

ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS
OF
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

August 26, 2014

The meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, New York, was held on August 26, 2014, at Salisbury Mills.

President Bill Schultz led the Salute to the flag and opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

Roll call showed President Schultz and the secretary in attendance. Vice President Chuck Dieckmann and Treasurer Bruce Guttenplan were excused.

Roll call showed 12 Districts in attendance: Chester, Circleville, Coldenham, Cronomer Valley, Goodwill, Goshen, Maybrook, Middlehope, Orange Lake, Salisbury Mills, South Blooming Grove and Washingtonville.

Guest: Matt Thorpe from the Orange County Coordinators Office gave a very informative report.

He spoke of the PESH Seminar he attended sponsored by the Dept of Labor. There was a general discussion on Worker Compensation. Districts were advised that a free consultation is available to all districts.

There was a discussion on the 10 year rule for personal protection gear. Because this is a complicated topic I am referring to Fire District Affairs bulletin June 2014-July 2014.

This bulletin has a concise guide on rules for replacement of pep.

The Firefighter 1 classes will increase to 104 hours starting in January.
The burn building is up and running. The ribbon cutting was on 8/11/14.
At a cost of \$1.6 million it is state of the art.
Facilities are 1710 square feet on 3 stories.
There will also be 2 county inspectors at drills.

Secretary Report:

On a motion by Chester, seconded by Maybrook the Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer Report:

Balance on hand June 24, 2014	\$17,457.26
Deposits	
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Disbursements:	
363 Linda Miller	\$113.60
361 Howells FD	\$ 25.00
	(\$138.60)
Balance on Hand August 26, 2014	\$17,318.66

On a motion by Chester seconded by Chester the Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Officer's Reports:

President Schultz stated the update on the website would be completed this month.

There were no reports from the Vice-president or Directors.

Fire Coordinator's report:

Matt Thorpe from the coordinator's office covered this report with his presentation.

By-law Committee: none

NFPA#1500:

Don Green advised that he will try to get Bill Young as a guest for our meeting in October.

There is a conflict of interest where firefighters participate in LOSAP and State Retirement programs. They will not get credit for the call if they are responding from work and get paid for time while at call.

Districts can now check sex offender status as well as Arson checks.

Nominating Committee: none

Communications: none

Bills:

Linda Miller \$100.00

Salisbury Mills \$25.00

On a motion by Cronomer Valley seconded by Coldenham bills were approved for payment.

Old Business: None

New Business:

There was discussion on the 10 year rule for gear. NFPA is considering having a second set of personal protective gear for each firefighter.

Maybrook is looking into the liability for fire districts regarding trainers for the CDL training programs. One option is to take advantage of BOCES training.

There also was discussion on the closure of interstate 84 during emergency situations. Cronomer Valley discussed billing from insurance companies.

Anita Grecco advised the commissioners of a program on the replacement of exterior lights by Central Hudson with Lifetime lights that will greatly reduce energy costs.

There will not be a Legislative breakfast this year. The next one will be in 2015.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting will be held in Monroe on October 28, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Guest Speaker:
Greg Townsend

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this meeting, on a motion by Washingtonville, seconded by Circleville, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Miller
Secretary