

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District
Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026**

Meeting called to order by Chair. Lockwood at 7:03 PM.

Commissions present were Chair. Lockwood and Comm. Kolesar, Jackson and Cole.
Others present were AOM Gilbert, Atty. McCarthy, Treas. Green and Chiefs Hanney and O'Brien.

Pledge to the Flag was led by Comm. Cole.

MM Comm. Cole MS Comm. Jackson 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.

Bills For The Month – MM Comm. Jackson MS Comm. Cole to pay the bills listed on Abstract 12-25 Claim #s 281 thru 327 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. Kolesar MS Comm. Cole to approve Treas. Report DTR 12-25. MC. Treas. Green reported that he completed and submitted the AUD, he also reported that the audit will take place the 3rd week of May.

Chiefs Report – Chief Hanney submitted the Chiefs Report and a copy is placed on file. Chief Hanney went over his report in its entirety.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Comm. Cole reported that the battery has been replace in U-63.

Equipment Purchase – Nothing to report.

Communications – Comm. Jackson reported that he found a company to help deal with the requests from the FCC the company is called enterprise and it will cost 400.00 per year for them to handle MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to have enterprise handle MC.

Cell Phone Communications – Comm. Kolesar reported that Sec. Snyder needed a new phone was ordered and delivered. Chair Lockwood asked about one of the charges on the bill Comm. Kolesar said it was taken care of and it will be credited back to the account.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy reported that he is reviewing a social media policy for the district and will bring it up next meeting. Atty. McCarthy also asked that the board go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the lease with Cortlandt engine company.

Insurance – Nothing to report.

Health And Safety – Nothing to report.

SOGS / Policies – Chief Hanney submitted a revision to SOG 23 Emergency Escape and Self Rescue System and SOG Alarm Response for review.

Web Site – AOM Gilbert brought the board up to date with the progress on the new website.

Physical Exams – Chief Hanney reported he reached out to the firefighters who have not completed their physical exams, discussion was held.

Hydrant – Chair Lockwood reported that he has sent photos of hydrants in need of repair to MID however has not heard back he will follow up.

Building – Comm Jackson reported that he was approached by Cortlandt Engine and they are going to be re-doing the upstairs bathrooms, there was a question on what the district can help with there was some thought that they could help with the bathrooms however this will be discussed in executive session.

Policy Review – Comm. Cole looking forward to reviewing the Social Media Policy.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Cole to approve all items requested on the chief's report MC. Comm. Jackson requested 8 sets of AED Pads for adults and children at a cost not to exceed 2,500.00, MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to approve MC. Comm. Jackson reported that he found a company (firehouse grants) to write and follow thru with a grant to assist with the purchase of new air bottles / scba masks ect. there is a 1,000.00 up front cost to start the procedure and a additional 5,000.00 cost if and when the grant is approved, if the grant is denied the company will continue to submit the grant until it is hopefully approved. Discussion held, after discussion MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to approve this subject to the grant being approved. MC. MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm Kolesar to add FF Michael Maldonado to the active list MC. A letter from Cortlandt Engine regarding FF Anthony LaFemina going exempt was read off and no action was taken as the Company controls the Exempt List, we will get clarity on if he is going off the Active List. Comm. Cole reported that Zula electric replaced some lights and they are bigger and better than they were. Discussion held on if the district wanted to attend the NYS Chiefs Show in Syracuse NY, MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Cole to

go and approve up to 12 rooms MC. Discussion held on getting 2 compartments to store all the brush equipment on U-68, after discussion MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Jackson to approve the purchase not to exceed 2,000.00 MC. Chief Hanney reported that Verplanck FD donated 31 lengths of Forestry hose to us. MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to approve the LOSAP funding of 135,100.00 plus 7,145.00 for admin fees MC. Discussion held on FF's Velardo, Pappas and Tucker not following the physical exam policy at this time the board has suspended each FF until they get a physical done MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to approve this MC.

New Business – Comm Cole reported that we have received the quote on the damage to E-123 for 8,494.47 after discussion MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to put this claim thru insurance MC. Comm. Cole reported that R-51 light bar was not included in the light change over it will cost 5,746.89 to replace MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to approve MC. Sec. Snyder requested that we retire the fax machine with honors and set up the fax on the copy machine, he also requested to get new mail slots which we will look into.

MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to enter executive session regarding the lease with Cortlandt Engine Company at 8:23pm MC. Discussion held, after discussion MM Comm Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to come out of executive session at 8:50pm MC

MM Comm. Cole MS Comm. Kolesar to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Gilbert
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