

**ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS  
OF  
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**December 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County, NY was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Cronomer Valley Fire Department, Newburgh, NY. President Matthew Thorp opened the meeting with the salute to the flag at 7:35PM. A moment of silence was observed for our fallen brothers, keeping in mind the families of Frank Galli and Al Crudele.

Roll call showed President Thorp, Vice President Sullivan, Director Corkery, Director McBride, Secretary Fogg, and Treasurer Guttenplan in attendance. Roll call showed 12 Districts in attendance: Bullville, Coldenham, Cronomer Valley, Goodwill, Hamptonburgh, Howells, Maybrook, Middlehope, Montgomery, Monroe, Orange Lake, and Salisbury Mills.

**Guest Speaker:** There was no guest speaker.

**Secretary's Report:**

The minutes from the October 22, 2023, were approved with a motion by Hamptonburgh and seconded by Middlehope. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Communications – None**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report as of December 5, 2023

Balance on hand: October 24, 2023 \$25,184.09

DEPOSITS: None

DISBURSEMENTS:	#513 MaryAnn Fogg	\$100.00
	#514 Monroe Joint FD	<u>150.00</u>
	Total Disbursements	\$250.00

BALANCE ON HAND: December 5, 2023 \$24,934.09

A motion was made by Hamptonburgh, seconded by Coldenham, the treasurer's report be accepted as read. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report:** No Report.

**Vice President's Report:** No report

President Thorpe and Vice President Sullivan wished everyone and Happy Holiday and Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Director's Report:** No report

**Fire Coordinator's Report:** President Thorpe reported for the fire coordinator regarding the draft from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The draft proposes regulations establishing a new stipend for volunteer

firefighters. This stipend is to help with recruitment and retention of volunteers. The Department of Homeland Security is looking for public comments regarding this proposal.

A discussion followed.

### **Committee Reports:**

By Law Committee: - No report

Nominating Committee: No report

**State Report:** No report.

### **Unfinished business:**

**Legislators Breakfast:** The association will begin planning a Legislators' Breakfast for September 2024.

### **Tax Break for volunteer firefighters:**

The State and School Districts 2% Tax Break for volunteer Firefighters was brought up. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Coldenham, seconded by Montgomery, the Association support this proposal. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **New Business:** Meeting Schedule for 2024

February 27, 2024	Middle Hope Fire District
April 23, 2024	Montgomery Fire District

June 25, 2024	Howells Fire District
August 27, 2024	Monroe Joint Fire District
October 22, 2024	Salisbury Mills Fire District
December 3, 2024	Cronomer Valley Fire District

**Bills:**

MaryAnn Fogg	\$168.28
Cronomer Valley Fire Department	150.00

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

The next regular meeting is to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Middlehope Fire Department.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion made by Hamptonburgh, seconded by Orange Lake was carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Fogg

Secretary

