

3/24/16

Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of 3/24/16

A regular 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 24th day of March, 2016.

Present:	Thomas Sullivan	Commissioner
	Thomas Smith	Commissioner
	John Centofanti	Commissioner
	Peter Scrobe	Commissioner
	Timothy Carr	Commissioner
	William Badura	Attorney
	Richard Goldstein	Treasurer

Absent: Mary Ellen F. Beams Secretary

Swearing in of Commissioner Timothy Carr

Timothy Carr, who was appointed at the 2/25/16 Board Meeting was sworn in as a commissioner by the attorney to fill the vacant position left by the resignation of Dominick Pascullo

Audit of Bills

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

Approval to pay the bills presented to the Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of the minutes of the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting of 2/25/16.

Treasurers Report

The annual audit conducted by Vanacore, DeBenedictus has been scheduled for 5/17/16. Harriman Engine Company presented an invoice in the amount of \$457.50 from Printing Plus for design and printing of vote cards for the 3/8/16 special election. Prior approval for this item had not been sought.

Printing Plus Invoice

A motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Scrobe the following was Adopted Ayes 4 – Commissioners Sullivan, Scrobe, Centofanti, Carr
Nays 1 – Commissioner Smith

Denial of payment of Printing Plus invoice

Chief Report

- There were a total of 46 calls for February. 30 calls for March as of this writing and 114 YTD.
- Congratulations to the Harriman building committee on the favorable vote for a new MFD Station 2. The chiefs look forward to assisting them anyway we can.
- I am requesting board approval to send Rob Furbeck and Mike Terracino up to Montour Falls for a Pumper Service Testing class. This is a class that provides technical and practical information to conduct service testing on fire pumps. This course is May 14-15th. Cost for both members total with registration fee and course fee is \$292.00. This will come out of the training line. In addition they will be requiring a Utility for transportation.
- Once again John Scherne has been elected to 1st Assistant Chief. Effective immediately he will be the chief overseeing the following:
 - Fire Police, Dive Team, FAST Team
 - Safety Officers/Accountability System
 - SOP's
 - Vehicle Maintenance
 - Air pack servicing/maintenance
 - Equipment Testing
 - Emergency Preparedness
- New Membership – Station 1 has Sebastian Petion, and Adam Alshoubeki for membership into department, as well as Station 3 has Pete Barba for membership into department. I am recommending both to full active status.
- Physicals – In progress at this moment. Members will be given to April 28th 1900 HRS to have their physicals completed. If they do not they will be taken off active membership until they are able to complete the physical.
- 13 Members were fitted for turnout gear the turnaround time is 8-10 weeks.
- R-540 is OOS again this time the straps holding the fuel tank are rotting away.
- R-530 hydraulic pump is having issues. There has been a mounting issue with the pump for some time. We have attempted to get this fixed in the past but over time it does not hold (the repair). The initial repair was done with silicone caulk and tape. Over time vibration has caused the switch to not function properly. Station 3 officers believe they have fixed it in house temporarily but short of

getting a new pump for the hydraulics State Line will do the same thing. In discussion with Station 3 officers and Asst. Chief Scherne we will be getting quotes for Hurst hydraulic tools to replace the hydraulic tools on R-530. These will be the tools that will go on the new Rescue-Engine when it arrives next year.

