

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

March 15, 2022

The third regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mickey Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Chief Ryan Falk

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

Absent: None

Fire Department Attendees: Chief Ryan Falk, Assistant Fire Chief Rich Salva and Don Smith

Guests: None

Communications:

1. Hometown Firefighters – paperwork to sign annual entitlement (see Commissioner’s Report)
2. Assoc. of Fire Districts – proposed bylaw changes
3. Assoc. of Fire Districts – newsletter; left on table

Minutes:

Motion to approve the February, 2022 regular monthly minutes was made by J. Monteleone, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Motion to transfer 2021 unexpunged funds in the amount of \$57,339.18 from the General Fund into the Capital Reserve Fund made by A. Lynch, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

Checks Received:

1. Town of Highlands, 2022 budget funds, check #1361, \$450,120.00, deposited March 2, 2022

Bills:

Motion was approved to pay the bills in the amount of \$150.00 as per attached abstract #417, Claim numbers 5754 through 5756 was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$135,199.08 as per attached abstract #418, Claim numbers 5757 through 5768 was made by A. Camp, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report *(see attached):*

1. Motion to approve Chief to spend up to \$1,000.00 for food for the Chief's Battalion Meeting to be held in May with the condition that we re-evaluate the costs and menus for future meetings made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, with M. Cahill not in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion to approve up to \$300.00 to purchase 4 ice rope rescue bags. Motion made by A. Camp, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
3. Motion to purchase a Milwaukee power tools pack rack for the amount of \$345.56 made by A. Camp, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried
4. Motion to approve 5 pairs of crampon ice rescue cleats from Amazon for \$145.85 made by A. Camp, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
5. The Avenza pro app map is tabled for more information

Asst. Chief's Report:

1. Request from the Officers to look into increasing monthly phone costs. Tabled for more information
2. List of climbing gear that we have and what we may need is being compiled
3. Question from E. Jimenez in regards to needing medical supplies urgently (splints, gloves, etc.). Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for gloves, splints and trauma pads made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

1. John Monteleone is working with DMV to get titles for Truck 422, Truck 421 and Truck 424. He needs three checks issued for \$50.00 each to get titles. Motion to approve \$150.00 in total for the three titles made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried. *Note: Motion was done via text on February 23, 2022*
2. Motion to approve Mark Reynolds to be allowed to operate the antique engine for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Highland Falls on March 12, 2022 made by M. Cahill, seconded by J. Monteleone, all in favor, motion carried. *Note: Motion was done via text on March 8, 2022*
3. The exhaust system is broken and the hose melted on Truck 421. It will cost approximately \$1,500 to repair between parts and fees. Motion to approve the repair at \$1,500.00 made by M. Cahill, seconded by E. Jimenez, all in favor, motion carried. *Note: Motion was done via text on March 10, 2022*
4. Motion to approve M. Cahill to sign the annual authorization for the EFPR Group to do the annual audit for the 2021 books in the amount of \$6,600.00 to include the audit of LOSAP. Motion made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried
5. Motion to approve M. Cahill to sign the authorization to pay the post entitlements for members that get the annual payment made by A. Camp, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
6. Motion to approve M. Cahill to sign the death benefit for a deceased member for \$9,448.00 made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
7. Discussion on truck 422. D. Smith will manage all mounting of fixtures, etc. Motion to approve up to \$18,000.00 of which \$15,000.00 was encumbered, for change orders and equipment mounting on Truck 422 made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. FMFD lease – in process
2. Discussion on a members getting 2021 physical in 2022. Motion to accept two members 2021 physicals will be accepted in 2022 due to COVID. Motion made by J. Monteleone, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Exhaust company is coming 3/21 to fix the exhaust system.
2. New insurance company approached J. Monteleone. J. Monteleone to provide him with what coverages we need to get a price.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the March 2022 Monthly Meeting at 9:24 pm was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2022

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary