



**Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association
Board of Directors Zoom/Teleconference Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 1904 hours by President Mike Lapinski.

Board members present were President Mike Lapinski, Jr. Past President Royer Pfersick, Directors Chris Dunn, Larry Ritz, Michael Marlowe, Secretary Diana Pfersick, Treasurer Jim Princehorn.

Excused: David Coon, Dale Nesbitt

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Lapinski.

An opening prayer was offered by Royer Pfersick.

A motion was made by Larry Ritz, seconded by Chris Dunn, and carried to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting.

Communications/Secretary Report: Secretary Pfersick reported an email received included a FASNY dues notice from Larry Ritz. She has sent a check request with a copy of the email to the Treasurer for payment.

Treasurer's Report: The report was emailed. A motion was made by Larry Ritz, seconded by Michael Marlowe, and carried to acknowledge the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports: Only Committees with reports are listed

Membership: Diana Pfersick reported dues notices will go out in December. Chris Dunn suggested waiting until mid-December. He requested the dues notice letter be sent to the Board for review/approval before sending out. Sponsorships will be checked to see if still willing to participate.

Discussion ensued on open positions on the Board. Mike Lapinski noted there are people interested. Resumes will be requested and they will be invited to meeting of the Board.

FASNY: Diana Pfersick noted there is nothing pertinent to this Board. Chris Dunn queried if FASNY offers Life Membership. She will check.

Western NYVFA: Mike Lapinski reported they are having issues with their solicitor.

Fire Advisory Board: Jim Princehorn brought up that Larry Ritz is still listed as alternate representing MCVFA. Clay Andreas is assuming this position. The secretary will notify Steve Schallabba.

EMS Advisory Board: Diana Pfersick reported there is nothing pertinent to this Board at this time.

Firefighter's Home: Mike Lapinski reported they are meeting on the 5th of December. Two new residents have been voted in for total of 83. 16 are waiting on paperwork.

Old Business: Chris Dunn brought up a number of issues. The annual Report of Finances was not done at the annual meeting. He suggested it be reviewed at the January Board meeting and presented at the next general meeting. He noted that the Annual meeting needs the agenda modified and not have a topic. Committees need to be identified. Chris suggested adding a meeting committee and a

transportation committee. He is looking for final approved copies of minutes. Chris queried how many general meetings will be in 2025. After discussion it was decided there will be 4. Dates of meetings will be sent out in near future for review so they can be added to membership cards. Jim Princehorn added that banquets need to be considered when setting dates. Chris suggested that departments be sent membership certificates that they can post. Additional discussions ensued on the following: All agendas for Board meetings should be streamlined for pertinent action items only. Need a full nomination committee and need to recruit officers. A procedure for the Holiday party; maybe consider a daytime date so those who can't drive at night can attend.

New Business: Mike Lapinski noted that a contact with the Buffalo Bills has offered 4 tickets to a Bills Game that we can raffle off. Date not able to be set yet until the team does its game planning for 2025. If we can get 50 people, can get Amerks tickets at \$5.00 apiece. Lowes and Home Depot have been approached about donating smoker/cooker for a raffle. Red Wings willing to do special pricing. Mike also noted that he is checking with vendor contact from Bonnie Sweet regarding shirts for MCVFA.

Bills: Bills presented: \$400.00 to Paris and Brassie for tax preparation; \$12.43 twice for 2 50-year certificates; \$15.00 to FASNY for Past President Larry Ritz dues for 2025. A motion was made by Royer Pfersick, seconded by Larry Ritz and carried to pay the bills.

A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Royer Pfersick.

A motion was made by Chris Dunn, seconded by Larry Ritz, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2043.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Pfersick
Secretary