

**Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of August 23, 2018**

**A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Monroe Joint Fire District of the Town of Monroe, Town of Woodbury, Village of Harriman, Village of Monroe, County of Orange, in the State of New York was held at the Monroe Joint Fire District Office 406 N. Main St. Monroe, New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2018**

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| <b>Present: Thomas Sullivan</b> | <b>Commissioner</b> |
| <b>Thomas Smith</b>             | <b>Commissioner</b> |
| <b>Jason Kalter</b>             | <b>Commissioner</b> |
| <b>Pat Patterson</b>            | <b>Commissioner</b> |
| <b>William Badura</b>           | <b>Attorney</b>     |
| <b>Richard Goldstein</b>        | <b>Treasurer</b>    |
| <b>Mary Ellen F. Beams</b>      | <b>Secretary</b>    |

**Absent: John Centofanti** **Commissioner**

Commissioner Sullivan called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm.

**Audit of the Bills**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Smith, Kalter, Sullivan, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval to pay the bills presented to the Commissioners with the exception of 1 change to be made by Treasurer.

**Emergency Expenditure for Station #2**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Sullivan, Patterson, Smith, Kalter

Nays 0

Approval to spend \$65.00 for Cozy Cottage Landscaping to mow and clean up Station #2.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners Smith, Patterson, Sullivan, Kalter

Nays 0

Approval of the minutes of the minutes of July 19, 2018 of the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan announce that the next budget meeting is on September 4, 2018.

August 28 is the OCVA meeting at Goshen Fire House.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Goldstein announced that audit has been completed and the report has been filed with the Commissioners.

Treasurer Goldstein spoke about the proposal submitted to the Commissioners for elevator inspection services and feels it is not what the district is looking for a little more research needs to be done for the next meeting in September.

Treasurer Goldstein asked that the Secretary get him the list of members for each station so he can distribute the 2% money.

Treasurer Goldstein asked the Commissioners to bring forward concerns or anything they think is missing for the budget at the September 4<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

**RFP for Landscaping Services for Station #2**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Smith, Kalter, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval to for the Secretary to put out the RFP for Landscaping Services for Station #2 with a return date of September 27, 2018.

**RFP for Snow Plowing Services for Station #2**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Smith, Kalter, Sullivan, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval for the secretary to send out the RFP for Snow Plowing Services to the Commissioners for any changes they deem necessary then to be submitted to the Attorney for his review and approval. One add on is to be curbing repair if any damage does occur during the contract.

**Treasurers Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Smith, Patterson, Sullivan, Kalter

Nays 0

Approval of the August 2018 Treasurers report.

**Chiefs Report**

Chief Scherne reported that there have been 387 calls as this date.

**New Member Station #3**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Smith, Kalter, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval for James Campbell to become a member of Station #3.

**New Member Station #3**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Kalter, Smith, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval for Michael Aiello to become a member of Station #3.

Orange County will be holding a ceremony at Greenwood Lake Fire House to award Christopher Cocks and Troy Schetting as Firefighter of the Year on September 20, 2018 at 1845 hours.

### **Orange County Fireman's Parade**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Patterson, Smith, Kalter

Nays 0

Approval for Monroe Joint Fire District Fire Police to assist with the Orange County Fireman's Parade on September 22, 2018 in Greenwood Lake, NY.

### **Equipment Listed for Surplus**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Smith, Kalter, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval for the following equipment items to be listed as surplus: 1 Altair 4xmulti gas meter S/N:00132753, 1 combustible gas meter S/N:361200432, 1 bullard T# powerhouse charging station P/N: B3-6034, 26 rope bailout bags (9 of them do not have number on them)

P/N:601,P/N:622,P/N:717,P/N:722,P/N:774,P/N:784,P/N:809,P/N:821,P/N:854,P/N:863,P/N:864,P/N:866,P/N:867,P/N:870,P/N:885,P/N:891

### **Chiefs Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Smith, Patterson, Sullivan, Kalter

Nays 0

Approval of the August 2018 Chief's report.

### **Attorney's Report**

#### **Set Public Hearing for 2019 Budget**

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Smith, Kalter, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval to set the public hearing for the 2019 Budget on October 16, 2018 at 7:00pm to be held at the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting room at 406 N. Main St. Monroe.

Attorney Badura stated he has received the previous snow removal contract and will review it for any additions or changes.

Attorney Badura report that depositions for the Miranda claim is no surprise there is a motion stating the person caused their own accident and the district should be out of the claim we rally did not have a part in this claim.

Attorney Badura reported that with the lawsuit involving Meyers Contracting he has spoken to Marty Sendlewski in regards to the documents requested. Secretary Beams will work on putting together everything the district has that has been requested.

### **Attorney's Report**

On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was

Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Smith, Kalter, Sullivan, Patterson

Nays 0

Approval of the August 2018 Attorney's report.

### **New Building Update Station #2**

Commissioner Sullivan gave an update on the new building as follows:

Sewer work has been completed by Charlie Bailey, so now we are waiting for OC Sewer to come back to us stating everything is done then we will get our permit from them.

Meyer Contracting was told by OC Sewer to cap the pipe because it was an illegal hook up and when OC Sewer did a dye test they found Meyer Contracting never sapped the pipe. Meyer Contracting should be responsible if there are any fines. We need the permit from OC Sewer so we can go to the Village of Harriman Building Inspector for the certificate of occupancy.

We need to work with the Village of Harriman to secure the hole, if we can fill it in we need to contact CB Trucking. Chief Scherme will reach out to the Village of Harriman to see if they can help get it done.

Commissioner Kalter stated that we are still trying to pin down a date for Hush Electric to finish up the work on the flag pole lights, air compressor, power to the sign and the photo cell for the parking lot lights. Also, we are waiting for NYCOMCO to confirm an install date for the apparatus bay speakers.

Ashley Mechanical came in and made a repair to the HVAC.

Commissioner Smith informed the Commissioners that Jim Ebner hooked up the ice machine in the kitchen. Commissioner's agreed that the refrigerator and freezer at Station #2 should be plugged in to make sure that they work.

### **Truck Update**

Jim Ebner reported we went through the spec' that came in a month and half ago and we have 34 items to go over. The spec is pretty much complete it's just minor verbiage. We sent the list out to them they need to make the corrections once we see it we will be good to go.

Commissioner Kalter informed the Commissioners from this point forward he will not vote on any new members unless he sees their application prior to the meeting. The Commissioners discussed and decided that all applications must be submitted to the district secretary by the Monday prior to the districts monthly meeting.

Ian Harriton reported to the Board that previously the Commissioners approved for him to purchase a tablet for Station #3 but he would like to inform them that he did not make the purchase for the tablets have now changed from what we have.

### **Public Comment:**

Jim Ebner spoke about membership and the districts application, this is the first time a problem has come to light, and it's a work in progress.

With no further business on a motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Patterson the meeting was adjourned carried unanimously.

**Mary Ellen F. Beams**

**Secretary, Monroe Joint Fire District.**