

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Middle Taylor Fire Company
February 22, 2024**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President John Gromley called the meeting to order at 19:02 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Gromley. Assistant Chaplain Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.
- **Guest Speaker** –
 - Hastings Ladies Auxiliary presented a \$150.00 donation by check to the Association for scholarships. They hope to continue the donations every year as funds permit.
 - Eric Miller – Johnstown – updates on SAEMS CISM program. Contacts through Cambria 9-1-1, on-scene help if needed. They have diffusion assistance, spousal/family help. First Team number for EMS providers # on back of EMS card. More services coming. Hoping to recruit more members to the team.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of January 25, 2024 meeting were read. No additions or corrections. President Gromley declared the minutes will stand as read.
- **Communications** – None
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$3,358.14
 - **Question:** Called
 - **Motion:** Micky Lutch - Spangler
 - **2nd:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
 - **Vote:** Passed
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:
Total Funds in Certificates: \$268,987.36
Total Funds in Checking Accounts: \$91,830.17

TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 2/22/2024:

\$360,817.53

- **Question:** Called
- **Motion to accept:** Charles Woodley - Hope
- **2nd:** Jeff Weir - Franklin
- **Vote:** Passed
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Law & Legislative** – Eric Miller reported there was no report.
 - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown
 - 6 Essentials are just about complete Exterior FF.
 - Patton will not have enough for burn.
 - Leadership – 900 modules completed to this point.
 - One note – 150 people registered this year – the max cap this year.
 - 50 people have not done any modules. That blocks people who might have actually taken the class.
 - If you register and don't take any you are blocked for the remainder of the year.
 - 10,816 total hours of training so far this year
 - CCFS
 - Vehicle Rescue series almost full.
 - Get registrations in as some programs are capped.
 - **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland
 - Pump shifter on Southmont engine repaired
 - Piper classroom painted
 - Gallardy to be painted within 2-3 weeks
 - New volunteer mechanic for site – Ed Mauer.
 - Reminder to Essentials instructors, must turn in a roster
 - **Tower Planning** – No Report
 - **Certification** – Frank Hribar – St. Michael
 - State Evaluator Workshop held at St. Michael FD 2/20/2024, 19 people attended.
 - Closed FF1 certs for Brockway and Jefferson scheduled.
 - All applications for certifications must be in 3 weeks in advance.

- **Application Review** – No Report
- **By-Laws** – No Report
- **Fire Prevention** – No Report
- **Box 11** – Jeff Weir – Franklin
 - Report attached
 - Starting Balance \$8,894.38
 - Donations \$898.00
 - Total Income \$9,792.38
 - Expenses \$(217.13)
 - Balance on hand \$9,575.25
 - Runs for month 3
- **Recruitment & Retention** – No Report
- **Tuition Assistance** – No Report
- **Website** – Lianna Weir – East Taylor
 - 1st Kickoff meeting Monday, February 26
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska
 - 3,000 doses Narcan received – these are not for EMS/QRS use, they are “leave behind” only
 - PFAS Foams – any companies with such foams to reach out to EMA for disposal. These are becoming an EPA issue, so disposal needs to occur soon.
 - Radio system – several problem areas being addressed.
 - Ashville area has some issues, looking at site or other solution
 - Conemaugh Hospital – working with facility engineering on solutions
 - Radio lapel mics are not the spec'd fire service mic. Waiting on Motorola to ship the correct ones.
 - June Kania is back
 - Joan Villa – QA Supervisor at Cambria 9-1-1 is retiring after 26 years of service.
 - No updates on e-Alerts.

- **Fire Advisory** – Steve Verbosky
 - Next meeting March 26, 2024
- **Fundraising** – Lianna Weir – East Taylor
 - FX could no longer fulfill our order. They notified us Friday night at 5:30.
 - Reached out via FB and K-Tee's reached out.
 - They got the order done over the weekend. Highly recommend K-Tee's.
 - We have T-shirts and other apparel for ordering, plus some left overs in selected sizes.
 - Sponsors – got Sporting Goods Discounters for \$1500.00, All American Fire \$500.00, plus others for sponsoring Fire School.
 - Super Bingo May 4th, joint with Ladies. At Nanty Glo. Need 20 volunteers to help.
 - Tremont Basket Party – Herdman. Benefits Fire Association this year
 - Check presentation March 3rd
 - PJ's window benefit. \$79.00 for Association and \$79.00 for Keystone Regional.
 - Bob Nies – Cover Hill – reported that the Bingo could raise up to \$8,000.00 - \$10,000.00. Needs 20-25 volunteers.
 - **Chernisky**
 - Volunteer meeting March 6, at Bohemian Bean, Ebensburg.
 - April 26-27 – 25% of sales at Bohemian Bean split 50-50 with Fire School and Conservation & Recreation.
 - Update – lots of Federal Dollars. Some have closing dates for shovel-ready projects. Fetterman's is March 5.
- **Awards** – No Report
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Insurance** – No Report

- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – Ricky Price – East Taylor
 - Rule change proposal 1:
 - 3 people in Chernisky – 5 points
 - 3 people in gear – 10 points
 - Motion – Bob Nies – Cover Hill
 - 2nd – Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - Question called
 - Motion passed
 - Rule Change proposal 2:
 - Parade, Company-owned, In-service Unit – 1 FD unit = 5 points, 2 or more FD 2 units = 10 points maximum.
 - Motion – Eric Miller – Johnstown
 - 2nd Art Martynuska – at large
 - Question called
 - Motion passed.
- **Executive Committee** – President Gromley called Mike Petrisko
 - Feb 8 meeting – Talked about grant funding.
 - Jim McCann explained how dollars need to be spent so we get all of the stuff called for in the grants without having to return monies.
- **Membership Secretary** – Nick Wuckovich
 - Departmental dues notices going out March 1
 - Individual dues notices going out April 1
 - 1388 Delegates
 - We need better info on beneficiary cards so there is no issue raised when someone's survivors file a claim.
- **Resolutions** – Assistant Chaplain Paul Sklodowski read the names of Thomas Kelly of Dauntless and Ronald Gniewek of Clymer. All members stood in 1 minute of silence in memory of their departed brothers.
- **Roll Call of Officers** –
 - Present: President Gromley, 1st VP Jacobson, Treasurer Kundrod, Membership Secretary Wuckovich, Secretary Lehmann

- Excused: 2nd VP Petrisko – working. Ass't Sec't Gromley – working.
 - Absent: Daryl Bodenschatz
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 30 Companies
 - Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh Independence, Conemaugh Twp (610), Cover Hill, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Ferndale, Franklin, Hope, Keystone Regional, Lower Yoder, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Oakland, Patton, Portage, Richland Twp., Riverside, South Fork, Southmont, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Vintondale, West Hills Regional, West Taylor Twp.
 - **Old and Unfinished Business** – President Gromley
 - At Executive Board meeting it was discussed to have a motion, 2nd, and vote to rescind previous action of the body to purchase a compressor and shed.
 - Motion by Rich Brown, Jr. – Nanty Glo to rescind previous approval to purchase compressor and shed.
 - 2nd properly given by Bob Nies – Cover Hill
 - Question – discussion over the need for this and would it set precedent. President Gromley read Robert's Rules of Order concerning. Discussion was held including explanation that spending the monies now will likely result in grant monies for Commissioners \$100,000.00 would likely have to be given back. The pump is a priority from the grant and won't be enough left over to by the compressor. By rescinding the motion to purchase, the \$100,000.00 can ride in CD's earning money and be used in conjunction with other grants that depend on the \$100,000.00 being there to receive additional grant so none of the monies have to go back.
 - Motion on the floor – vote called. Vote was not unanimous. Hand vote called. Motion passed by hand vote.
 - Matter or precedent will be referred to By-Law committee.

