Chairman Hank Bergson opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

There no minutes from the previous meeting.

There was a call for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman, Vice Chair and Secretary, there were none. Hank Bergson agreed to accept the nomination (stay on) for Chairman, no one at this time for Vice Chair and Dave Klaus agreed to accept the nomination for Secretary. A motion was made and seconded all voting Aye. After the meeting George Tockstein agreed to accept the nomination for Vice Chair, the nomination was made and seconded via email and there were ten responses voting in favor, none against. Chairman – Henry Bergson – Westchester County Association of Fire Districts, Vice Chair George Tockstein – Westchester County Association of Fire Chiefs and Secretary Dave Klaus - Westchester County Association of Fire Districts.

There was a request to change the meeting start time earlier, after discussion it was agreed to keep it at 7:30 PM. Motion by George, seconded by Jim all voting aye.

The 2017 meeting dates are January 26, March 23, September 28th and November 16th, all starting at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted. There may be other meetings called for the purpose of discussing the new Radio System, these will be announced as they are scheduled.

Joe Iantorno was excused from the meeting but had sent in the following item – The Monument is in decline, it needs to be refurbished. Joe will be working on getting help and securing funds to repair and refurbish the monument.

**Commissioner Cullen reported on the Training Center & DES** – The Communication room upgrades are almost complete, it is pretty much down to punch list items. The Public Safety Department in on the same CAD system. There was a walk through for the Tower work with possible bidders. Bids are due back on 11/30. They are hoping to get the work started in the spring. Westchester’s training center is the busiest in the State at this time.
Radio System

There will be a joint meeting of the Fire Advisory Board and the EMS Board to meet with the County’s Radio Consultants in January. There have been requests from the Chiefs Association asking for a presentation and information on the new Radio system. The general feeling is that all of the Boards have representation on the Fire Advisory Board and then can get information from their respective representatives and are also welcome to attend our meetings. It is important to give this new system a lot of thought, we have a lot of input on the design of the system, and we want to try to make sure the system has what we want this time around. Please give us your ideas. Federal Engineering (the Radio Consultants) will be presenting their report to the Steering Committee soon, possibly in January. The Steering Committee with then have 30 days to make recommendations. Microwaving of the Towers is in going on now as is making sure all have a reliable emergency power systems. At this time there is no change in fire ground frequencies. The current system end of life is projected to be in 2018, they are trying to get this extended to 2019, this is coming from Motorola. The Steering Committee recommends that the County should replace in kind what they gave out last time. They need to make sure enough portables are given out. It would be good to have Light Construction coverage. The system is looking heavily into interoperability. The Fire Advisory & EMS Board will get a look at the report, the date is still to be determined. Please go back to your organizations and generate wish lists for the Radio system. Please direct all comments and questions through the Fire Advisory Board.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:30 – all present voting aye.