

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

March 21, 2023

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

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Assistant Chief Rich Salva

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

Absent: Commissioner Anthony Camp, Chief Ryan Falk

Fire Department Attendees: Assistant Fire Chief Rich Salva, life member Dave Tonneson, Chief Engineer Don Smith

Guests: None

Communications:

1. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs - notice that our dues were received. A gift certificate for \$45.00 and a notice for an upcoming conference that the gift certificate can be used towards. Information given to Assistant Chief
2. ESO – more information on Firehouse software “hub”; given to D. Smith
3. Hometown Benefits – payment authorization needed (see Commissioners Report)
4. Haight Fire – CASCADE system certification for air system received; filed
5. FMFD – invitations to the annual Installation dinner given to Commissioners, Treasurer and Secretary
6. Town of Highlands Community Power with Joule Energy – “opt-out” reply card that puts control of energy supply choices into local hands (see Commissioners Report)

Minutes:

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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Motion to transfer 2022 Repair Fund transfer in the amount of \$5,000.0 from the General Fund to the Repair Fund made by M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Inter-Fund Transfer of 2022 budget. Motion to make the following transfers made by M. Cahill, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried

- Transfer \$8,365.32 from the Utilities line to the Equipment line
- Transfer \$8,892.49 from the Training line to the Equipment line
- Transfer \$5,200.00 from the Medical line to the Equipment line
- Transfer \$3,550.00 from the Expendable line to the Gas and Oil line

Motion to transfer 2022 unexpunged funds in the amount of \$42,062.44 (\$41,901.03 plus \$161.41 in interest) from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund (\$40,000.00 to Chase and \$2,062.44 to Orange County Trust) made by M. Cahill, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried.

Checks Received: None

Bills:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$7,477.85 as per attached abstract #430, Claim numbers 5991 through 6002 was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report *(see attached):*

1. Motion to approve Mark Reynolds to drive Antique 422 for parades, car shows and funerals at the discretion of the Chief made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor
2. Motion to spend up to \$650.00 to purchase seven placards for new members made M. Cahill, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
3. Motion to spend up to \$175.00 for four 12-volt USB outlet boxes made by M. Cahill, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried

Asst. Chief's Report:

Commissioner's Report:

1. Motion to approve up to \$250.00 for an out-going Chief's award made by A. Lynch, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried
2. Motion to approve up to \$100.00 for an award for Mike Mattausch, 36-14 Deputy County Coordinator made by S. Armstrong, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion to approve M. Cahill to sign the post-entitlements for LOSAP made by S. Armstrong, seconded by A. Lynch, all in favor, motion carried
4. Town of Highlands Community Choice Aggregation "opt-out" program with Joule Energy – motion to opt out made by A. Lynch, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor motion carried
5. Motion to approve \$6,000.00 for the annual inspection dinner at Brotherhood Winery on April 29, 2023 made by M. Cahill, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried. President Steinmetz requests that everyone RSVP as soon as possible
6. Discussion on annual audit. D. Jersey advised us that our current auditor wants to increase the costs by double. She has requested to do an RFP for another company to do our annual audit and get competitive prices. Motion to approve the request made by S. Armstrong, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried
7. Discussion on videos on photos and Facebook protocols.

Old Business:

1. In regards to the comment made at the Public Hearing on the Tax Exemption Resolutions, Attorney Dow mentioned the notice of Public Hearing was only related to the public hearing on the exemption for the fire tax and was not required for the other actions and resolutions.
2. Discussion ensued on the dryer
3. Discussion on lease ensued. Current copy has been emailed to all Commissioners to review. M. Cahill requests Commissioner comments come back by next work session for discussion

New Business: None

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Public Comment:

At the last meeting of the Fire Department, Dave Tonneson was approved to have his 80th birthday party on November 25, 2023 at the firehouse. He came to invite his entire Fire Department Family including Commissioners to his birthday celebration and is requesting to use 2 bays for the party. Motion to approve the use of the bays provided there is no alcohol in the district space made by S. Armstrong, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the March Monthly Meeting at 9:07 pm was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by M. Cahill, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary