

Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of April 23, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Fire 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 23rd day of April, 2015.

Present: Thomas Sullivan	Commissioner
Thomas Smith	Commissioner
John Centofanti	Commissioner
Dominick Pascullo	Commissioner
Peter Scrobe	Commissioner
William S. Badura	Attorney
Richard Goldstein	Treasurer

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:08 p.m.

Audit of Bills

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Scrobe, Centofanti, Sullivan, Smith, Pascullo,
Nays 0

Approval to pay the bills presented to the Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval of the minutes of the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting of March 26, 2015.

Upcoming Events

The annual inspection dinner is scheduled for May 2, 2015.

Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to enter into an executive session to discuss a particular person or persons in regard to personnel.

Return to Regular Session

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to return to regular session

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Goldstein advised he had closed out the 2014 budget. He also advised that he had been in contact with the Vanacore, DeBenedictus accounting firm to schedule the 2014 audit. A discussion was held with respect to the additional VFBL coverage now afforded pursuant to General Municipal Law §209-i1-b. It was the recommendation of the attorney that the Board pass a resolution extending its VFBL coverage pursuant to General Municipal Law §209-i1-b to cover its volunteers offering assistance prior to an officer being present to accept the assistance at emergency scenes outside the boundaries of the Monroe Joint Fire District.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Scrobe, Pascullo, Sullivan, Centofanti, Pascullo

Nays 0

Approval of the April 2015 Treasurer's Report

Resolution Adopting the Additional Coverage Provided by General Municipal Law §209-i1-b

It is the intent of this Resolution to make available the coverage provided by General Municipal Law Section 209-i1-b.

Whenever a volunteer firefighter of the Monroe Joint Fire District provides services under General Municipal Law Section 209-i when there is no jurisdictional officer in command present, such volunteer firefighter shall be entitled to coverage under the VFBL coverage provided by the Monroe Joint Fire district for the provision of such services. Upon the arrival of a jurisdictional officer in command, such volunteer firefighter shall report to such officer and offer his/her services to assist such fire company or fire department. If such offer of assistance is not accepted, then the volunteer firefighter of the Monroe Joint Fire District must immediately cease providing any additional service at the scene of the emergency.

On a motion of Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti

Nays 0

Approval of the Resolution extending the district's VFBL coverage pursuant to General Municipal Law §209-i1-b

Chief's Report

- There are a total of 39 calls for the month of March with 191 alarms to date for the calendar year 2015.
- Department physicals are completed and the safety committee provided us with a list of members that are lacking this requirement. The time for all physicals to be complete for 2015 is April 23, 2015 19:00 Hours.
- Per Car-2 and the safety committee the following members have not received a physical to date:

Berger, S

Braunagel, J
Braunagel, K
Ferraro, S
Geosists, R
McDonald, J
Russo, V.
Sentell, R
Shay, M
Waldron, J

- Forwarded to me and attached to your packet is the invoice for the one-call system. The database is complete and ready to upload upon acceptance of the one-call contract. We still need to provide some additional funding in this line item of \$233.50 from line 422-005 to 421-011.
- We have members of the dive team that do not have access to the dive equipment as they are from other stations; we need a plan for them to access the dive equipment.
- The trailer at Station 2 has been repaired, we have not used this piece of equipment for firematic response since the district inception, and the Chiefs feel that it could be surplus
- Utility 1 is in need of about \$2,000 worth of repairs for it to pass NYS inspection. At this time we deem it could be surplus. The vehicle is a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe 4DR 4WD VIN #1GNEK13Z02R162653 Mileage 84,386.
- We have taken delivery of 7 new gas meters with vehicle chargers, Car-2 is working on integrating them into the vehicles and training the end users.
- Attached please find the safety report from Safety Officer Tom Lowe.
- Chief Bennet will comment on upcoming drills. If anyone needs to know his or her status, the safety office that will review the master list the Chief Bennet is keeping.
- The 2015 MWCSD Mock DWI drill will be held May 15, 2015 at 07:30 AM staging, with a 09:00 AM start. As usual the high school will be providing breakfast and refreshments.
- We will be sending 10 representatives to the Harrisburg Fire Expo as we do each year. The dates are May 15, 16, 17, 2015. Car-2 is organizing the trip. Attendees will be chosen by the chief's office.
- Gordon Fullerton will resume his activities as the Dive Captain and will be assisted by John McGovern and John Centofanti as Assistant Captains.
- Assistant Chief Dolch has been working with the specialty teams keeping them in order.
- Rescue 540 is still OOS and we expected it back this week.

