

ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS OF ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK P.O. BOX 11182 NEWBURGH, NEW YORK 12552

February 26, 2013

The meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, New York, was held on Feb. 26, 2013, at Coldenham Fire House. President Bill Schultz led the salute to the flag and opened the meeting.

Roll call of officers: Officers were present.

Roll call of Districts: Fourteen districts were in attendance: Bullville, Chester, Coldenham, Cronomer Valley, Goodwill, Goshen, Howells, Maybrook, Middle Hope, Orange Lake, Pine Bush, Quassaic Bridge, Salisbury Mills, and South Blooming Grove.

There were no guests.

Secretary's Report:

A motion by So. Blooming Grove , seconded by Maybrook, carried to accept the December, 2012 minutes without change. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Guttenplan reported the following:

December 4, 2012 Balance on hand

\$15,659.62 \$3500.00

Deposits

Disbursements

#339

Colleen Schneider

\$175.00

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Balance on hand

February 26, 2013

\$18,984.82

South Blooming Grove moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Maybook. Motion carried.

Officers' Report:

The slate of officers: President-Bill Schultz

Vice President: Chuck Deekman, Jr. Director (3 yrs): Tom Pacenza

Director (2 yrs): Les Denisar Director (1 yr): Bill Murray

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Linda Miller(Appointed) Bruce Guttenplan (Appointed)

On a motion by Lou Ingrassia and a second by Matt Thorpe the Secretary casts one ballot to accept the slate. Motion carried.

President Schultz welcomed all to the meeting. The Rockland Cty Installation Dinner is 3/23/13. Vice Pesident: no report

Directors: No report

Fire Coordinator's Report:

Matt Thorpe reported on Mutual Aid plan that is out for review to Fire companies and Commissioners. Text message training is completed. Also reported that fire reports need to be completed and backup to 911 center is set up at Chester.

NFPA Committee:

Don Green reported on various items of legislation being considered; Tax break for IDA, state exemption for LOSAP payments from State taxes, raise the limit to \$200,000.00 on low interest loans.

Anyone wishing to vote at the Annual meeting can attend at no charge. He also advised that fire districts can write letters to local senators on legislative issues that affect the fire service.

Legislative committee discussed a face to face meeting with legislators to discuss major issues districts are facing. Don Green, President Bill Schultz and So. Blooming Grove will represent.

Communications: none

Bills: Payment to Coldenham, secretary. Cronomer Valley moved to pay, seconded by Salisbury Mills. Motion carried.

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: On a motion by Don Green, seconded by So Blooming Grove that the Association look into a Tax exempt number and info on 501-3C and 990, for IRS reporting.

Anita Grecco advised the districts on the amount of money paid by the County for elections held at the firehouses. Districts may also consider getting certification of insurance.

On a motion by Maybrook, seconded by Howells the Legislative breakfast will be held on September 22, 2013. Motion carried.

On a motion by So. Blooming Grove seconded Maybrook, the Annual Dinner will be held on May 3, 2013 at Spruce Lodge at 7:00 pm. The cost per ticket is \$35.00. Motion carried.

Goshen discussed concerns about additional insurance for injured firefighters. Worker Comp only paying \$400.00 a week. Company carries additional rider to cover the extra payment to it's firefighters.

Next meeting will be held at Maybrook Fire House on April 23, 2013.

On a motion from So. Blooming Grovretary and second from Chester the meeting was adjoined. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Linda R. Miller, Sec