Attendance: Hank Bergson, Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Wacha, William Dingee, Dave Klaus, George Tockstein, John Caparelli, Robert Outhouse, Ross Campbell, Lawrence Lee

Excused: Commissioner John Cullen, Howard Stern, Joe Iantorno, John Marshall, Joseph Olenik, Ken Hoffarth, Richard Lyman

Chairman Hank Bergson opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the November minutes, all voting aye. The next meeting will be on March 22, 2018 at 7:30 PM at DES.

**DES Report**

DES is currently dispatching 52 Fire departments and 31 EMS agencies. Dispatched - EMS Calls in December – 5,822, 65,621 for 2018, Fire -4,774 for the month, 49,116 for 2018

Construction – The Tower is near completion, should be done in February. The locker room the tiling is being completed. The Apparatus floor has been being painted. The classrooms will be painted next. The 2 & 3 classroom will have a movable wall installed probably in June.

Engine 7 Chassis has been ordered. Existing Engine 7 will become Engine 8 when new 7 arrives. Designs are being worked on for the Equipment Storage Building. There will be a Box Truck Haz Mat Simulator in the yard.

C & O Team – 17 December / 108 YTD, Haz Mat 45 TYD, Tech Rescue 4 YTD, Code Inspection 243 YTD, Fire Brigade 50 YTD. The big pumps have been lent out a few times as well as the light towers. Fire Coordinators went out 380 times in 2017, up from 290 in 2016.

Radios – The RFP for the new radio system was due back on 1/16/18 – two companies responded. Lot of paperwork to go through, good detail, there are multiple Departments reviewing it. T-Band – National Telecom Council discussed ’T’ Band for 11 metropolitan areas. Meeting with Congressional groups in February the Government is still advocating the removal of T band. NYS opted into the First Net System, National Wireless system. AT&T is working on it, there will be more information released in February.
Interoperability Grant – Purchasing Radios that can be used to cross over into other Counties and States. Should happen by mid-March. There will be about 69 radios. Training program is being developed now; IMA’s will need to be in place with the various Counties and States. Chiefs and Battalions will get the first radios; a list will be set up. State has hired four new fire instructors for the County, they will teach Fire Fighter 1, and training hours should increase.

Fire Tiles are being installed on the 4th floor of the Tower – Fire can now be moved around the Tower. Smoke can be controlled on the upper floors. Anchor points for ropes are being installed, all work should complete in February. Re-lamping is done at the Katonah satellite training area.

There was a question from the floor, Will we be notified if our membership to the Board is being renewed. The consensus was to show up until you are told otherwise.

There were no further questions. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, all voting aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting will be held on March 22, 2018 at 7:30 PM at DES.