

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District  
Thursday, Apr 22, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Chair. Lockwood at 6:00 PM.

Commissions present were Chair. Lockwood and Comm. Kolesar, Cole, Jackson and Kelly. Others present were AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy, Treas. Green, Sec Snyder (via phone) and Chiefs Gilleo and O'Brien.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Ex-Chief Gilleo.

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

Hearing Of the Public – Nothing to report.

Commissioner Jackson presented probationary FF Mike Maldando with badge number 459.

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

Bills For The Month – MM Comm. Cole MS Comm. Jackson to pay the bills listed on Abstract 03-26 Claim #s 38 thru 75 as submitted by Treas. Green. MC.

Treasurer's Report – Treas. Green 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. MM Comm. Kelly MS Comm. Kolesar to approve Treas. Report DTR 03-26. MC.

Chiefs Report – Chief Gilleo submitted the Chiefs Report and a copy is placed on file. Chief Gilleo went over his report in its entirety. Chief Gilleo reported that he met with both Buchanan FD and Verplanck FD and that moving forward both departments will respond on initial dispatch for any reported structure fire. Commissioner Kolesar as if we were going to limit this to only FF's on the mutual aid apparatus, Chief Gilleo reported back that this was discussed and decided that members from outside of the department can respond in their personal vehicle.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Comm. Jackson reported that they are looking into the leak on E-122. Comm. Kelly reported that the lights for the water gauge on 122 is not working, after discussion will send to HVFE to have both items looked at.

Equipment Purchase – Nothing to report.

Communications – Comm. Jackson reported that he met with Mike Volk about the tower on Montrose Station Road and it progress is being made on a start date. AC Obrien reported that during the meeting with Buchanan FD and Verplanck FD they talked about having a Tri-village tone out rather than tone each department separately for structure fires after discussion MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to approve this MC.

Cell Phone Communications – Comm. Kolesar reported that he removed Ex Chief Klye Hanney's phone from our account.

Office Operations – AOM Gilbert reported on the computers for the district and that we have received 2 new ones and the others are getting updated etc. by Charlie.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy requested an executive session to discuss an update on the lease with Cortlandt Engine and a personnel issue.

Insurance – AOM Gilbert reported to the board that our insurance policies are in the process of being updated.

Health And Safety – Comm Jackson reported that several members are participating in the Incident Safety Officer class being held at the Firehouse. Comm Kolesar questioned who put the signs on the gym saying they can not be used during drills, after discussion it appears these have been up.

SOGS / Policies – Discussion held on the bailout SOG revisions, MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Cole to approve the SOG with the corrections MC.

Web Site – AOM Gilbert reported the website is going well and having a positive impact on the community.

Physical Exams – Nothing to report.

Hydrant – Chair Lockwood stated we should have got a contract but have not seen one yet, Treas. Green said he spoke to Jeffery Scott about this and he will work with him to get a contract. After further discussion we will wait until the end of May for a contract as the current contract states.

Building – Nothing to report.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Jackson to purchase the new New York Fire District Officers Guide book for 197.00 MC. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to purchase the following: 30 pairs of structural fire fighting gloves (2,337.00), 10 nomex hoods (1,580.00), 25 pairs of extrication gloves (2,050.00), 15 glove straps (80.25),

6 gemtor harnesses (1,881.00), 10 survivor x lights (1,667.70) and 8 rapid micro 3 stihl chains (327.92) MC. Discussion held fixing the meter on U-68, it will cost about 1,059.00 to repair the one or 1245.00 to replace the unit MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to replace the unit and not repair it MC. Comm. Cole reported that the tool boxes for U-68 came in and will be installed soon. Comm. Cole reported that the repairs to U-68 should be covered under warranty. Comm. Cole reported that some members of the LT8 committee will be heading out to the factory for the pre stages of the build, discussion held on if the board wants full doors or half doors after some thought the board decided to go with the half doors. Comm. Cole brought up about building access during hall rentals in particular access to upstairs and the engine room, after some discussion the board asked that a letter be sent to Cortlandt Engine requesting the approval to add a key fob system to the doors to be paid for by the Board of Fire Commissioners. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Jackson to approve the 2 deputy chiefs requested by Chief Gilleo (Ken Gilleo Sr. and Darrell Marriott) MC. Both Deputy Chiefs were sworn in.

New Business – Chief Gilleo requested the use of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chiefs Vehicle to be used on a rotational basis by the Deputy Chiefs MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Jackson for this to be allowed MC. Comm. Kolesar brought up about getting shorts for the members MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm Kelly to approve this at 12.00 per pair MC. Deputy Chief Gilbert reported on the overnight standby and what members accomplished.

MM Comm Cole, MS Comm. Kelly to go into executive session to discuss the on-going lease negotiations with Cortlandt Engine and a personnel matter regarding the actions of Sal Zito and a personnel matter regarding the actions of Deputy Chief Michael Hanney MC Executive session started at 6:50pm

MM Comm Kelly, MS Comm. Kolesar to go out of executive session at 7:09pm MC.

Based on the discussions from the executive meeting regarding the actions of Deputy Chief Michael Hanney the board informed Chief Gilleo that they were going to vote to remove him as a deputy chief, Chief Gilleo asked for an explanation and was given one by the board after further discussion MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm Kelly to removed Deputy Chief Hanney as a Deputy Chief and to send him a letter regarding this MC. Based on the discussions from the executive meeting MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Kelly to send a suspension letter to FF Zito MC. Chair Lockwood reported that Greg McGuigan has no Fire Police shirts for events, MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm Jackson to purchase him 2 shirts MC. Chair Lockwood requested a meeting be set up on how to pay for the new apparatus sometime in May, a date to be determined.

MM Comm. Kolesar MS Comm. Cole to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Gilbert  
Aom Board of Fire Commissioners  
Montrose Fire District