

South Fallsburg Fire District  
2026 Budget Summary

Total Appropriations (from Page 13)		\$ <u>709,669.00</u>
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Less:

Estimated Revenues (from Page 14)	\$	\$ <u>26,614.00</u>
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Estimated Assigned Appropriated		\$ -
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Fund Balance	\$	\$ -
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Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes		<u>\$ 683,055.00</u>
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Tax Apportionments

Apportioned Tax

(To be used when fire district is in more than one town)

Town

Town of Fallsburg		\$ 683,055.00
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Total Apportioned		<u>\$ 683,055.00</u>
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I certify that the estimates were approved ny the fire commissioners on

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Christie Ratner, Fire District Secretary

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Fire Districts Worksheet A  
Computation of Statutory Spending Limitation

<u>Town</u>	<u>Assessed Valuations (AV)</u>	<u>Equalization Rates (ER)</u>	<u>(AV/ER)</u>
Fallsburg	\$ 155,286,674.00	26.5%	\$ 585,987,449.06
		<b>Total Full Evaluations</b>	<b>\$ 585,987,449.06</b>
Less First Million of Full Valuation			\$ 1,000,000.00
Excess Over First Million of Full Valuation			\$ 584,987,449.06
		Multiply Excess by One Mill	\$ 0.001
Expenditures Permitted on Full Valuation Above \$1,000,000			\$ 584,987.45
Add Expenditures Permitted on Full Valuation Below First \$1,000,000			\$ 2,000.00
Statutory Spending Limitation for 20 (year 2)			\$ 586,987.45
Add Exclusions from Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law, Section 176(18) (from Worksheet B)			\$ 332,356.25
Add Spending Authorized by Voters in Excess of Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law, Section 179) (Proposition Adopted on )			
Sum of Statutory Spending Limitation, Exclusions and Excess Spending Authorized by Voters			\$
	Less Budget Appropriations		\$ 596,555.25
<b>Statutory Spending Limitation Margin</b>			<b>\$ 322,788.45</b>

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The meeting of the South Fallsburg Fire District was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on September 09, 2025 at the Fallsburg Fire House 10 Railroad Plaza South Fallsburg, NY by AJ Pantel.

**Present:**

Commissioners – AJ Pantel, Jerry Cohen, Albert Braun, Deborah Chandler, Kehos Borek

Secretary & Treasurer - Christie Ratner

Chief – Jordan Kozachuk

Fire Dept. – John Kozachuk, Arthur Coopersmith, Barry Hoovis

**Absent:**

NONE

**PLEDGE**

**Minutes:**

NONE

**Correspondence:**

NONE

**Budget & Finance:**

- Vouchers were reviewed & authorized for payment.
- Discussed roof repairs in preparation of 2026 budget.
- Board discussed a dumpsters rental in preparation of the budget this item was voted down 4-1.
- Board worked on 2026 budget in preparation for budget hearing on October 21, 2025. Due to increased costs, necessary purchase of SCBA's and various other fiscal responsibilities the board voted to override the tax cap.

**Resolution to override tax cap**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the South Fallsburg Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district for fiscal year 2026 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

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A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2026 budget to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap with an increase in said tax levy over the two (2%) percent limit and result in a final annual preliminary fire district budget in the amount of \$709,669 and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AJ Pantel Chairman AYE  
Jerry Cohen Commissioner AYE  
Albert Braun Commissioner AYE  
Deborah Chandler Commissioner AYE  
Kehos Borek Commissioner AYE

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: September 09, 2025 Town of Fallsburg Sullivan County, New York

**Fire Department: (all requests made by Chief Jordan Kozachuk unless otherwise noted)**

**NONE**

**Old Business:**

**NONE**

**New Business:**

- 1.) Albert Braun advised board he will be away from 11/13/25 thru 12/11/25.
- 2.) Work Sessions on 9/16/25 is cancelled due to Christie's surgery and

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Meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm. The next meeting of the board will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at the Fallsburg Fire House 10 Railroad Plaza South Fallsburg, New York.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by: Christie Ratner, Secretary**