

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025**

Meeting called to order by Chair. Cole at 7:00 PM.

Commissions present were Chair. Cole and Comms. Jackson, Lockwood and Kolesar. Others present were Sec. Snyder, AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy and Chiefs Gilleo and Obrien.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Chief Gilleo.

MM Comm. Jackson MS Comm. Kolesar to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated by the Secretary. MC.

Hearing Of the Public – Nothing to report

Communications that were received for the month were read and a list of these communications will be placed on file. County EAP contract was discussed.

Bills For The Month – MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Jackson to pay the bills listed on Abstract 08-25 Claim #s 182 thru 205 as submitted by Treas. Green. MC.

Treasurer's Report – AOM Gilbert submitted the Treasurer's Report and a copy is placed on file. Attached to the Treasurer's Report were Bank Balances and Bank Interest by fund, Balance Sheet, and Profit & Loss Sheet. Proposed 2026 Annual Budget (\$871,496.77) was also submitted by AOM Gilbert. MM Comm. Jackson MS Comm. Lockwood to accept the proposed 2026 Annual Budget (\$871,496.77). MC. Discussion was held on the recent audit performed by the NYS Comptroller's Office. MM Comm. Lockwood MS Kolesar to accept the Treas. Rept. 0825 as submitted by the Treasurer. MC.

Chiefs Report – Asst. Chief Gilleo submitted the Chief's Report and a copy is placed on file. He went over the Report in its entirety. Brief discussions were held on the need for additional Fire Prevention materials and Croton's request for the use our UTV in October. Chief Obrien reported that the saw on Eng. 122 is out of service and the loss of a 50' length of hose.

Committees :

Fire Advisory – Nothing to report.

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Chair. Cole reported that battery switch on Res. 51 was replaced and front springs on Eng. 123 were replaced.

Equipment Purchase – Nothing to report.

Communications – Chair. Jackson thanked Chief Obrien for his help and work on the Radio System. He also reported that West. County is coming in to redo all the trunking radios – also Ops 1 is working well – back up batteries were received – encoder in radio room is working. Discussion was held on the status FCC radio license.

Cell Phone Communications – Progress reported by Chair. Kolesar.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy reported on the need for contract with Dr. Raj to perform our physicals. Discussion followed

Insurance – Problems with new Insurance Broker (Marshall & Sterling) were discussed.

Health And Safety – See Unfinished Business for update.

SOGS / Policies – Nothing to report.

Web Site – Comm. Jackson and AOM Scott Gilbert are winding the clock in this area.

Physical Exams – MM Comm. Jackson MS Comm. Kolesar to schedule the physical exams in November on the advice Chief Gilleo. MC.

Hydrant – Brief discussion on MID’s operation led by Comm. Lockwood.

Building – Comm. Jackson reported that CEC will be starting exterior type work on the building.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – After lengthy discussions, MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to withdraw \$167,000.00 from First Security Benefit Life and transfer \$150,000.00 into Nationwide Annuity and place \$17,000.00 into bank account account to cover shortage. MC. and all associated documentation to be filed. MC. MM Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Kolesar to place Jaclyn Gallagher on the Act. List. MC. MM Comm. Kolesar MM Comm. Lockwood to remove Amanda Wessels from the Act. List. MC. MM. Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Jackson permission be granted for Croton EMS to use our UTV for the “Harry Chapin Run” on Oct. 19, 2025. MC. After some discussion, MM Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Jackson to purchase three (3) Stihl PPE Kits for Wildland Firefighting (\$187.99 per kit). MC. MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to purchase supplies needed for upcoming Fire Prevention Programs. MC.

New Business – MM Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Kolesar to reschedule the Oct. Reg. Meeting from Oct. 16th to Oct. 23rd. MC. MM Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Kolesar to hold the Annual Budget Hearing on October 21 at 7:00 PM. MC. **MM Comm. Lockwood MS Comm. Jackson that the purchase of our new apparatus be made in**

the honor of F.F. Chuck McGuire, who has been taken seriously ill. MC. Chair. Cole went over a list of streets in the District that should be be looked at before building a new pumper. Discussion followed.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to go into Executive Session. MC (7:58 PM). Lengthy discussion was held on pending legal issues. MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Lockwood to end Executive Session. MC (8:30 PM).

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. MS Comm. Jackson to adjourn the meeting in honor of F.F. Chuck McGuire. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Snyder
Sec Board of Fire Commissioners - MFD