GATES FIRE DISTRICT

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Gates Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Commission Meeting
THURSDAY, August 27, 2026
6:30 PM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Attendance
James Werth, Chairman
Daniel Cox, Vice Chairman
Louis Comenale, Jr., Commissioner
Charles Johnson, Commissioner
Timothy D. Goole, District Fire Chief
Mark A. Quill, District Assistant Chief
Brittany Gould, Treasurer
Julie Spencer, Deputy District Treasurer

Guests
**See attached sign-in sheet

Absent
Kevin Mahoney Esq., Legal Counsel-excused
Donna Capone, District Secretary-excused

Chairman Werth called the Regular Commission meeting of the Gates Fire District to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Comenale.

Chairman Werth identified all the emergency exits within the building.

Would any of the guests like to address the Board at this time?
(please state your name and address)

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The guest declined to address the Board.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve the August 13th, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Comenale. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Brittany Gould:
Accounts Payable Report: Bills to be paid since the last meeting in the total amount of $291,176.76 were presented by the Treasurer and were audited by the Board of Fire Commissioners. All Commissioners in attendance signed the attachment to the Treasurer's Office list of vouchers approved to be paid.

Motion and Resolution to approve the Accounts Payable Report for August 27th, 2026, bills and ordering the Treasurer to pay such audited and approved vouchers in the amount of $291,176.76 made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Resolution 2026.8.27.1 Bonding of Fire Apparatus

Motion to approve Resolution 2026.8.27.1 made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

District Secretary's Report – Donna Capone presented by Julie Spencer:
Assistant Chief Quill distributed Informational Bulletin 26-030 to All Personnel regarding the District Mechanic being Out of Town. My apologies for leaving it off the last meeting agenda.

Assistant Chief Quill distributed General Order 26-008 to All Personnel regarding Emergency Time Off Notifications.

Public Informational Meeting for the Bonding of Fire Apparatus was brought to the Towns of Gates and the Town of Chili on August 24th. It was posted to our website on August 24th and sent for publication in the Rochester Business Journal on August 24th as well.

Chief Goole distributed Informational Bulletin 26-032 to All Personnel regarding Flags to Half Staff.

Chief's Report – Timothy D. Goole:
Purchase Requests:

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Training:
Permission to spend $610.00 to send twelve (12) firefighters to the Chief Romagus Seminar in West Webster; permission to spend $76.99 to send one (1) firefighter to Burn Care Symposium in Syracuse and the use of a district vehicle; permission to send two (2) firefighters to the NYSAFC Fire Behavior on the Inside Training in White Springs and the use of a district vehicle. There are funds to cover the expenses.

Motion to approve to spend $610.00 to send twelve (12) firefighters to the Chief Romagus Seminar in West Webster; to spend $76.99 to send one (1) firefighter to Burn Care Symposium in Syracuse and use of a district vehicle; to send two (2) firefighters to the NYSAFC Fire Behavior on the Inside Training in White Springs and use of a district vehicle made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Buildings and Grounds:
Permission to spend $4,932.00 with MicroClimate for our 3-year HVAC Service and Maintenance Agreement and to have a Commissioner sign the contract. There is a 10% increase for year 2 and year 3. It has been reviewed by the contracts Commissioner and there are funds to cover the expense.

Motion to approve to spend $4,932.00 with MicroClimate for a 3-year HVAC Service and Maintenance Agreement and have Commissioner Cox sign the contract made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Community Risk Reduction:
Permission to spend $114.99 per year for a verified membership for our X account. This will remove the character limit for our posts on social media; permission to spend $1,886.87 with Positive Promotions to replenish Fire Safety supplies; permission to spend $747.00 with NFPA for this year's open house supplies; permission to spend $8,725.00 with ImageNow for our annual Fire Safety mailer. There are funds to cover the expenses.

Motion to approve to spend $114.99 per year for a verified membership for our X account; to spend $1,886.87 with Positive Promotions to replenish Fire Safey supplies; to spend $747.00 with NFPA for this year's open house supplies; to spend $8,725.00 with ImageNow for our annual Fire Safety mailer made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Comenale. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Educational Reimbursement: Looking for educational reimbursement for an employee of $1,738.00. All appropriate documents have been submitted.

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Motion to approve an educational reimbursement for an employee in the amount of $1,738.00 made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Educational Reimbursement Approval: Looking for permission to allow one employee to enter into the educational reimbursement program. All appropriate documents have been submitted, and this was communicated earlier via email today.

Motion to approve to allow one employee to enter into the educational reimbursement program made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Vendor Error: I requested permission from the last meeting to have MicroClimate made a repair to the Station 1 kitchen hood. The correct vendor is Advanced Hood Solutions as communicated by email last week. Looking for permission for the vendor correction.