- Some other items to be purchased this month. Ice rescue suits to replace older models we have, a small air compressor, gear racks and SCOTT masks to phase in new model masks.
- SOP's – Everyone is getting a new copy at physicals. When they get their new copy and binder members should be turning in the blue copy as well. The contents are being destroyed as to not confuse any members and the binders will go in storage for the next revision. The two colors are for ease of inventory and to ensure that all members really do have an updated copy. It is also each member's responsibility to read them!
- Active 911 is up and running thanks to LT Harris for setting it up. Members are using it and it has provided a useful tool for myself a few times already.
- Training Officers are finalizing spring bailout dates and are as follows. April 3 and April 4th. See signups in each house for further details. Remember all must refresh with the presentation.
- I would like to applaud the training officers in attempts to get all members (interior, juniors, probies, fire police, drivers) all participating in some function at drills.
- We have 3 members in Firefighter 1. We will be sending engines up 5/21, and 6/4 with manpower to assist. We have 1 member in EVOC as well who will be needing 514 at a date to be announced in the near future.
- The Rescue-Engine committee has finished meeting with manufacturers. We have met with Spartan, Seagrave, Smeal, Ferrara and Pierce. We have narrowed it down to Smeal, Spartan and Ferrara. We will be going to various departments in the area that have recent deliveries from them for more research.
- I would like to remind all members that when they respond for a call they have to expect that they will be responding to an alarm, and as well all know even the most minor sounding calls can be something of significance. With that being said if you come to the firehouse be prepared to respond to alarms. I have had members come to me that certain members come down for an "easy point" which is wrong.

Upcoming Events:

April 4 - District Drill

April 17 – Fast Drill

April 18 – District Drill

Pumper Service Testing Class

A motion by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Smith the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Smith, Centofanti, Sullivan, Scrobe, Carr
Nays 0

Approval for Rob Furbeck and Mike Terracino to attend a Pumper Service Testing class at Montour Falls with a registration and course fee of \$292.00 and the use of a Utility for transportation.

Membership

A motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Sullivan, Smith, Centofanti, Scrobe, Carr
Nays 0

Approval for Sebastian Petion active membership for Monroe Joint Fire District Station #1.

Membership

A motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Carr the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Sullivan, Smith, Centofanti, Scrobe, Carr
Nays 0

Approval of Adam Alshoubeck active Jr. Membership Monroe Joint Fire District Station #1.

Membership

A motion by Commissioner Scrobe, seconded by Commissioner Carr the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Sullivan, Smith, Centofanti, Scrobe, Carr
Nays 0

Approval Peter Barba for active membership for Monroe Joint Fire District Station #3.

Attorneys Report

Attorney Badura advised that the executed audit engagement letter had been forwarded to Vanacore, DeBenedictus, on March 3, 2016.

Attorney Badura also advised that he would speak with Architect Martin Sendlewski with respect to obtaining a draw down schedule so that the timing of the bond issuance can be determined.

Attorneys Report

On a motion by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was

Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners Sullivan, Smith, Centofanti, Scrobe, Carr
Nays 0

Approval to accept the Attorney's report for March 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

District Networking Proposal

Commissioner Carr advised he was working on a proposal for a District networking system and would provide further pricing information at the April meeting.

Antique Storage

The chief has written a letter to the president of the Mombasha Fire Company advising that the space that the Antique currently occupies is now needed for equipment storage.

OLD BUSINESS

RFP's for Vehicle Repair and Apparatus and Fire Extinguisher Maintenance

Bids for apparatus and pump maintenance were received from Excelsior, Hopewell and New England Fire Equipment. Bids for fire extinguisher service and maintenance were received from Haight Fire Equipment, Campbell Fire Protection and NECO Fire & Safety. These bids along with the two prior bids received from Harriman Auto and Loyal Auto & Tire for vehicle repair and services for small vehicles were given to the Chief for review and recommendations for the April meeting.

Uniform Update

The Board was advised that to date 82 people had been sized for uniforms. A first, second sizing was conducted on March 13, 2016. A second, second sizing has been scheduled for March 28, 2016. After that date, any member wishing to be sized will have to go to Alfie's.

Truck Update

John Karl advised that it is expected that the truck will be completed by the end of April whereupon a final inspection will be held in Nebraska.

Harriman Building Construction Update

The Board was advised that monthly meetings would be held of the Harriman Building Committee and Architect Martin Sendlewski on the 4th Tuesday of April, May, June and July at 7:30 p.m. at the fire district office. It was also decided that the meeting dates would be posted and that the public would also be put on notice of them.

Chief Election Update

Department President, William J. Scolza has advised that a special department meeting has been scheduled for April 14, 2016 at Station #3 at 7:00 p.m. for the election of a second assistant chief.

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

William S. Badura
Attorney, Monroe Joint Fire District