

ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS
OF
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

February 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, NY was held on February 25, 2020, at South Blooming Grove Fire Department. President Bruce Guttenplan opened the meeting with the salute to the flag at 7:55PM. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen brothers and all who were in need of thoughts and prayers

Roll call showed President & Treasurer Bruce Guttenplan, Vice President Matthew Thorp, Secretary MaryAnn Fogg, and Directors Terry McBride and John Nokland in attendance. Roll call showed 13 Districts in attendance: Bullville, Chester, Coldenham, Cronomer Valley, Goshen, Greenwood Lake, Hamptonburgh, Maybrook, Montgomery, Monroe, Salisbury Mills, South Blooming Grove, and Washingtonville

Guest Speaker: Michael G. Gormley, RN, a licensed clinical manager from Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health. Mr. Gormley's presentation was about cancer issues in the fire service. His presentation went over the differences in building materials and consumer goods today as compared to 20 years ago and the difference in the chemicals that are omitted when items burn today. Everyone in the fire service needs to be aware of these differences and develop practices and procedures to protect themselves from coming in contact with these carcinogens. There was a sample of some of the new items that are available today to help set up these practices.

Secretary's Report:

The December 3, 2019, minutes were read for approval. A motion was made by Coldenham, seconded by Chester the minutes be accepted as read. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand: December 2, 2019 \$18,234.87

Deposits: Dinner Receipts	\$ 180.00
3 deposits for dues totaling	2,200.00
Total Deposits	\$2,380.00

Disbursements	461 MaryAnn Fogg	\$100.00
	462 Cronomer Valley Fire Dept	100.00
Total Disbursements		\$ 200.00

Balance on hand: February 25, 2020 \$20,414.87

A motion was made by Chester, seconded by Monroe the treasurer's report be accepted as read. All were in favor and the motion was carried. A copy of this report has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: President Guttenplan read a letter from the IRS dated January 15, 2020 stating they are in receipt of our correspondence regarding the penalty we were charged and that they are working on our account and need another 60 days to complete the response.

He also stated that we are still in need of a Treasurer for the Association.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Thorp reminded everyone who has been newly elected or re-elected commissioner for their fire districts that they need to attend the commissioner's training session.

Director's Report: No report

County Report: Vini Tankasali reported for the county

The radio project is ongoing with approximately one half of the departments switched over. Feed back has been that the systems works well so far. There is paging off of eight towers now.

Packets with the new mutual aid plan were handed out to the districts in attendance. The packets need to be reviewed and contracts signed and returned.

Committee Reports:

By-Law Committee: No report

Nominations Committee: No report

Communications: Letter from IRS regarding the penalty stating they needed a 60-day extension to rectify.

State Report: Don Greene reported for the state association

- The Commissioners Training session will be held at Cronomer Valley Fire Department on Tuesday March 3rd.
- The need for all districts to adopt a Fund Balance Policy by March 1, 2020. A discussion followed about the policy

Old business: President Guttenplan presented past president Al Turi with his association past president plaque and pin.

The August 2020 association meeting was changed from Goshen Fire Department, who was not present at the last meeting, to Slate Hill Fire Department

New Business:

- President Guttenplan asked for volunteers for the office of Treasurer. A motion was made by Goshen, sectioned by Monroe to have Secretary Mary Ann Fogg also act as Treasurer. Secretary Fogg accepted the office

Bills:

South Blooming Grove Fire Department	\$100.00
MaryAnn Fogg	250.30
Robert Quackenbush	272.55

A motion was made by Goshen, seconded by Coldenham to pay the bills. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting is to be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Washingtonville Fire Department.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion made by Chester, seconded by Washingtonville at 9:10PM was carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Fogg

Secretary