

**Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners Montrose Fire District
Thursday, Mar 19, 2026**

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

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

Hearing Of the Public – Jody Carrol reported that at 3am we only had 1 member present for the alarm. Assistant Chief Gilleo reported to the board that he is meeting with mutual aid departments soon to get a grasp on the manpower issues.

MM Comm. Kelly, MS Comm. Kolesar to enter into executive session to discuss the on-going lease agreement with Cortlandt Engine Company and a personnel issue @7:04 pm MC. During executive session those matters were discussed. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm Jackson to end the executive session at 7:32pm.

MM Comm. Kelly, MS Comm. Kolesar to accept the resignation of Chief Kyle Hanney MC. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Cole to appoint Assistant Chief Gilleo as Chief of the department for the remainder of 2026 MC. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Kelly to appoint 2nd Assistant Chief Obrien as 1st Assistant Chief for the remainder of 2026 MC. After discussion the consensus of the board was to leave the 2nd Assistant Chief slot vacant as of March 19, 2026.

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. Kolesar MS Comm. Jackson to pay the bills listed on Abstract 02-26 Claim #s 24 thru 37 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. Cole MS Comm. Kelly to approve Treas. Report DTR 02-26. 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.

Committees :

Apparatus / Equipment Repairs & Usage – Comm. Cole reported that Engine 123 is in for repairs and that Rescue 51

Equipment Purchase – Nothing to report.

Communications – Comm. Jackson reported that EWS says our frequencies are up to date with the county. Chief Gilleo reported that the county reported that a few of our radios were not programmed however we never got the radios and that in speaking with others this seems to be an issue around the county.

Cell Phone Communications – Nothing to report.

Office Operations – Nothing to report.

Legal – Atty. McCarthy covered under executive session

Insurance – AOM Gilbert reported to the board that Secretary Snyder had been in discussion with hometown about our losap program and recommended we do a workshop to discuss further, consensus of the board was to set up a workshop on April 8th at 6:30pm if the gentleman from hometown is available.

Health And Safety – Nothing to report.

SOGS / Policies – Discussion held on a new social media policy to replace the existing camera/digital imaging use policy. Attny McCarthy has reviewed the policy and has reported to the board that he has reviewed the policy and that it is very straight forward. MM Comm. Kolesar, MS Comm. Cole to adopt the new policy MC. Chief Gilleo re-submitted the bailout SOG with the corrections requested from the board and will be voted on next month.

Web Site – Nothing to report.

Physical Exams – Chief Gilleo reported that 4 new members will be going to continental village to get their physical done with TEK.

Hydrant – Nothing to report.

Building – Nothing to report.

Policy Review – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business – MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kelly to approve all items requested on the chief's report MC. MM Comm. Cole, MS Comm. Kolesar to remove Thomas Calandro Sr from the active list MC. MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm. Kolesar to

add Austin Grant, Matthew Lennox, Krzysztof Sanek and William Magliano to the active list MC. Comm. Cole discussed the tool boxes for U-68, after discussion MM Comm. Jackson, MS Comm Kelly to purchase 2 tool boxes for the apparatus at 717.99 per box MC. Comm. Cole questioned if there were plans made to go to the NYSAFC show this year, after discussion Comm. Kolesar will contact NYSAFC and see if we can get in one of the hotels up there. Comm. Cole informed the board he is still awaiting on Zulla Electric for the cage lights. Comm Cole reported to the board that it looks like this summer could be the pre-construction meeting for the new Engine and Ladder more to follow and will set up a workshop at a later time.

New Business – Discussion held on how to and when to sell the current LT8, Comm. Kelly will contact the group who sold our last apparatus to see if they can assist. The board will make a decision on when to put it up for sale depending on when the new Ladder will be ready. Chair Lockwood informed the board that the next board meeting will be moved to April 23rd at 6pm due to multiple commissioners taking classes on the normal meeting night.

A moment of silence was held to honor deceased member Harry VanTil.

MM Comm. Kelly MS Comm. Kolesar to adjourn the meeting. MC and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Gilbert
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