

LANESBOROUGH VILLAGE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2027

The annual district meeting was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at the Water District office at 20 Bridge Street, Lanesborough. Meeting called to order by Chairman William Prendergast at 6:02 p.m. There were nineteen (19) registered voters in attendance who voted on the following articles:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting.

Motion made and seconded to nominate Cindy Roughley as Moderator.

VOTE: PASSED

Cindy Roughley acknowledged the recent passing of Ben Gaylord, who was a valuable employee of the Lanesborough Fire and Water District, and who will be missed by all.

Article 2: To elect the following officers by ballot:

One Water Commissioner for a three-year term (3 years).

Motion made and seconded to nominate William Prendergast as Water Commissioner.

VOTE: PASSED

Article 3: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire & Water District will vote to authorize the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Water Commissioners, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the twelve month period beginning July 1st, 2026, in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 4: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire & Water District will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$1,205,146.80 for the following:

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING:

Vehicle Expense	8,195.00
Target Payments to the City of Pittsfield	2,500.00
DEP Assessments	845.00
Commissioners Expense	1,200.00
Superintendent Expense	4,000.00
Moderators Salary	50.00
MIIA Group Pool Coverage Insurance Coverage	26,000.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	3,170.39
Treasurer Bond	236.00
Loan and Note Interest Expense	31,252.89
Berkshire Village USDA Loan Interest	23,128.78
Buildings Maintenance and Repair	2,000.00
Equipment Repair/Upkeep	4,000.00
Supplies & Expendable Tools & Equipment	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2,810.00
Office Supplies	4,500.00
Equipment & Software Expense	10,000.00

Office Meeting Expense	600.00
Postage	450.00
Mass Treasurer Dues	50.00
Clerk Salary	9,579.33
Commissioners Salaries	12,360.00
Hourly Labor Wages	10,000.00
Superintendent Salary	79,463.13
Assistant Superintendent Salary	52,000.00
Treasurer's Salary	25,750.00
Employment Taxes	3,000.00
Health Insurance Employer Expense	68,000.00
Berkshire County Retirement Expense	30,240.00
Tighe & Bond Engineering Study Fees	275,000.00
Law Account	38,192.40
ADP Payroll Processing	4,500.00
Outside Audit	10,000.00
Professional and Testing Fees	6,500.00
Computer Consultant	2,300.00
Misc. Consulting & Professional Fees	1,358.00
Town Hall Collector Service Fees	20,000.00
PFOA Testing Fees	5,000.00
Utilities, Light, Heat & Power	53,000.00
Internet & Phone	4,800.00
Infrastructure Maintenance & Repairs	326,483.68
Expense	
Equipment Upgrades: replace hydrants	5,000.00
Prepurchase Materials & New Meters	2,000.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATING	1,181,514.60
Bond & Loan Principal Payments	67,884.11
Berkshire Village USDA Debt Service	25,257.22
Principal	
TOTAL OTHER ARTICLES IN WARRANT	93,141.33
Stabilization Account	5,200.00
OPET (Retirement Stabilization)	5,000.00
Overlay Account	7,500.00
BV Short Lived Asset Reserve Fund	20,681.00
BV Debt Service Reserve Fund	4,838.64
TOTAL TO FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	43,219.64
Less Betterment Fees	(52,728.77)
Less Amount to Encumber from FY 2026	(60,000.00)
TOTAL BUDGET	1,205,146.80

Motion made and seconded.

Amendment submitted: "to amend # 4 back to last year level of \$ 1,171,492.00."

Motion made and seconded to accept the amendment.

VOTE: Article 4 with amendment to amend # 4 back to last year level of \$1,171,492.00 PASSED

Article 5: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to encumber and commit Fiscal Year 2026 budget amounts for Audit expenses and Tighe & Bond Engineering Fees to Fiscal Year 2027 budget for similar expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 6: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to **transfer \$4,760.68** out of the Overlay Stabilization account for FY 2026 abatements, or take any other action relative thereto. Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 7: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$130,033.00 for the construction of the Bull Hill Road Well Development, including all costs incidental and relative thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 8: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to **appropriate and transfer** from the PFAS Settlement litigation special revolving account the sum of **\$37,003.64** for the construction of the Bull Hill Road Well Development, including all costs incidental and relative thereto, or take any other action relative thereto. Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 9: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c.44, §54(b) to allow District trust funds to be invested in accordance with G.L. c.203C, the so-called "Prudent Investment Rule", or take any other action relative thereto. Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**

Article 10: To see if the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District shall vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 200A, §9A; or take any other action relative thereto.
Motion made and seconded. **VOTE: PASSED**



Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roughley
Cindy Roughley, District Clerk

06-20-2026