

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

October 15, 2024

The tenth regular monthly meeting of the Fort Montgomery Fire District was called to order at 7:04 pm by Greg Maher, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Opening Ceremonies: Led by Chief Ryan Falk

Motion to open the 2025 Public Hearing at 7:05 pm on the 2025 Budget made by D. Smith, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Absent: Chairman Michael Cahill, Commissioner Andrew Lynch

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

Guests: None

Communications:

1. Hometown Firefighters – asset statements for the quarter
2. EZ-Pass – EZ pass received; Treasurer to return as it is a duplicate
3. News of The Highlands – announcement received for the Budget Hearing tonight
4. Fisch Solution – Rover sunseting end of 2024; given to Chief
5. Association of Fire Chief's – Flashover training on November 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2024 at Rockland County Fire Training Center
6. Tech Medical Services – completed physical paperwork for members received; given to D. Smith
7. NYS DEC – 24' Firefighter Assistant Grant application for firefighter gear due 11/15/24; given to R. Salva
8. NFPA survey; given to Chief
9. Kornfeld, Newman, Rew & Simeone – copies of the ads run for the Public Hearing on the budget

Minutes:

Motion to approve the September, 2024 regular monthly minutes was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Eric Jimenez lost a check that was issued in March, 2024. The check will be voided and re-issued.

Checks Received: None

Bills:

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$16,580.83 as per attached abstract #450, Claim numbers 6305 through 6326 was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$1,688.70 as per attached abstract #451, Claim number 6327 was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report: *(see attached)*

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

1. Motion to approve two tv's to be given to the Department for Communications made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried

Commissioner's Report:

1. Motion to approve sunsetting the email system through Belsito Communications as it will no longer be supported by Belsito Communications made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried. Secretary to advise Belsito Communications
2. Engine 422 foam system has been fixed. Discussion ensued on replacing tires, getting the springs tested and replacement of the door. G. Maher will get pricing on the tires. S. Armstrong and D. Smith will get pricing on the springs and the door.

Old Business:

1. DiSanto Tank – in process
2. G. Maher to have the company come to discuss LOSAP at one of the upcoming work sessions
3. Discussion on driver training list and qualifiers – in progress
4. EVOC – G. Maher requested that a date be set for this training – in progress
5. Physicals – in process
6. Fire Department Elections are December 10, 2024. We have one open 5-year term.

New Business:

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

Motion made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried. Each Elector will be compensated \$70.00 for their time. See attachment for official document.

2. Motion to approve the proposed 2025 FMFD budget in the amount of \$457,500.00 made by D. Smith, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried

Public Comment: None

Motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:57 pm on the 2025 Budget made by D. Smith, seconded by S. Armstrong, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget of \$457,500.00 and approve the budget to be submitted to the Town Clerk made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the October 15, 2024 Monthly Meeting at 7:58 pm was made by S. Armstrong, seconded by D. Smith, all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2024

Submitted by: Jennifer Hurst, Secretary