Fredericktown Community Fire District
Special Meeting
Applications for Fire Chief Position
March 4, 2026

Members Present:	Larry Schunke	Lew Canter
	Tim Smith	Scott McKnight
	Curt Bechtel	Matt Caputo

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm to open the applications turned in for the open Fire Chief position.

Applications

Applications were provided by Doug Neighbarger, Adam Schlosser, Shane Smith, Jeremy Moss, and Chad Swank.

Lew Canter made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:07pm to discuss applications. Second: Bechtel MP 6-0

The board exited executive session at 7:52pm.

The board made a motion to move Wednesday, March 11th regular meeting to 5:30pm with interviews to follow, including a location change at the Village of Fredericktown office.
Motion: Caputo Second: Schunke MP 6-0

Matt Caputo made a motion to hold additional interviews at the Village of Fredericktown office on Thursday, March 12th at 5:30pm. Second: Schunke MP 6-0

Fiscal Officer to call applicants to schedule interviews and ask for two to three references which include one personal and one professional.

Lew Canter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Smith. MP 6-0

Albany Finnell, Fiscal Officer
Fredericktown Community Fire District

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March 11, 2026

Members Present:	Tim Smith	Larry Schunke
	Scott McKnight	Matt Caputo
	Lew Canter	Curt Bechtel

Called to order at 5:30pm

Change to the November 12th regular meeting minutes to include Chief Mast response to public participation.
Motion: Bechtel Second: Canter MP 5-0

The minutes of the January 14th organizational meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Caputo Second: Bechtel MP 6-0

The minutes of the January 14th regular meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Canter Second: Caputo MP 6-0

The minutes of the January 21st special meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Canter Second: Smith MP 6-0

The minutes of the January 28th special meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Caputo Second: McKnight MP 6-0

The minutes of the February 11th special meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Canter Second: Bechtel MP 6-0

The minutes of the March 4th special meeting were approved as presented. Motion: Caputo Second: Smith MP 6-0

The transaction report was read and approved.
Motion: Caputo Second: Canter MP 6-0

Public Participation

No Public Participation

Chiefs Report

Lew Canter made a motion to hire Cody Rettig as a volunteer firefighter. Second: Caputo MP 6-0

The board made a motion to accept the resignation of Bryce Bauckman, Alysha Rose, Reilly Zeigman and Evan Hogg. Motion: Caputo Second: Bechtel MP 6-0

Building Committee

Larry Schunke will attend the EMS board meeting on March 23rd to discuss restroom renovation.

Old Business

Changes to the bylaws were added from January's meeting. Further discussion of bylaw changes will be pushed until the next regular meeting in May.

New Business

The board made a motion to appoint Albany Finnell as the 2026 Fiscal Officer. Motion: Schunke Second: Smith MP 6-0

Lew Canter made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:45pm to interview candidates for the open Fire Chief position. The Fiscal Officer, Firefighter Ashley Ard, Chief Barrick, Doug Neighbarger, Shane Smith and Jeremy Moss were invited into the session.

Second: Caputo MP 6-0

Matt Caputo made a motion to exit executive session at 7:35pm.

Second: Schunke MP 6-0

The board made a motion to move the March 12th special meeting to March 14th at 9:30am. Motion: Caputo Second: Schunke MP 6-0

Lew Canter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Caputo. MP 6-0

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Special Meeting
Fire Chief Position
March 14, 2026

Members Present:	Tim Smith	Larry Schunke
	Scott McKnight	Matt Caputo
	Lew Canter	Curt Bechtel

Called to order at 9:30 am

Fire Chief Position

At 9:31 am, Lew Canter made a motion to enter into executive session to interview candidates for the Fire Chief position. The Fiscal Officer, Firefighter Ashley Ard, Chief Barrick, Adam Schlosser, and Chad Swank were invited into the session.
Second: Caputo MP 6-0

Lew Canter made a motion to exit executive session at 11:34 am.
Second: Schunke MP 6-0

Tim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Curt Bechtel. MP 6-0

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Special Meeting
Fire Chief Position
March 23, 2026

Members Present:	Tim Smith	Larry Schunke
	Scott McKnight	Matt Caputo
	Lew Canter	

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm to conduct interviews for the open Fire Chief position.

Fire Chief Position

Larry Schunke made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:31 pm to interview candidates for the Fire Chief position. The Fiscal Officer, Doug Neighbarger, Shane Smith, and Adam Schlosser were invited into the session.
Second: Caputo MP 5-0

Tim Smith made a motion to exit executive session at 9:25 pm.
Second: McKnight MP 5-0

Next special meeting will be held Wednesday, March 25th at 5:30 pm to discuss the Fire Chief position.

Larry Schunke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Smith. MP 5-0

Albany Finnell, Fiscal Officer
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Fredericktown Community Fire District
Special Meeting
Fire Chief Position
March 25, 2026

Members Present:	Larry Schunke	Lew Canter
	Tim Smith	Scott McKnight
	Curt Bechtel	Matt Caputo

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm to discuss the open Fire Chief position.

Fire Chief Position

Larry Schunke made a motion to enter into executive session at 5:36 pm to discuss the Fire Chief position. Second: Caputo MP 6-0

Scott McKnight made a motion to exit executive session at 6:45 pm. Second: Smith MP 6-0

Matt Caputo called three of the candidates to invite them back for further discussion.

Next special meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30 pm for continued interviews/discussion for the Fire Chief position.

Larry Schunke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Caputo. MP 6-0

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