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Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of February 27, 2020

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 27th day of February, 2020.

Present: Thomas Sullivan	Commissioner
Jason Kalter	Commissioner
John Centofanti	Commissioner
Pat Patterson	Commissioner
Thomas Lowe	Commissioner
Richard Goldstein	Treasurer
Mary Ellen F. beams	Secretary
William Badura	District Attorney

Commissioner Sullivan called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

Resolution to Pay Bills

On a motion by Commissioner Lowe seconded by Commissioner Patterson, the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Lowe, Patterson, Sullivan, Kalter, Centofanti
Nays 0

Approval to pay the bills presented to the Commissioners.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson seconded by Commissioner Kalter, the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval of the minutes of the January 23,2020 of the Monroe Joint Fire District meeting.

Announcements

Commissioner Sullivan announced Karl Martin a 50-year member of Mombasha Fire Company passed away. Services will be held at Smith Seaman & Quackenbush Funeral Home on this Saturday from 11:00am-1:00pm. Firematic Service will follow with the funeral procession going by St.1 for last Call then on to the Monroe Cemetery for burial services. A repass will be held at St.1 following services. Commissioner Sullivan asked that all fireman come and pay their respects.

Department Physicals will be held in March 25th, 26th, and 28th. Core 4 course have been given with 1 more class to be offered.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Goldstein reported that he received a check from Woodbury Tax Collector in the amount of \$63,511.97. He also received a check from the Town of Monroe in the amount of \$2,093,961.00. The rent check from Harriman Engine Co.1 for rental space in St2 was received in the amount of \$2,500.00. a principal payment on the bond is due March 15th in the amount of \$195,000.00with \$64,471.88 being interest. The AUD is 99% done ha few columns are out of balance, they will be

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straightened out and the AUD will be filed on time. Any bills from 2019 that are now received will go into 2020. He informed the Commissioners he is working on setting up the 2019 audit.

Treasurers Report Approval

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval of February 2020 Treasurer's Report.

Chief's Report

Chief Scherne reported there have been 93 calls so far this year.

Chief Scherne submitted a list of 10 members for department uniforms this went by seniority, amount of functions and calls attended. Commissioner Sullivan informed the Chief that there are uniforms in the record room that can be used. Chief Scherne stated that there is money in the budget for the 10 uniforms so he would like to get these members outfitted first then he will have the additional uniforms looked into.

Secretary Beams asked if each station can email her a complete list of who has uniforms and what they have so the district has an inventory list of the uniforms also. She recommended that a copy of what each member has goes into their personnel file.

2020 Surplus List for Station #1.

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter seconded by Commissioner Centofanti, the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for to surplus the following items from St.#1:

Globe firefighting jackets: #3387716/2007, #3566221/2008, 1 jacket no serial # or date

Globe firefighting pants: #3786369/2009, #3487807/2007, #4383438/2012 (condemned), #4137081/2010 (condemned), 1 pants no serial # or date

Scott bottle: #41286 (expired), #41311 (expired), #41268 (expired), #55538 (condemned), 2 bottles #spray painted (expired)

Yellow Combustible Cabinet- Doesn't fit any gasoline and is not needed. (Old one that Tim Carr purchased)

White Hose: 2 50'-1 3/4 white hose contaminated with oil.

Chief Scherne reported that there was an issue at a fire on Seven Springs Rd with Kiryas Joel Fire Dept. and Kiryas Joel EMS. I have submitted a letter for review by Attorney Badura for his legal opinion. Attorney Badura will write a letter to the following: Commissioner of Fire Services Brendan Casey, Deputy Commissioner of Fire Services Vini Tankasali, John Skelly Orange County Car#15, Kiryas Joel Fire Dept., Kiryas Joel EMS. Once reviewed by Chief Scherne the secretary will mail them out.

Chief Scherne reported that the rigs are getting close to delivery and he recommends drivers should be first to train and as soon as possible.

Radio installs are coming with St#3 tomorrow and the other stations to follow.

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New Member Station #2

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Sullivan, Centofanti, Kalter, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Andres Rodriguez to become an active member of Station #2.

