

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

**October 17, 2023**

The tenth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mickey Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Led by Assistant Chief Rich Salva

Motion to open the 2024 Public Hearing at 7:06 pm on the Budget made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Present:** Chairman Michael Cahill; Commissioners Andrew Lynch, Anthony Camp; Debbie Jersey; Treasurer; Jennifer Hurst, Secretary

**Absent:** Commissioner Seth Armstrong

**Fire Department Attendees:** Chief Ryan Falk, Assistant Fire Chief Rich Salva,

**Guests:** None

**Communications:**

1. NYS Department Homeland Security – email notifying us about new deadlines in regards to the cancer coverage
2. Assoc. of Fire District of Orange County, next meeting is October 24, 2023 at 7:30 pm at Monroe Fire District – Station 1
3. Gannett – proof of publication copy on the public hearing on the budget
4. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation – application for 2023 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant; given to Chief
5. Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone – Election will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the Fort Montgomery Firehouse from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm to elect one Fire Commissioner for a 5-year term and one Fire Commissioner for 3-year unexpired term. Notification has been posted
6. NYS Insurance Fund – notification confirming our address is correct
7. Fort Montgomery Fire Department - \$50,000 grant received from Senator Skoufis; requesting to send to our lawyer for review

**Minutes:**

Motion to approve the September, 2023 regular monthly minutes was made by A. Lynch, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Checks Received:** None

### **Bills:**

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$17,039.26 as per attached abstract #438, Claim numbers 6104 through 6124 was made by A. Camp, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

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

### **Asst. Chief's Report:**

1. Discussion in regards to SOG's and whether the District and Department can collaborate on those moving forward (re: facial hair, alcohol policy, etc.)
2. 1991 Quint Ladder truck at South Spring Valley with 14,000 miles is available and has not gone to auction yet. Cost is open – recommends we offer \$25,000 for it as our ladder truck is aging – requests the District keep that in mind.

### **Commissioner's Report:**

1. Mutual Aid call to the Hudson River and there was an issue with our Department equipment (boat). Discussion ensued. S. Armstrong has the information on the status
2. S. Dow provided a draft on a motor vehicle/accident policy and we have a current alcohol policy. Discussion ensued. A. Lynch suggested we work on these policies with the Department to update them. A. Lynch feels that if there is a motor vehicle accident at any time, an accident report should be filled out

### **Old Business:**

1. Fort Montgomery Fire District website – Member E. Jimenez is working to fix the District website so that the District owns the site – should be completed by November meeting
2. Due to scheduling issues with our provider, physical paperwork for all Department members will need to be completed by Re-Organizational meeting in January, 2024 or they will be medically suspended

3. FMFD Lease – District and Department sat down to a very productive meeting to discuss and review; edits have been received but the District needs to review

**New Business:**

1. Motion to approve the electors for the Board of Elections as follows:
  - a. Patty Steinmetz, Chairman
  - b. Carrie Smith, Election Inspector
  - c. Jill Falk, Ballot Clerk

Motion made by A. Lynch, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried. Each Elector will be compensated \$70.00 for their time. See attachment for official document.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:41 pm on the 2024 Budget made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2024 Budget of \$455,500.00 and approve the budget to be submitted to the Town Clerk made by A. Camp, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the October, 2023 Monthly Meeting at 9:09 pm was made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** November 21, 2023

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Hurst, Secretary