Motion to approve the correction of the vendor for Station 1 kitchen hood to Advanced Hood Solutions made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Ultrasound Agreement: Looking for permission to have a commissioner sign the Service Agreement with United Diagnostic Services LLC for our annual ultrasound testing. The agreement is the same as prior years.

Motion to approve the United Diagnostic Services LLC for ultrasound testing made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Comenale. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-approved.

Car Seat Grant: I am happy to report that our Car Seat grant was approved again this year through September 30, 2027.

Nominal Compensation Initiative: I want to draw your attention to the New York State Nominal Compensation Initiative issue.
The Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs and the County Fire Coordinators' Association of the State of New York, are raising concerns of the lack of support from Firefighters Association of New York aka FASNY. This initiative was established and put into legislation based off of a 2020 survey conducted by the County Coordinators' Association. In that survey it was identified that one reason for the lack of volunteer firefighters in New York State was due to the need for dual income families or family members needing a secondary income.

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FASNY has lobbied against this legislation. Furthermore, FASNY hosted a local press event that advocated increasing the New York State Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters as opposed to nominal compensation for volunteer firefighters.
In light of recent social media posts and news stories, and FASNY lobbying against initiatives for its own members, I don't see any meaningful efforts to address the lack of volunteer firefighters in New York State.

Thank you:
We received a thank you note from the wife of a patient we treated on August 1st. Her husband went into cardiac arrest, and she wanted to thank our responding members for saving her husband's life. We passed along her information to the members that responded so she can thank them in person.

We received a thank you letter from Sherriff Todd Baxter for our agency's assistance with Monroe County Special Operations incident and successfully locating a missing female in Ellison Park on August 4th.

Administrative Office Closed: Reminder the Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the holiday.

NOTE: Chairman Werth left to attend another meeting.

Assistant Chief's Report - Mark A. Quill:
Apparatus Updates:
The new Engine 4512 has arrived from the manufacturer. We are currently in the process of getting it upfitted and working through some outstanding items that will be handled in house by the district mechanic but reimbursed by the manufacturer.

We have received bids for both the proposed replacement Engine and replacement Quint. They are currently under review.

Purchase Requests:
Equipment:
Request permission to authorize MSH Custom Fabrication to upfit the new Engine 4512 for the price of $29,685.00; request permission to authorize MSH Custom Fabrication to refurbish the strut compartment on Quint 4510 for the price of $6,950.00; request permission to replace the tires on 4557 for the price of $955.04 from Lewis General Tire, Inc.; request to purchase Honor Guard uniform items for the price of $2,520.00 from Code-2 LLC. There are funds to cover the expenses.

Motion to approve to authorize MSH Custom Fabrication to upfit the new Engine 4512 for the price of $29,685.00; to authorize MSH Custom fabrication to refurbish the strut compartment on Quint 4510 at the cost of $6,950.00; to replace the tires on 4557 at the cost of $955.04 from Lewis General Tire, Inc.; to purchase Honor Guard uniform items from Code-2 LLC at the cost of $2,520.00 made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Comenale. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-

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approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-excused.

Request permission to purchase dispatch equipment for the price of $48,965.02 from Motorola Solutions as a part of the dispatch upgrade project; request permission to authorize Western New York Radio Services to install equipment from the dispatch upgrade project for the price of $10,220.04. These funds will be reimbursable through the ARPA grant.

Motion to approve the purchase of dispatch equipment from Motorola Solutions at the cost of $48,965.02; to authorize Western New York Radio Service to install the dispatch equipment at a cost of $10,220.04 made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-excused.

Services:
Request permission to authorize Command Fire to conduct annual Aerial testing for the price of $1,590.00 for Quints 4510 and 4530; request permission to authorize Superior Equipment Repair to conduct annual Pump Testing for the price of $3,106.00 on Engines 4512, 4522, 4532, 4562, and Quints 4510 and 4530; request permission to authorize MES to upgrade and perform repairs on the E-draulic spreading tool for Quint 4510 for the price of $1,061.46; request permission to authorize MES to conduct annual preventative maintenance on all district rescue tools for the price of $5,486.00. There are funds to cover the expenses.

Motion to approve to authorize Command Fire to conduct annual Aerial testing at the cost of $1,590.00 for Quint 4510 and 4530; to authorize Superior Equipment Repair to conduct annual Pump Testing at the cost of $3,106.00 on Engines 4512, 4522, 4532, 4562 and Quints 4510 and 4530; to authorize MES to upgrade and perform repairs on the E-draulic spreading tool for Quint 4510 at the cost of $1,061.46; to authorize MES to conduct annual preventative maintenance on all district rescue tools at the cost of $5,486.00 made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-excused.

