

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

**June 16, 2020**

The sixth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:04 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Led by Assistant Chief Ryan Falk

**Present:** Chairman Michael Cahill; Commissioners John Monteleone, Anthony Camp, Richard Salva and Andrew Lynch; Treasurer Debbie Jersey; Secretary Jennifer Hurst

**Absent:** None

**Fire Department Attendees:** Asst. Chief Ryan Falk, Chief Don Smith

**Guests:** Scott Dow, Attorney

**Truck Bid:**

Motion to open the truck bid at 7:04 pm. made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried. Truck Bids received as follows:

- Campbell Freightliner of Orange County, LLC bid is \$791,850.00
- Premier Fire Apparatus, Inc. bid is \$864,769.00

Motion to refer the bids to the truck committee to review the spec and to see if they meet the spec and to report back to the board with their findings. Motion made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to close the truck bid at 7:30pm made by A. Camp, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.

**Communications:**

1. Fire District Affairs – given to Commissioners
2. Multiple insurance company letters received advising the district that due to COVID-19, insurance coverage cannot be cancelled
3. NYS Insurance Fund – notice about pharmacy update (no change) and renewal policies for workmen's compensation
4. Assoc. of Fire Districts, State of NY – annual meeting sign-up; left on table for those that want to sign up to attend

5. Hubbinette & Cowell – Annual Certificates of Insurance received; given to J. Monteleone
6. Russcon – list of possible repairs needed on 425; given to Chief
7. Letter from Asst. Chief Falk advising of the loss of the Mastercard gift card; given to D. Jersey
8. Hometown Firefighters – Motion to transfer \$45,000.00 from Empire to First Security for a higher interest rate for the LOSAP fund. Motion to allow R. Salva to sign the authorization made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May regular monthly minutes was made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

**Checks Received:** None

**Bills:**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,640.47 as per attached abstract 396, Claim numbers 5404 through 5414 was made by A. Lynch, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

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

1. Motion to spend up to \$6,700.00 on the purchase of two sets of gear for two members made by A. Camp, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve spending up to \$350.00 on two five-gallon buckets of F-500 made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Discussion on iPad. District has six. Discussion ensued in regards to purchasing two new or buy all of them outright. M. Cahill to contact the rep.

**Asst. Chief's Report:**

1. Waiting for Health Department to open up classes. Once they do so, the department will re-start their classes.

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**Commissioner's Report:**

1. Discussion on potentially doing training at Hell Hole off Mine Road. At this time, Bear Mountain is not issuing permits for training at this location.

**Old Business:**

1. Training – M. Cahill working on putting together a “rules of the road” for trainings to begin again. Discussion ensued in regards to starting training back up and continue social distancing practices. Motion to approve training to start up per Orange County Health department guidelines and the guidelines established by the Orange County fire training center. The guidelines are to be reviewed prior to each training taking place. The Chiefs have the right to shut down trainings if the guidelines are not followed. Motion made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Physicals – still pending

**New Business:**

1. Discussion on parades ensued. Most parades in the area have been cancelled. O'Neill high school is having a graduation parade. Motion to approve the use of all vehicles in the parade provided that social distancing practices take place made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Discussion on parking on Firefighter's Memorial Drive, specifically the drafting site at Brooks' Park and in the vicinity of 74 Firefighters Memorial Drive where the parking is blocking the fire lane. Motion to have secretary draft a letter to the Town Board to initiate proper signage made by J. Monteleone, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the June, 2020 Monthly Meeting at 8:51 pm was made by A. Camp, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** July 21, 2020

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Hurst, Secretary

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***VIA E-MAIL AND MAIL***

June 16, 2020

Supervisor Bob Livsey  
Town of Highlands  
Town Hall  
254 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

Dear Supervisor Livsey,

We are writing to you to request that we initiate proper signage along Firefighters Memorial Drive.

As you know, there have been numerous issues with parking on Firefighter's Memorial Drive. Specifically, the drafting site at Brooks' Park and in the vicinity of 74 Firefighters Memorial Drive where the parking is blocking the fire lane.

Both Chief Smith and Commissioner John Monteleone have met with the Chief of Police Pierri as well as Highway Superintendent Patterson to try and alleviate this problem.

We are now formally requesting that proper signage be put in place along Firefighter's Memorial Drive.

Please contact me on my cell at (845) 709-3868 or by email at [fmfiredistrict@gmail.com](mailto:fmfiredistrict@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a walk through of this area so that we can rectify the situation.

Sincerely,

Michael Cahill  
Chairman  
Fort Montgomery Fire District

cc: Town of Highlands Chief of Police Pierri, Highway Superintendent Patterson