New Member Station #3

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Nicole Duchene to become an active member of Station #3.

New Member Station #3

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Patterson, Sullivan, Centofanti, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Aidan Brown to become a minor member of Station #3.

New Member Station #3

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Colin Brown to become a minor active member of Station #3.

New Member Station #3

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Sullivan, Centofanti, Kalter, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Jason Rumey to become an active member of Station #3.

Chief's Report Approval

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Lowe the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Lowe, Sullivan, Kalter, Centofanti
Nays 0

Motion to accept the February 2020 Chief's Report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Badura reported that he looked over the change order for the two rigs and everything is fine.

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Change Order #10 Spartan Motors USA Inc Truck 218250-2

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Patterson, Lowe

Nays 0

Approval for Chairman Sullivan to sign the Change Order #10 Spartan Motors USA Inc Truck 218250-2 changes resulting from final inspection. The contract price will change by this amount \$3,718.19.

The Commissioners thanked Jim Ebner, John Centofanti and Jon Dolch for going over the two rigs with a 3-day rigorous inspection.

Public Safety Emergency Radio Communications System Interoperability Agreement

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Lowe the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Lowe, Sullivan, Kalter, Centofanti

Nays 0

Approval of the Public Safety Emergency Radio Communications System Interoperability Agreement with Orange County Department of Emergency Services subject to language added in on page 9 by attorney Badura in regards to the whole harmless agreement.

Participation by the Monroe Joint Fire District in the Orange County Mutual Aid Plan

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Patterson the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Sullivan, Patterson, Kalter, Centofanti, Lowe

Nays 0

Approval of the Form of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Orange County Fire Mutual Aid Plan

Resolution by Municipality or Fire District Having Jurisdiction

Chairman Thomas Sullivan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolved, that Monroe Joint Fire District approves the participation by the Monroe Joint Fire District in the Orange County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as now in effect and as amended from time to time (“Plan”); and, be it further

Resolved, that Monroe Joint Fire District acknowledges and accepts its financial responsibility) for such participation pursuant to general Municipal Law Section 209(2) – (4); and, be it further

Resolved, that Monroe Joint Fire District agrees to comply with all the provisions of this Plan and will respond to all calls for assistance from another fire company or fire department through the County Division of Emergency Communications; and, be it further

Resolved, that Monroe Joint Fire District, to the best of its knowledge, knows of no resolution or agreement against “outside service” by Monroe fire company or fire department that would affect the power of such company or department to participate in the Plan except; Monroe Joint Fire District; and, be it further

Resolved, that Chairman of Monroe Joint Fire District is hereby authorized to sign the Plan; and, be it further

Resolved, that Monroe Joint Fire District will deliver to the County of Orange Fire Coordinator, an executed copy of the Plan and a certified copy of this Resolution upon adoption.

Commissioner Patterson seconded this resolution.

Voted: In Favor 5 Commissioners Opposed 0 Abstained 0

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Attorneys Report

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe
Nays 0

Motion to accept the February 2020 Attorney's Report.

Annual Inspection Dinner Contract

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Sullivan, Kalter, Centofanti, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Chairman Sullivan to sign the contract with Falkirk Estate Country Club for the Annual Inspection Dinner to be held on Saturday April 18th with a cost of \$132.00 per person.

DJ G Rock Contract

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for Chairman Sullivan to sign the contract with DJ G-Rock for DJ services for 5 hours at the Annual Inspection Dinner on April 18, 2020 cost associated with this contract is \$875.00.

LED Lights Annual Dinner

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval of the purchase of led lights as a favor for the Annual Inspection Dinner cost associated with this purchase is \$529.00.

The Commissioners discussed the issue of how a member is eligible to be invited to the dinner, by being an active member or having to make their LOSAP points.

Members Eligibility for Attending the Annual Inspection Dinner

On a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Kalter the following was Adopted Ayes 4 Commissioners, Sullivan, Kalter, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 1 Commissioner Centofanti

Approval for active members of the Monroe Joint Fire District to be eligible to receive an invitation to the Annual Inspection Dinner.

