

Odessa Hose & Chemical Company, INC.

Around April/May of 2024 the Town of Montour was made aware that the Odessa Hose & Chemical Company, in conjunction with the Village of Odessa, was looking for Town approval to allow them to seek legal counsel for the purpose of exploring the logistics of forming a Fire District.

At the May 14th, 2024 regular scheduled Town Board meeting Resolution #28 was approved by a vote of 4 – 0 to approve the above-mentioned request from the Odessa Fire Department.

On July 23rd, 2024 the Town Clerk for the Town of Montour received an email from Mark Butler, Legal Counsel for the Fire Department, asking for the Town to have a quorum at a meeting. The sole purpose for this first meeting is to agree on a date for a Public Hearing regarding the Odessa Hose & Chemical Company becoming a Fire District.

Meeting #1

This meeting was held on Wednesday August 28th, 2024 at 6:00_{pm} at the Odessa Fire Station.

Present were quorums from the Towns of Montour, Catharine, Hector, Veteran, Cayuta and the Village of Odessa, as well as, members of the Fire Department and Chief Adam Mahnke.

Absent from the Town of Montour was Councilperson Robert Simpson

At 6:00_{pm} Chief Adam Mahnke led everyone present in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards, intros were done from all Towns and the Village.

Handouts were given addressing the pros and cons of forming a fire district and a list of eligible people to form a Board of Commissioners, secretary, and treasurer position.

The attached resolution was passed by each board

Chief Adam Mahnke gave the Boards a little history about the fire department and then went on to explain that becoming a district will allow for more opportunities to receive grants/funding.

The Boards asked Chief Mahnke numerous questions regarding the proposed budget and fire commissioners list. Chief Mahnke asked that we wait until the Public Hearing when the Attorney is present to ask those questions. This meeting is solely to agree upon a Public Hearing date.

Motion made by Councilperson Stamp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Yessman, with Supervisor Scott and Councilperson Taber in-favor, the meeting be adjourned for the Town of Montour at 6:45_{pm}

Respectfully Submitted: _____ Gloria Stigers, Town Clerk