Chairman Werth's Report:
Excused

Vice Chairman Cox's Report:
I am taking over the surplus lawn equipment sales. I will keep you posted on what happens.

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Commissioner Comenale's Report:
I would like to thank Chief Goole for handling the interview with Channel 10 and would like to thank Chief Quill, Brittany and Captain Comenale for the excellent job on the presentation for 4530.

Commissioner Johnson's Report:
No Report

Kevin Mahoney, Esq.
Excused

Executive Session:
The Board did not enter into Executive Session

Open Session:
Treasurer Gould would like to request Harris Beach Murtha as Bond Counsel.

Motion to approve Harris Beach Murtha as our Bond Counsel made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-excused.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn the August 27th, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting at 6:48 p.m. made by Commissioner Comenale and seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Commission polled: Commissioner Cox-approved, Commissioner Comenale-approved, Commissioner Johnson-approved, Commissioner Werth-excused.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Capone
District Secretary

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Resolution 2026.8.27.1 Bond Resolution

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GATES FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF GATES, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ONE FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLE; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $2,300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $2,300,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of the Gates Fire District in the Town of Gates, Monroe County, New York (the "District") proposes to undertake the acquisition of one fire fighting vehicle, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith (the "Project"), at an estimated maximum cost of $2,300,000, and to finance the cost thereof through the issuance of up to $2,300,000 in serial bonds of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the District's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GATES FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF GATES, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK HEREBY RESOLVES (by the affirmative vote of not less than three-fifths of all the members of such body), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is hereby determined that the Project and the financing thereof constitute a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (16 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5(25)) (collectively, "SEQRA") and that no further action under SEQRA with respect to the Project need be taken by the Board as a condition precedent to the adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 2. The District is hereby authorized to (i) undertake the acquisition of one fire fighting vehicle, including incidental equipment and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of $2,300,000 and (ii) issue serial bonds of the District (including statutory installment bonds) in the principal amount of $2,300,000 or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds, pursuant to provisions of Local

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Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose, including all incidental and financing costs, is approximately $2,300,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefore and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to $2,300,000 in serial bonds of the District (including statutory installment bonds) authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 2 of this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds and (ii) unless paid from other sources, the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds or notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness for the aforementioned specific object or purpose is twenty (20) years, pursuant to subdivision 27. of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law.

SECTION 5. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purpose described in Section 2 of this resolution. The District shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 2 hereof with the proceeds of the bonds and notes authorized herein, as required by the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 6. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the District subject to applicable statutory limits, if any. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Sections 21.00, 50.00, 54.90, 56.00 through 60.00, 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds

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having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the District Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the District (the "District Treasurer"). Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to paragraph c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for any of the other objects or purposes authorized by other resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the District Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the District.

SECTION 8. The District Treasurer is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 9. The District Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SECTION 10. The intent of this resolution is to give the District Treasurer sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board.

SECTION 11. Pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Law, this resolution shall be subject to a mandatory referendum, to be held at the District's Firehouse on October 7, 2026 in the manner prescribed by Sections 175 and 179 of the Town Law of the State of New York. This resolution shall not take effect until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the duly qualified voters of the District voting on such proposition.

SECTION 12. As soon as reasonably possible after the date that this resolution takes effect, the Secretary of the District is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary hereof, to be published in the official newspaper of the District for such purposes, together with a notice of the Secretary of the District in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 13. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

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(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows.

	AYES	NAYS
James Werth, Chairman	Aye	
Daniel Cox, Vice Chairman	Aye	
Louis Comenale Jr., Commissioner	Aye	
Charles Johnson, Commissioner	Aye	

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MONROE) ss.:

I, the undersigned Fire District Secretary of the Gates Fire District in the Town of Gates, Monroe County, New York (the "District"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. I am the duly qualified and acting Fire District Secretary and the custodian of the records of the District, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

2. A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Gates Fire District in the Town of Gates, Monroe County, New York (the "Board"), was held on August 27, 2026, and the Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of meetings of said Board.

3. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a board resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board held on August 27, 2026 and entitled:

> BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GATES FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF GATES, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ONE FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLE; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $2,300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $2,300,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

4. That said meeting was duly convened and held and that said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with the law and regulations of the District. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (3/5's of the Board) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under the law, said regulations, or otherwise, incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including the publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

5. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly posted and duly given to the public and the news media in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, constituting Chapter 511 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York, and that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting and that the meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Gates Fire District this 27th day of August, 2026.

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[SEAL]

By: _____
Donna Capone, Fire District Secretary

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