

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

September 19, 2023

The ninth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:18 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Assistant Chief Rich Salva

Present: Chairman Michael Cahill; Commissioners Anthony Camp and Seth Armstrong; Debbie Jersey; Treasurer and Jennifer Hurst, Secretary

Absent: Commissioner A. Lynch

Fire Department Attendees: Chief Ryan Falk; Assistant Fire Chief Rich Salva

Guests: Scott Dow, Attorney

Communications:

1. Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simone – annual election will be Tuesday, December 12, 2023 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Notice posted on window at the firehouse
2. FEMA – looking for updated information on the updated Fire Department Registry; given to Chief
3. COMLINX, Inc. – final test results for the hose testing and annual pump test. Everything passed
4. VFIS – newsletter; left on table
5. FMFD – letter received for Seth Armstrong, Jr. to become a member of the FMFD. Motion to approve Seth Armstrong, Jr. to become a member made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried. He can now move forward with his physical

Minutes:

Motion to approve the August, 2023 regular monthly minutes was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Checks Received:

1. VFIS, check number 62213, for \$250.00 for the 2022 Chevy Tahoe (Car 1) accident on 4/14/23

Bills:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$21,134.11 as per attached abstract #437, Claim numbers 6087 through 6103 was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer prepared a transcript of all of the invoices. The question was asked of Council if the District could use the transcript as a substitute rather than reading off each individual bill. Council stated that this was appropriate to do.

Chief's Report: *(see attached)*

1. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Chiefs of the Driver Trainers and Qualifiers (see attached). The list shall be amended accordingly. Motion made by S. Armstrong, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried
2. Motion to approve the spend of up to \$1,000.00 for food for the Battalion Four meeting on November 28, 2023 made by A. Camp, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried

Asst. Chief's Report:

Commissioner's Report:

1. Incident with the Department boat being pulled out of the bay. Quotes have been requested
2. Discussion on reporting accidents. Attorney Dow to draft a policy in regards to reporting of accidents
3. Existing Alcohol policy. Attorney will look through the file and see if he can locate it

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.
2. Physicals for all Department members will need to be completed by October 17, 2023 or they will be medically suspended.

3. FMFD Lease – Attorney Dow reviewed the document and returned it to the District. Discussion ensued. M. Cahill to e-mail the lease with attorney comments to Patty Steinmetz, President of FMFD

New Business:

1. Discussion ensued in regards to the 2024 budget. D. Jersey to make the edits and send to everyone. Secretary to send via email to the Town Clerk
2. S. Armstrong updated all of the insurance cards and information is in each vehicle

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the September Monthly Meeting at 8:58 pm was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Camp, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2022

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary