

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

March 19, 2024

The third regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:10 pm by Michael Cahill, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Assistant Chief Rich Salva

Present: Chairman Michael Cahill; Commissioners Don Smith, Seth Armstrong and Greg Maher; Debbie Jersey; Treasurer and Jennifer Hurst, Secretary

Absent: Commissioner Andrew Lynch, Chief Ryan Falk

Fire Department Attendees: Assistant Fire Chief Rich Salva

Guests: None

Communications:

1. Fire District Affairs – monthly newsletter
2. Assoc. of Fire Districts – proposed by-law changes that may be coming in the future
3. Letter received from a member requesting information in regards to LOSAP and receiving points
4. Via Email: Marshall, Conway Bradley & Gollub – letter to add the FMFD to the lawsuit for them to defend us. We need to sign and return the document (see Commissioners Report); sent to attorney

Minutes:

Motion to approve the February, 2024 regular monthly minutes was made by G. Maher, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by M. Cahill, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried.

Checks Received:

1. Town of Highlands, 2024 Budget Funds in the amount of \$455,500.00

Bills:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$92,203.13 as per attached abstract #443, Claim numbers 6197 through 6212 was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report: (see attached)

1. Motion to approve Pheanus Lunger and Matt McCue to be added to the driver list for Engine 421 made by S. Armstrong, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
2. Motion to approve Matt McCue to be added to the driver list for Engine 422 made by S. Armstrong, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
3. Motion to approve up to \$5,500.00 to Wildland Firefighting Equipment to purchase the following equipment (attached as well) made by G. Maher, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried:
 - a. Redmax EBZ8560 Backpack Blower, quantity 2, \$1,197.98
 - b. WB30 3" General Purpose Water Pump, quantity 1, \$799.00
 - c. Aluminum 3" Female NPT to 2.5" Male NH, quantity 2, \$142.00
 - d. Harrington 10' Flex-Lite Suction PVC Hose, quantity 2, \$600.00
 - e. Kochek Basement Strainer, quantity 1, \$277.00
 - f. Tsurumi HS2.4s Manual Electric Submersible Pump, quantity 2, \$782.00
 - g. Float Switch for 110v HS2.4, quantity 2, \$170.00
 - h. 2" Quick disconnect A, quantity 2, \$22.00
 - i. 2" Discharge Hose Quick Connect, quantity 4, \$372.00
 - j. Collapsible Fire Rake, quantity 6, \$671.94
4. Motion to approve up to \$1,600.00 to purchase 2 televisions and 3 install service fees made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried
5. Motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 to purchase mounting equipment for the Hurst Tools on Engines 421 and 422 made by S. Armstrong, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
6. Motion to approve \$400.00 to purchase a Demo saw blade to replace the old one made by G. Maher, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried
7. Emergency motion made by text to approve \$375.00 to purchase three (3) Firefighter Essentials workbooks made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried

8. Motion to approve the purchase of one (1) Company Officer 6th Addition workbook for the May class for \$100.00 made by D. Smith, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
9. Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for various tools and accessories for the district toolboxes made by S. Armstrong, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried

Asst. Chief's Report: *(see attached and above)*

Commissioner's Report:

1. In regards to the Mill Street Fire and above Communications received via e-mail, motion to approve S. Armstrong to sign the document allowing Marshall, Conway Bradley & Gollub to represent the FMFD in the lawsuit. Motion made by D. Smith, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
2. Discussion in regards to insurance broker. Motion to approve WA Smith as the Broker of Record for our insurance companies to obtain quotes. S. Armstrong will reach out to Hubbinette Cowell to advise them. Motion made by D. Smith, seconded by G. Maher, all in favor, motion carried
3. We have an extension on the 2023 Audit until April, 2024
4. Discussion ensued in regards to driver training
5. Discussion ensued on gear washing

Old Business:

1. G. Maher to have the company come to discuss LOSAP at one of the upcoming work sessions

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the March 19, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 8:50 pm was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary