

MONTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Room 203
February 3, 2022
5:00 P.M.

Members present: Mayor Ron McDaniel, Corey Gaetano, Micah Messer, Ron Turner, Keith Truex and Lenny Bunnell. Terry Hart, Finance Director, and Paul Barnes, Fire Marshal were also present.

McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Comment - None

Truex moved; second by Gaetano, to approve the October 25, 2021 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Committee Business

Review of quarterly stipends:

Motion made by Messer; second by Gaetano, to approve the Montville Co. #1 stipends (8) as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Truex; second by Turner, to approve the Mohegan Co. #2 stipends (11) as presented. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Gaetano; second by Turner, to approve the Chesterfield Co #3 stipends (4) as presented (five were qualified but one declined). Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Truex; second by Gaetano, to approve the Oakdale Co. #4 stipends (14) as presented. Passed unanimously.

The committee discussed adding the option of a tax abatement as an incentive. Hart stated the current stipend amounts are within the parameters of the State Statute. She also explained the plan year would need to change from a fiscal year to a calendar year. In order to be eligible for a tax abatement in July 2023, volunteers cannot receive quarterly stipends in 2022. In January 2023, the Fire Chiefs will need to approve the tax abatements and forward this information to the Tax Collector. Hart will work with the Town Attorney to have the current ordinance revised for the Town Council's approval. Motion made by Messer, second by Turner, to approve the 2022 meeting calendar. (attached)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Minutes taken by Terry Hart