- We received a T-537 vehicle weight report courtesy of Monroe PD and it is as follows:

537 Weights This is the vehicle weight in pounds with no passengers aboard after utilizing MPD portable scales today April 15, 2015

LF axle: 10,400

RF axle: 10,000

Total front axle: 20,400

Front axle is rated at GAWR: 23,000

State law for front axle maximum is 32,000

LR axle: 15,100

RR axle: 16,900

Total rear axle: 32,000

Rear axle is rated for GAWR: 33,000

State law for single rear axle is maximum 32,000

Today total vehicle weight with no passengers: 52,400

Nanini and Callahan weight previously done with 6 passengers was 54,040. Estimate was 54,300 with all 7 passengers

Today's estimated weight with seven passengers would be 54,150

Vehicle is rated for GVWR of 56,000

Current state law for overall vehicle weight is 52,000

- The new turnout gear order has arrived and has been distributed by Car-3.
- We had a LOSAP accounting meeting last week with Commissioner Scrobe to come up with a better method of accounting for activities, it was suggested that each company have a LOSAP recording secretary. I will be providing each station with a blank worksheet to help them account for all the non-firematic events.
- Chief Dolch will be scheduling the hose, pump, and ladder testing shortly, this is the last year of our RFP for this work, a new one will have to be submitted after the testing this year.
- Car-3 and I met with the Cromwell Commons management team regarding signage in the facility to make our response there easier to find address locations.
- West Point is hosting a flag drive and clean-up for the Orange County Veteran's cemetery in Goshen, NY. So far station-3 has shown interest in assisting with the clean-up. We are requesting the use of utilities and leaf blowers for this event from any station that wishes to participate.
- The Village of Monroe PD is having an emergency-planning meeting on May 18, 2015 at 19:00 hours. Cr-2 and myself will be attending.

- Congratulations to Captain Mike Angrisani from Station 2 who has successfully completed the FDNY-EMS academy and is on the road to his new career with the FDNY.
- The Monroe Temple on North Main Street in the Village of Monroe has requested a fire prevention detail for this Sunday from 09:30 AM until 11:00 AM. We will require apparatus for this event.
- Additional events that the Monroe Fire Department are aware of:

Special Department Meeting June 11, 2015 at 7:30pm at Station 1A for conducting official business for the purpose of the membership appointing a Department President and potentially a Department Vice-President.

Cub Scout Pack 488 Fishing Derby April 26, 2015 from 8-12 PM Mill Pond Parkway across from Commuter Parking Lot

Reinstatement of Lyle Schettig to Active Service

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Scrobe the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval for Lyle Schettig to be placed back on active duty from his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corp.

Clean-Up of Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Goshen

On a motion of Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval authorizing the Chief to send a crew and utilities and leaf blowers to the West Point sponsored clean-up of the Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Goshen.

Surplus of 2002 Chevy Tahoe

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval of the surplusing of the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN #1GNEK13Z02R162653

Chief's Report

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was adopted Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to accept the April 2015 Chief's Report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Badura advised the Board that he had sent out a letter on April 7, 2015 to the Vanacore, DeBenedictus accounting firm with the 2014 audit agreement letter that had been executed on behalf of the District. He also advised that on April 7, 2015 he had sent out the corrected lease that had been signed by the Board to Lakeside Fire & Rescue Company for its signature and return.

A discussion was held with respect to the forum held by Orange County at the Central Valley Elementary School on April 16, 2015 with respect to the Kiryas Joel proposed annexation. At that forum Attorney Badura spoke on behalf of the Fire District and advised the Orange County government personnel at the forum of the District's concern with respect to increasing number of Kiryas Joel fire calls and the potential effect this may have on the District through mutual aid responses. It was also stressed that the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared with respect to the proposed annexation specifically set forth it was to address the capabilities of the Kiryas Joel Fire Department to respond to the potential development of the area proposed to be annexed including a description of the capabilities and limitations of the Kiryas Joel Fire Department including its equipment, number of firefighters, qualifications and training and SCBA qualified firefighters.

Attorney's Report

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was adopted
Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to accept the April 2015 Attorney's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Station 1 and Station 3 Lieutenants

Commissioner Pascullo reported that Marques Correa of Station 1 and Robert Kerli of Station 3 had completed the required courses to hold the position of Lieutenant

District Website

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was adopted
Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to go forward with the creation of a District website.

Transfer of Funds

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was adopted
Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval of the transfer of \$2,500.00 from 425-006 to 425-009 for the creation of the District website.

OLD BUSINESS

PSSI Fire Study Update

The Board noted that pursuant to its agreement with PSSI a draft of the fire study was to be provided to it by April 15, 2015. The Board was advised that the draft of the fire study would be provided soon.

Uniform Update

Uniform measurements were to be taken by Alfis within the next two weeks. There was also an agreement for Companies 2 and 3 would be fitted with uniforms this year and that Company 1 would be fitted for new uniforms next year.

Truck Update

Members of the truck committee traveled to Nebraska for a pre-construction meeting as a result of which 20 change orders were generated. The change orders did not increase the price of the apparatus.

Smeal Change Orders Pre-Construction

On a motion by Commissioner Scrobe and seconded by Commissioner Pascullo the following was adopted
Ayes 5 Smith, Pascullo, Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval for Chairman Sullivan to sign the change orders.

Harriman Building Committee

Sean Lowe from Station 2 advised that an open house had been scheduled for May 16, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Station 2 to provide the general public with information with respect to the proposed construction of a new firehouse.

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

William S. Badura
Attorney, Monroe Joint Fire District