



## Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association (RATSA)

Nov 9, 2023

Matthews Bus Complex in East Avon

(5600 Avon-East Avon Rd)

10:00 - 12:00

### Agenda

#### Attendance:

#### Guests:

1. Welcome/Introductions (Monroe and Livingston Counties) Dave C.
  - a. [Membership Application](#) Applications received from: Greece, Leonard Bus, Geneseo, Fairport, Hilton, Gates, BOCES 1, Spencerport
    - i. New Directors Present?
  - b. RATSA OFFICERS:  
Dave - President, Shirley - VP, Matt - Secretary, Anthony - Treasurer, Dave D - Alt
  - c. Review of RATSA Account (Treasurer's Report)
    - i. Checking is \$3,128.03
    - ii. Savings is \$8,000.05
    - iii. Total is \$11,128.08
  - d. *Distribution List - see updates*
2. Website
  - a. Explore the possibility of eliminating our website and domain names (costly)
3. NYAPT/Legislative Update
  - a. Board of Directors 23-24 meetings 9/22-9/23, 12/8-12/9, 3/15-3/16, 6/7-6/8  
Winter conference 2024 - 2/21-2/23 Albany Marriott  
Summer conference 2024 - 7/8-7/10 Saratoga Hilton (3 days vs. 3.5 days)
4. Stop Arms- Camera partnership between Monroe County, Bus Patrol and District
  - a. Committed: Hilton, Webster, E.I., Boces 1, Brockport, Spencerport, Greece
    - i. Hilton - 2 teams 3-4 buses a day, installs done by Bus Patrol
  - b. Bus Patrol emailed brochures to all districts
  - c. Legislation does sunset 2024. Be prepared in case it does not renew.
5. Zero Emissions Bus Initiative
  - a. Discussion - Updates from NYBS, Matthews or Leonard
    1. EPA Fall Rebate Program
      - a. Application available now thru January
      - b. No Districts considered Priority Districts
    2. NYSERDA road map
      - a. Thank you P. Lawrence for your support with this document
    3. NYSBIP program via NYSERDA (Available to all Districts)

- a. Application end of Nov.
  - b. Greece, RCSD, Geneseo are Priority Districts
  - c. 15 months to get the bus, timeline can be a concern
- 4. Fleet Study, analysis of your bus fleet and bus lot for conversion to electric
- 6. Awards Brunch
  - a. May 2, 2024 Wildwood CC (\$25)
  - c. Bus Manufacturers sponsor again? \$500 each. They will confirm
  - d. Format
    - Dave - Emcee
    - Dave Christopher - Keynote speaker
    - 10:15 - Welcome and Keynote
    - 10:30 - Brunch
    - 11:15 - Recognize recipients (Pin, Blanket, Certificate)
    - 11:55 - Wrap up
    - 12:00 - Done
    - Other Awards (Lifetime Achievement?)
- 7. Driver Shortage/Action Steps
  - a. Promote/Recruit (Billboards, Banners, Job Fairs, Sandwich boards, Indeed, Pennysaver, RH video, individual District web sites, pamphlets, booth/table at festivals, Open Houses, Parades, Drive the bus recruitment event,)
  - b. Contract or MOA updates? (RH Drivers +\$2 and Attendants +.50)
  - c. Update % shortage below
- 8. "Operation Safe Stop" thoughts on a joint event this year (April 26)?
  - a. Debrief accident procedures
- 9. DMV/ELDT/FMCSA Update All
  - a. Concerns getting permits, scheduling road tests
  - b. Testing sites: City (Lake/Ridge, Canandaigua, Warsaw, Leroy, Geneva, Greece)  
No PA testing allowed
- 10. NY Head Mechanic Association update (Rochester Chapter - Peter Marini)
  - a. Summer Seminar in Syracuse (500+) and Summer Mtg in RH (140) feedback
  - b. Next mtg in Nov.
  - c. Please send Pete Marini names of your mechanics
- 11. Athletics Updates
- 12. Bus Manufacturers Updates
  - Matthews - Diesel, EV
  - NYBS - Diesel, EV, Gas, Propane (New location in Batavia)
  - Leonard - Diesel, EV, Gas (last year), Propane (last year)
  - State contracts have been awarded, waiting on list
  - All are available to support you with questions, needs
- 13. Next meeting:
  - a. Meetings for 23-24 (12/14, 1/11, 2/8 (First Light Safety at 11:00), 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13)
- 14. Open Forum (All):
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