

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2026

A joint meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees with the Town of Dryden Town Board and the Village of Dryden Board of Trustees was held on September 10, 2026, at the Dryden Town Hall.

Present: Mayor of the Village of Freeville Miles McCarty; trustees: Juan Vazquez-Leddon, Will Olson; Town of Dryden Board Members Jason Leifer, Dan Lamb, Spring Buck, Christina Dravis, Leonardo Vargas-Mendez, Clerk Loren Sparling; Mayor of the Village of Dryden Michael Murphy; Village of Dryden Board Members Allison Buck, Rachel Summer, Michelle Doe

Call to Order: Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:20PM

Proposed Fire District: Dryden Councilperson Dan Lamb stated that a fire district working group met with the town board, village boards and fire departments, finding general support for creating a joint fire district for the entire Town of Dryden.

The new district would encompass all three fire departments under a Board of Fire Commissioners.

The execution timeline was adjusted for the district to be fully operational by 2028, giving the new board a full year in 2027 to organize.

Individual fire departments' traditions, history, names, and command structures will be maintained.

A SEQR review is necessary, and it was determined that the Town of Dryden would be the lead agency to handle this. Each board will need to pass a resolution to approve this.

A public hearing on the proposed fire district is also needed. Each board will need to pass a resolution to hold a joint public hearing, which would be on October 1, 2026 at Dryden Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution on SEQR review: Trustee Vazquez-Leddon made a motion to name the Town of Dryden, on behalf of the Village of Freeville, the lead agency for the SEQR review for the proposed fire district. Trustee Olson seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Resolution on joint public hearing: Trustee Vazquez-Leddon made a motion to hold a joint public hearing on October 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Dryden Town Hall to discuss the proposed formation of a joint fire district. Trustee Olson seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Trustee Vazquez-Leddon made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Olson seconded, all in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.