Naser Road.

He reminded members about upcoming Memorial Day Parades in Litchfield, Bantam and Northfield.

Hose testing on April 8th & 10th.

Presidents report:

President Cattey reported that the drainage issue at back of firehouse is being addressed.

Engineer Art Schmidt noted that the temporary gutter downspout across the sidewalk did not solve the problem. A proposal for \$9500.00 to excavate the rear wall and install new drainage pipes has been sent to the Fire Commissioner's for consideration.

Old Business

Treasure Wilson presented some information on cost to have Photo Arts do the printing and mailing for the departments fund raising campaign: Trustee's will meet to approve proposal.

New Business:

No report

Membership

David Joray was sworn in as a member.

Jack Romano and Joe Joray were proposed for membership.

Good of the Company

The annual April election of Line officers and administrators for the 2026-2027 session was conducted.

The candidates were as follows:

- Chief – Johnathon Cattey
- Deputy Chief – Joshua Wilcox
- Captain – Dylan Regis
- Lieutenant – Mike Martin
- Lieutenant _ Peter Bergamo
- Engineer – Art Schmidt
- Asst. Engineer _ Eric Bagley
- President – Mark Cattey
- Secretary – Tim Valuckas
- Treasure – David Wilson
- Chaplin – Don Iffland

Trustee's Mark Cattey, Art Schmidt, Tim Valuckas, Rick Gallagher, Mike Brunetto

A motion was made and seconded to have the Secretary cast 1 vote for the slate of candidates.

It was passed by unanimous vote.

Art Schmidt was awarded the 1st annual Deputy Chief's Award, for his outstanding commitment to maintaining the departments apparatus and firehouse.

Pat Scully was awarded the 1st annual Chief's Award, for his work on the departments new radio tower and related communication equipment.

Mike Brunetto received a Fire Safety award from The Son's of American Revolution, for his many years of service as a first responder with multiple departments.

Radio calls: Dates were assigned for April

The meeting was adjourned at 820 pm.

Tim Valuckas

Secretary