

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

**February 23, 2021**

The second regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:07 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

NOTE: Due to COVID constraints, this meeting was held live and remotely

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

**Present:** Chairman Michael Cahill; Commissioners John Monteleone and Anthony Camp; Debbie Jersey; Treasurer and Jennifer Hurst, Secretary (remote)

**Absent:** Commissioner Andrew Lynch

**Fire Department Attendees:** Chief Ryan Falk, Fireman Greg Maher

**Guests:** None

**Communications:**

1. Fire District Affairs – distributed
2. VFIS – Firemen's accident policy; need to designate beneficiaries
3. NY Class – information received about a cooperative liquid asset security system
4. NFPA – subscription to join
5. Hometown Benefits, Inc. - LOSAP release form – must be signed by Chairman and returned. Motion to approve M. Cahill, to sign the deposit release form for LOSAP, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried
6. Engagement letter for the audit received. Motion to sign the audit engagement letter for a total of \$6,500.00 (\$4,500.00 for the financial portion and \$2,000.00 for LOSAP portion), seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the January, 2021 regular monthly minutes as well as the Re-organization minutes was made by A. Camp, seconded by J. Monteleone. All in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Checks Received:**

1. Town of Highlands, \$442,120.00, check number 31054, yearly budget
2. VFIS, \$3,094.33, check number 0000007982, Car 2 repairs

**Bills:**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,209.37 as per attached abstract 404, Claim numbers 5534 through 5547 was made by A. Camp, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

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

1. COVID and weather are holding up being able to do trainings
2. COVID vaccine has been offered to the department members.
3. Department skating party was a success.
4. Chief discussing with Recreation Director about hosting an Emergency Services Recruitment Fair
5. Accidents on 9W (the mountain) have been increasing. Chief is working with the Town and Village of Cornwall to see about road closures at Mountain Road as needed so that emergency services can clear the accidents without being put in harms way.
6. Motion to approve up to \$400.00 for a member to receive a larger size of boots. Motion made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried
7. Motion to approve up to \$2,000.00 for ice-rescue training, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

**Asst. Chief's Report:** None

**Commissioner's Report:**

1. M. Cahill signed all financial documents and made a down payment of \$300,000.00 (\$225,000.00 from Orange County Trust Capital Reserve Fund and \$75,000.00 from Key Bank Capital Reserve Fund) for the new Rescue Pumper. Estimated delivery is December, 2021.
2. Medical Physicals – still waiting for some to come in.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:**

Member Greg Maher voiced concern that the state requires an audit which costs the District \$6,500.00 and thinks that the District Commissioners should attend a County Commissioner Association meeting and state that the County should be challenging the state regulations. He also believes the District should allow the Fire Chief to have \$500.00/month to spend at his discretion. There is an old policy that restricts the Chief to spend up to that amount for emergencies only and that the attorney should have that old policy.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the February 2021 Monthly Meeting at 8:28 pm was made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2021

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Hurst, Secretary