Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund Committee MINUTES September 18, 2018

The Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund Committee for the Town of Montville met at 5:00 p.m. in Room 203 at the Montville Town Hall on September 18, 2018.

Members present: Micah Messer, Dave Nelson for Keith Truex, Ron Turner, Joe Giangrasso, Terry Hart and Ron McDaniel

McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Committee Business

Motion by Messer, second by Giangrasso, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018 meeting as submitted. Passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed the Volunteer Firefighters Infokit provided by CCM. It provides a great deal of information on incentives such as annual stipends, pensions and tax abatements. The four chiefs will review the pension plans and draft a document to submit to the Public Safety Committee. The Mayor will update the PSC at their next meeting letting them know this will be forthcoming.

Giangrasso suggested having someone approach civic groups like the Boy Scouts to encourage new volunteers to join the Fire Departments. He stated that the Mohegan Fire Department will begin recruiting within neighborhoods. He suggested the other departments do the same. He also feels the Public Safety Committee should solicit local business to provide discounts to emergency responders. Also, giving volunteer fire fighters free passes to sporting events at the high school would be a good incentive.

The committee discussed using the billboard on Route 32/Maple Avenue to advertise for volunteers. They also would like to have applications to become a volunteer available on the Town website. The Mayor stated that these could be sent to him and he will forward them to the webmaster.

Public Comment

None

Motion by Messer, second by Giangrasso, to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.