

**Fort Montgomery Fire District
PO Box 71
Fort Montgomery, NY 10922**

September 20, 2011

The ninth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:03 pm by Lise Hansen Chairwoman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Chairwoman L. Hansen

Present: Commissioners Jean Lent, Al Friedle, Marty Byrnes, Richie Sullivan; Treasurer Deborah Jersey; Secretary Jennifer Hurst; Attorney, Scott Dow

Absent: None

Fire Department Attendees: Fire Chief Don Smith, Asst. Chief Cleve Lent, Cpt. Ryan Faulk

Guests: S. Dow

Communications:

1. Kornfeld, Newman & Rew – annual election paperwork. Motion to approve Cleve Lent as Chairman, Don Smith as inspector and Kati Lent as ballot clerk for the elections on December 13, 2011 made by L. Hansen, seconded by A. Friedle, all in favor, motion carried.
2. NYS Public Safety Group 497 – 5.7% increase in our insurance rates coming
3. Assoc. of Fire Districts – Legislative breakfast to be held at the Spruce Lodge, 9/25 at 9:00am.
4. Hillcrest Wetdown invite – given to Chief
5. Bullville Fire Company – looking for surplus equipment for the MS fire department that was wiped out. J. Lent to look through our surplus equipment and see if it is possible to assist. If so then, S. Dow will write a bill of sale to donate those usable items.
6. NYS Emergency Services Symposium – given to Chief
7. Office of Fire Prevention – invite to the 2011 Fallen Firefighter Memorial on 10/11 at 11:00 am at the Empire State Plaza. Information left on the district table for interest

Minutes:

Motion to approve the August 2011 regular monthly minutes, made by R. Sullivan, seconded by A. Friedle, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by M. Byrnes, seconded by R. Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried.

Checks Received: None

BILLS:

1. Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$13,571.67 as per attached abstract 286, claim numbers 3667 through 3683 made by J. Lent, seconded A. Friedle, all in favor, motion carried

Chief's Report: as reported by Chief Don Smith (see attached)

1. Motion to allow use of all vehicles for the upcoming Orange County Firemen's parade on 9/24 made by J. Lent, seconded by A. Friedle, all in favor, motion carried
2. Grant application – in process
3. Need a medical kit for Truck 422 and spare oxygen regulators. J. Lent researched both. Motion to approve J. Lent to be able to purchase these items up to \$600.00 made by A. Friedle, seconded by M. Byrnes, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

1. Commissioner R. Sullivan commended Chief Smith and the department for their personal assistance and their professionalism during a personal situation.
2. S. Dow drafted a letter to Keller Army Hospital regarding the issue on 9w/293 presented at the last meeting by D. Smith. Discussion ensued and comments made. S. Dow to change the letter and send
3. Motion to approve Truck 426 to pick up a piece of World Trade Center steel at Hangar #17 at JFK made by J. Lent, seconded by M. Byrnes, all in favor, motion carried

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4. FMFD will attend the Fall Foliage Festival on 10/15
5. R. Sullivan would like a committee put together to start looking at replacing #423 and would like C. Lent and/or D. Smith on the committee to assist. Will begin at year-end
6. D. Smith is working on incorporating portable pumps into the grant application being worked on.
7. Pulling 2012 budget together as draft to submit to the town by the 1st of October.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Public Comment:

Fireman Terry Holt is an instructor for Peak Mountain Rescue that travels all over the country doing demonstrations and training on mountain rescue. He will be hosting the group on October 18 & 19, 2011 here. He requested the use of some of the gear (ropes, etc.). A lot of volunteer firemen are a part of this outfit. D. Tonneson will be on hand. It will be 5-6 hours of climbing time per day. S. Dow suggested a Certificate of Liability that FMFD is added as an additional insured, a "Hold Harmless indemnification" and that they replace any damaged equipment – Scott will draft this letter. The FMFD is welcome to watch. Motion to approve contingent upon above documents being completed made by J. Lent, seconded by R. Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the September 2011 regular monthly meeting at 8:19 pm was made by M. Byrnes, seconded by J. Lent, all in favor

Next Meeting: October 18, 2011, 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary