

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

**November 17, 2020**

The eleventh regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:10 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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

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

**Absent:** None

**Fire Department Attendees:** Chief Don Smith, Assistant Chief Ryan Falk, Patty Steinmetz, Lee Steinmetz and Greg Maher

**Guests:** Scott Dow, Attorney

**Communications:**

1. Haight Fire – certification of pass results on CASCADE
2. Fire District Affairs – distributed
3. Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone – copies of publications for election and notice of Referendum
4. Hubinette Cowell – form to fill out on cancer claims; given to J. Monteleone
5. Letter from Michael F. Cahill III to run for re-election
6. Times Herald Record – certification of notice of election
7. Sourcewell – welcome information packet
8. LOSAP – outstanding check not cashed by a member; D. Jersey to contact family member

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the October 2020 regular monthly minutes was made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the November 2, 2020 work session minutes made by A. Camp, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Checks Received:** None

**Bills:**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$12,596.24 as per attached abstract 401, Claim numbers 5478 through 5491 was made by R. Salva, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Chief's Report**

1. Motion to approve up to \$2,100.00 to be spent on flashlights and chargers made by A. Lynch, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.

**Asst. Chief's Report:**

1. Medical Class tomorrow, about 20 members signed up
2. OSHA/PESH – will be 100% compliant by year end
3. Santa drive by in December through the town; date TBD

**Commissioner's Report:**

1. Physicals - A. Camp to provide a list of members that still owe a physical. In order to get credit for your physical for 2020, the physicals will need to be completed and into the District by December 15, 2020.

**Old Business:**

1. Department voted on and passed an offer to the District of a 10-year lease. At year five (5) a 5% increase and the department takes over the electric bill. Comments and discussion ensued. The District has asked that P. Steinmetz go back to the Department and offer a five (5) year lease with taking over the electric bill with re-negotiation of the lease at that time.

**New Business:**

1. Annual Election is December 8, 2020 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Firehouse

**Public Comment:**

Comment by G. Maher that he was against the proposed lease as it relates to the yearly rent and expressed that he did not think the fire company should be paying the electrical bill. A question was raised as to whether 3 fire commissioners could legally attend a fire company meeting without it being considered an official fire district meeting. Attorney S. Dow answered and advised that as long as the 3 commissioners in attendance did not meet together and conduct fire district business, then it would not be considered an official meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the November, 2020 Monthly Meeting at 8:16 pm was made by A. Camp, seconded by R. Salva, all in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** December 15, 2020

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Hurst, Secretary