By-Law Change Article IV Section 2 Minor Members New Subsection P

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval of the by-law change to Article IV Section 2 Minor Members New Subsection P to read as follows:

“Any minor member who becomes suspended from school for any reason Must notify their company president or company captain immediately and is not to respond to any drills/calls/functions, etc. until their suspension has been served in full”.

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Fire Police Correspondence

The Commissioners discussed the letter received by the Fire Police Captain in regards to Fire Polices assistance at community events road closures or after the fire department leaves a scene.

Commissioner Kalter suggested that we add to the agenda a line called Facilities Report instead of calling it St#2 updates.

Facilities Report

Commissioner Kalter reported that St#2 dialer was down last month. Lakeside Electric fixed the flagpole lights the 512-cord reel was repaired. Commissioner Kalter wanted the Commissioners to be aware that the annual service contract agreement for the generator at St#1 is due next January. Commissioner Kalter presented the yearly for HVAC System Schedules Service Agreement for discussion.

Trane HVAC System Agreement for St.#2

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Centofanti, Sullivan, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval for the Chairman Sullivan to sign the HVAC Agreement with Trane for St. #2 with a 3% discount if we pay ahead. Treasurer Goldstein will do a PO in the amount of \$12,563.44 which reflects 3% discount.

Commissioner Kalter reported the Trane found 1 of the co detectors within the fire system has reached its life expectancy. The parts and labor are \$680.00 and can be piggybacked on to the next mechanical visit.

CO Sensor Replacement in St.#2

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval to purchase 1 co sensor for the fire system in St2, to be installed by Trane at the cost of \$680.00.

Commissioner Kalter discussed with the Commissioners the situation with air pumping into the kitchen but not being circulated. Trane is looking into this problem for a remedy.

LOSAP

Commissioner Patterson reported that a lot of problems arose this year with the reporting of LOSAP Secretary Beams has corrected many of the problems of inputting that was done by the Stations. Members can still put in an appeal until March 20th . The next meeting the Commissioners will sign the documents for the 2019 LOSAP. Commissioner Patterson Kalter and Secretary Beams are working on procedural changes for the LOSAP Plan to be presented to the Commissioners for approval for a future date.

Truck Committee Update

Jim Ebner thanked John Centofanti and Jon Dolch for going to South Dakota with him to inspect the two rescue pumpers. He suggests future truck committees not to schedule visits in the winter. They spent 2 days going over the rigs and found 1 rig had 47 items that needed attention and the other had 50 items. The change order had 15 items which 3 of them had prices attached to them. We did get a credit back for hose we ordered.

It will be leaving the factory some time next week to go to Campbell in Montgomery. We should see them sometime in mid-April.

Rescue Committee

Nick Gordon reported that a meeting was scheduled but they were not able to meet. In regards to the Mini Pumper a demo from HME came down and the committee is working on it.

Commissioner Centofanti discussed with the Commissioners the need for the magna grip exhaust to be installed in the bay area of St#1A. This has not been budgeted for and would cost \$23,260.00 which includes the short side. The Commissioners discussed going out to a permissive referendum for this.

Permissive Referendum for \$25,000.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Kalter, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Kalter, Sullivan, Centofanti, Patterson, Lowe
Nays 0

Approval to go out for a permissive referendum for the following:

RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Fire District be authorized to withdraw the sum of up to TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS from the Capital Project Reserve Fund heretofore established for capital improvements, for the purchase of a vehicle exhaust removal system for Mombasha Fire Company Station 1A.

Adoption of this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, unless there shall be filed in the interim with the Fire District Secretary a petition signed and acknowledged or approved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded by resident taxpayers of the Monroe Joint Fire District owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-quarter of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property of the Fire District, as such valuations appear on the latest completed assessment rolls of the Towns of Monroe and Woodbury, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their approval.

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Public Comment:

No public comment at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session at this time.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Centofanti the following was Adopted Ayes 5 Commissioners, Patterson, Centofanti, Sullivan, Kalter, Lowe

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Nays 0

Motion to Adjourn the Monroe Joint Fire District Meeting of November 21, 2019 at 9:10pm.

Mary Ellen F. Beams

Secretary, Monroe Joint Fire District