#### ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS

OF

#### **ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

#### October 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, NY was held on October 23, 2018, at the Monroe Fire Department. President Al Turi opened the meeting with the salute to the flag at 8:00PM. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen brothers.

Roll call showed President Al Turi, Treasurer Bruce Guttenplan, Secretary MaryAnn Fogg, and Director Ray Ostraski in attendance. Roll call showed 13 Districts in attendance: Bullville, Chester, Coldenham, Cronomer Valley, Fort Montgomery, Goshen, Maybrook, Middle Hope, Montgomery, Monroe, Salisbury Mills, South Blooming Grove, and Washingtonville.

# Guest Speaker: Attorney William Badura from the firm: Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone

Attorney William Badura spoke on the new cancer bill and new legislation regarding sexual harassment. The new cancer bill will become effective January 1, 2019. Discussion followed regarding who is covered and how the districts need to go about listing covered members with insurance companies. The new legislation regarding Sexual Harassment states it is the employer's (districts) responsibility to ensure there is a sexual harassment prevention policy in effect and that all members are trained to standards by October 9, 2018. A discussion followed.

# Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting were read for approval. A motion made by Salisbury Mills, seconded by Chester was carried to accept the August 28, 2018 minutes as read.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand: August 28, 2018

\$18,326.05

Deposits:

Dues

**Total Deposits** 

\$ .00

Disbursements

436 MaryAnn Fogg

100.00

437 Goshen Fire Dept

100.00

**Total Disbursements** 

\$ 200.00

Balance on hand: October 23, 2018

\$18,126.05

A motion made by Chester, seconded by Maybrook was carried to accept the treasurer's report as read. A copy of this report has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

## Officers' Reports:

President's Report: President Al Turi reported on the state convention in Saratoga Springs, NY. The discussions included the new cancer bill and sexual harassment legislation. President Turi reported that quite a few companies from Orange County attended the convention. President Turi reported an invitation was received from the Association of Fire Districts of Westchester County to attend their annual installation dinner scheduled for November 3, 2018. The invitation was declined with well wishes for the new year.

Vice President's Report: No report

**Director's Report:** At this point there are no nominees for the office or president or vice president for 2019.

#### **County Report:**

Vini Tankasali reported for the county. Discussion included an update on addressing the issues surrounding volunteerism, an update on the radio systems and cell towers, and an update on the new mutual aid plan. He also stated that the recruitment budget for 2018 has already been earmarked and spent.

#### **Committee Reports**

By-Law Committee: No report

Nominations Committee: No report

Communications: None

### **State Report:**

Don Greene reported for the state association. He spoke about changes in policies by the Department of Financial Services. One of the changes discussed affected insurance coverage of fire department ladies' auxiliaries. There was also a discussion regarding ways to increase recruitment.

Old business: None

**New Business:** Meeting schedule for 2019 – February-South Blooming Grove, April-Salisbury Mills, June-Howells, August-Goshen, October-Monroe, December-Cronomer Valley.

Bills:

Monroe Fire Department

\$100.00

MaryAnn Fogg

100.00

A motion made by Cronomer Valley, seconded by Chester was carried to pay the bills

The next regular meeting is to be held on December 4, 2018, at Cronomer Valley Fire Department. There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion made by Cronomer Valley at 9:25PM, seconded by Chester was carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Hornstogg

MaryAnn Fogg

Secretary