

**Fort Montgomery Fire District**  
**PO Box 71**  
**Fort Montgomery, NY 10922**  
**August 15, 2017**

The second August meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:00 pm by Greg Maher, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Led by Commissioner Richard Salva

**Present:** Chairman Greg Maher, Commissioners Michael Cahill, Andrew Lynch and Richard Salva; Treasurer Deborah Jersey; Secretary Jennifer Hurst

**Absent:** Jeanne Lent

**Fire Department Attendees:** Chief Don Smith, Assistant Chief Ryan Falk  
(see note below)

**Guests:** None

**Communications:**

1. NYS Assoc. of Fire Districts – active shooting seminar (given to Chief)
2. NY Life Insurance – life insurance statements for LOSAP
3. Orange County Assoc. of Fire Districts – next meeting will be at Dikeman Engine & Hose, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm.
4. Orange County Assoc. of Fire Districts- invitation to the Legislative breakfast at 9:00 am, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Coldenham Fire House
5. FMFD – notice that Ryan Falk has qualified on Truck 425. Motion to approve Ryan being added to the driver list made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
6. FMFD – notice that the Department has voted in favor of moving Don Smith from Assistant Chief to Chief and Ryan Falk as Assistant Chief. Motion to approve the men in their new roles was made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried. Both men were advised to go to Town Hall to be sworn in.
7. Assoc. of Fire Districts, State of NY – copies of Fire District Affairs
8. Hometown Firefighters – copies of their newsletter

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the August 1, 2017 regular monthly minutes was made by R. Salva, seconded by M. Cahill. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Checks Received:**

1. NY State electronic deposit of \$5,000.00 was received on August 14<sup>th</sup> from the Homeland Security Grant
2. NY State, check in the amount of \$984.65, check number 05680272 from the Homeland Security Grant

**Bills:**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$10,159.13 as per attached abstract 362, Claim numbers 4830 through 4842 was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Chief's Report** *(see attached):*

1. Prices received for brush gear as follows:
  - a. Darkey, \$362.90/set
  - b. NY Fire Equipment, \$271.04/set
  - c. Haight, \$295.00/set
  - d. Heiman, \$268.93/set
2. Motion to approve going out to bid, provided Attorney Dow approves the specifications was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried. The secretary will scan and email the bids to the attorney.
3. We will be receiving an electronic sign board for outside!

**Commissioner's Report:**

1. New plates for the trucks were received and distributed

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Hometown Firefighters sent a letter for Chairman G. Maher to sign for better rates. Motion to allow Chairman Maher to sign the form was made by R. Salva, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried. Secretary mailed the paperwork August 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fire Prevention Week – discussion ensued. R. Falk is working on. Motion to use the District credit card for up to \$500.00 to purchase items for the Fire Prevention Week was made by R. Salva, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

The Patels, owners of the Holiday Inn in Fort Montgomery, along with their Engineer, came before the board to discuss their plans. They wish to put a four story hotel and a restaurant on their existing property. Discussion ensued on property plans. The secretary will write a letter of approval and send to the Planning Board.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the August 15, 2017 Meeting at 8:17 pm was made by M. Cahill, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** September 19, 2017

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Steinmetz, Secretary

August 16, 2017

Town of Highlands Planning Board  
Town Hall – Building Department  
254 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

Dear Sirs:

The Patels, owners of the Holiday Inn in Fort Montgomery, along with their Engineer, came before the board to discuss their current plans for expansion.

The expansion includes a four story building and a restaurant on their existing property.

The Fort Montgomery Fire Department requires 26 feet around the new structure. The Patels and their Engineer seemed agreeable to making this happen.

If the 26 feet around is part of the final plans, then the Fort Montgomery Fire District approves.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Chief Don Smith.

Sincerely,

Greg Maher  
Chairman  
Fort Montgomery Fire District