

**DALTON
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DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Monday April 6, 2026

Present: James Driscoll, Cam Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Thomas Murray, Melanie Roucoulet, Robert Benlien, Dennis Coughwell, Chief Ryan Foley, Assistant Chief Charlotte Crane

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

James Driscoll explained that the meeting was called just to look over the preliminary budgets and see if there is any big changes. Driscoll started reading the articles and looking at the increases or decreases.

Administration:

- Commissioners compensation went up 3% from last year.
- Administration Budget increased 8%.
- Gasb45 went up \$500.00.
- Warrant Article for a \$6,000 copier for the Administrative office was added.

Water Department:

- Water Department budget increased by 4% from last year.
- Water Department Principal & Interest went down by \$7,065.
- Water Department bills increased by \$2,500.
- Timber Maintenance decreased by \$13,963 or 30%.

Fire Department:

- The Fire/Ambulance budget increased by 7% since last Fiscal year.
- The Town of Dalton Dispatch fee went up by \$2,000
- The cost of the Ambulance Loan went up 7,480 due to interest.
- The Fire Department will be Establishing a fire department stabilization account to start putting money away for needed purchases, we will be putting half of Ambulance User Fees in to start the account and using the other half of Ambulance user fees to reduce the tax rate.
- We will also be moving \$90,000 from free cash to the fire department stabilization fund.

Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 3:04, Cam Seconded, passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet
Treasurer/Clerk