

Fort Montgomery Fire District
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September 16, 2009

The ninth regularly monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:08 pm by Lise Hansen, Chairwoman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Chairwoman Lise Hansen

Present: Chairwoman Lise Hansen; Commissioners Jeanne Lent; M. Byrnes, Rich Sullivan, Treasurer Deborah Jersey; Secretary Jennifer Hurst; Chief Seth Armstrong

Absent: G. Maher

NOTE: The September 2nd meeting was cancelled as there was no quorum because of a fire response at Bear Mountain. The meeting took place today, September 16th.

Communications:

1. Motion to approve Michael Paruolo and Heather D as Fire Department members pending a physical made by R. Sullivan, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor, motion carried
2. Jean Lent has been qualified as a driver on Truck 421. Motion to approve Jean Lent as a driver made by M. Byrnes, seconded by L. Hansen, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Worker's Compensation Board – L. Hansen to print a C11 form and handle
4. The state has approved a 23.4% increase for NYS Safety Group 497 – increase in rates effective 10/1/09 (this will effect our district 7/1/10 as this is our renewal period by around 4%)
5. Partner's in Safety – qualification for interior firefighter status for Nathan Oliver – given to J. Lent
6. Assoc. of Fire Districts, State of NY – ISO Compliance Meeting at Hudson Valley Regional School, October 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00 pp
7. Assoc. of Fire Districts, State of NY – 16th Annual Legislative Meeting on September 27, 2009 at 9:00 am at the Spruce Lodge
8. Report on Hose Testing – received and filed

Minutes:

Approval of the August minutes were tabled until October as there was no copy on hand to approve. It was noted that there was a mistake in the August minutes. The Claim numbers should read #3259 to #3276.

Checks Received:

1. Hubbinette Cowell – claim for 81 Aerial Truck, less deductible of \$250.00. Check amount is \$7,947.00, check number 0000273245
2. Letter received from JP Morgan - \$3.00 month charge to block checks for fraud safety. D. Jersey to contact them and advise that we do not want this service

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the August 2009 Treasurer's Report made by M. Byrnes, seconded by L. Hansen, all in favor, motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay bills totaling \$23,816.91 as per attached abstract #260, Claim numbers 3277 through 3291 was made by R. Sullivan, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor, motion carried

Motion to amend the above and approve the bills in the amount of \$23,451.71 made by R. Sullivan, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor, motion carried. \$365.20 has been tabled for further discussion

Chief's Report: as reported by Chief Don Smith

1. No word on the Assistant Chief's truck bid as of yet
2. Paging system has been installed, testing needs to be completed
3. Motion to approve John O'Connor to send to training not to exceed \$370.00 in costs made by R. Sullivan, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor, motion carried
4. Motion to approve up to \$1,200.00 for office equipment made by J. Lent, seconded by M. Byrnes, all in favor, motion carried
5. Motion to approve the use of Truck 421 to go to the Middletown parade on October 3rd and the wet-down in Warwick on October 18, 2009 made by M. Byrnes, seconded by R. Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried
6. Eight of nine of the FMFD firemen are getting an honorable mention service award from the Orange County Firemen's Association for the boat rescue at Con's Hook

Commissioner's Report:

1. Motion to approve the proposed 2010 budget in the amount of \$359,729.00 was made by R. Sullivan, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor, motion carried
2. Public hearing on the proposed 2010 budget is scheduled for October 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the fire house.
3. FEMA Safety grant coming up on Fire Prevention and Safety – L. Hansen will begin working on it
4. R. Sullivan went on record to advise the Department and its members that he appreciates all of their efforts especially in regards to their call on September 2nd at Bear Mountain
5. Physicals – are up to date

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the September 2009 regular monthly meeting at 8:49 pm was made by R. Sullivan, seconded by M. Byrnes, all in favor

Next Meeting: October 7, 2009, 7:00 pm

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary