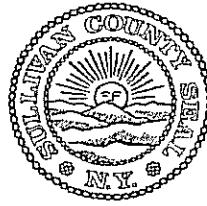


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Date: October 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at: 7:34pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance:

Bethel: Ed Lubniewski	P
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	P
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	A
Delaware: Bob Simon	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Arthur Salomon	P
Fremont: Anthony Wayne	P
Highland: Tim Schadt (Joe Mellan)	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Joe Roe	P
Neversink: Tom Matthews	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson: Gary Smith	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

Reading of the Minutes form the previous meeting: read and accepted as read

Tim apologized to all regarding the confusion about the September meeting date.

Coordinators Report:

The County Manager has asked all departments to cut their budget for next year, including the Bureau of Fire. There may be more problems later on in the process. There is concern for the fire training offered by the State. Their budget is in trouble as well. The State has a large deficit looming. Our local State representatives have always been very supportive but most of the power over money and budget lies with the representatives from NYC.

There were no major problems this summer.

The fall battalion meetings are finished. There were good speakers at the meetings.

The DEC spoke on the new outdoor burning regulations and the Red Cross also gave talk.

Alex Rau was at our meeting.

He explained that Time Warner has decided not to let the emergency services share tower space in Mamakating. The county is actively looking for a different solution to that problem. Blue Wing, who is doing a study on our communications issue, is also going to look into this as well. They have done over 9000 tests all over the county, including some buildings, in order to come up with a plan. They have tested signals with radios and transmitters and compared the various signals.

The SOP's for the 911 Center have undergone some revisions. There are copies available for everyone. Please review and we will discuss them in the November meeting. The format is a little different. If we approve them at our next meeting we can forward them to Public Safety and then the full Legislature for their approval.

Committee Reports:

Training Facility: The contract for the classrooms has been awarded. The groundbreaking should take place soon. Dick will advise everyone as to when. There will be a prep room as well as a class room. There are also plans for outdoor lighting and the parking lots.

EMS: no report

Arson Investigation: Charlie gave his report of the year to date. He feels that their fire investigations are productive and well handled. They have lead to 2 arson arrests this year.

Radio/Communications: no report

Tax Abatement: no report

Correspondence: none

Old Business: none

New Business: Bill brought up the long and ongoing process of the radio communications in the County. He reminded everyone that the Federal, State and local governments will not be paying for the entire project. Some years ago everyone was advised to have their departments put away some money every year for this project. Each department should have money put aside to help pay for new equipment.

Dick added that a professional evaluation has been done by Blue Wing. He will report on their findings when they complete their written report. Several other counties have gone through this process as well. The report is expected by January 1st. He will bring it here for the January meeting and will also discuss it with the Chiefs and Commissioners. He needs to have everyone's support on this issue. Other organizations such as DPW and EMS, for example, will handle the recommendations themselves. Our concern is the fire service. Dick feels that the report will address most of the issues we have but cannot say anything more until the official report is released.

Bill spoke about his trip to the national Fire Academy with Dick and Tom. They attended a memorial service that honored George Davidson, from the Youngsville Fire Department. Some of his family members, including his widow were also there. He was moved by the service and what a great job they did on the service. It made him proud to be a fireman.

Good and Welfare: Tim briefly discussed the fatal fire in Port Jervis. He is a teacher in the School District and saw how difficult the situation was. He feels that others should learn from this tragedy. Since this is fire prevention week this incident can be used to teach the importance of smoke alarms.

**Next Meeting Monday November 30, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Sullivan
County Government Center**