- Reminder of Girl's Meet up Saturday Noon. Covered dish or non-alcoholic beverages.
- **New Business –**
 - Jim McCann – Box 11 approached by an organization that there is grant money available. Needs to pursue grant under umbrella of the Association so Mr. McCann asked for permission.
 - Motion – Bill Cornell – West Hills Reg
 - 2nd – Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - Question called
 - Motion passed
 - Nick Wuckovich reminded members Fireworks grant due in June.
 - President Gromley appointed Purchasing and Grants Committee to oversee all large spending and grants
 - Purchasing and Grant Committee
 - 1) Sitting Treasurer - Paul Kundrod Chairman
 - 2) Matt Barczack
 - 3) Jerry Brant
 - 4) Jim McCann
 - 5) Nick Wuckovich Jr.
 - 6) Site Director Chairman - Tony Sestrich
 - 7) Certification Chairperson
 - 8) Sitting President
 - 9) Sitting 1st Vice President
 - 10) Sitting 2nd Vice President
 - 11) Recording Secretary
 - 12) Sitting Executive Committee Chairman
- **Good of the Association –**
 - President Gromley advised of Presidential Advisory Board
 - 1) Mr. Tom Bracken
 - 2) Nick Wuckovich
 - 3) Paul Kundrod
 - 4) Steve Verbosky
 - 5) Mike Petrisko
 - Bureau of Forestry would like to use site – schedule with Site Directors
 - Lianna Weir held drawing for Social Media prize – Friendship and Beaverdale

- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – Rich Brown, Jr. called for standing rise for host Company Middle Taylor for their hospitality.
- **Next Meeting** – Pinecroft, March 28, 2024
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$106.00
- **Adjournment** –
 - **Motion:** Rich Brown, Jr.
 - **2nd:** Charles Woodley
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:31 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

DEATH FUND ACCOUNTS:

CD# 370017722	Maturity Date:	02/24/24	4.01%	\$	10,530.89
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CD# 370018206	Maturity Date:	04/05/24	4.01%	\$	12,570.86
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WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTMENT DEATH FUND ACCOUNT:

CD# ###	Maturity Date:	##/##/##	X.XX%	\$	18,304.49
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BURN BUILDING ACCOUNT:

CD# 100279843	Maturity Date:		1.98%	\$	11,482.97
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WASHINGTON MUTUAL EDUC FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT:

CD# ###	Maturity Date:	##/##/##	X.XX%	\$	2,194.65
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FIRE SCHOOL INVESTMENT:

# 52009074005				\$	78,380.51
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# 2357	Maturity	07/04/24	4.41%	\$	20,298.88
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# 2403	Maturity	04/03/24	4.17%	\$	15,224.11
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# 2721	Maturity	07/11/24	4.95%	\$	50,000.00
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# 2713	Maturity	07/11/24	4.95%	\$	50,000.00
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Total Funds in Certificates:	\$	268,987.36
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CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund #	6-020-256	\$	28,511.59
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Fire School Fund #	6-020-336	\$	14,472.46
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Death Fund #	6-020-301	\$	4,654.32
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Certification Fund #	6-019-730	\$	6,186.19
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Scholarship Fund #	6028661	\$	3,382.01
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Burn Building Acct #	3300101066	\$	34,623.60
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EXPENSES

General Fund

ViLogics	\$432.00	Microsoft Updates
Cambria County Planning Comm	\$100.00	Grant Ap fee

Fire School Fund

Anthony Sestrich	\$	160.00	Facilitator
WEX Bank		\$145.00	site fuel
Ed Link		\$160.00	Facilitator
Al American Fire equipment		\$106.00	Cascade refill bottles
Penelec		\$494.95	Feb Electrical
Thad Lallemand		\$80.00	Facilitator
Steve Verbosky		\$40.00	Facilitator
Lowes Business Charge		\$263.69	misc charges-cleaning
TH Porta Johns LLC		\$260.00	2023 final rental bill
TH Porta Johns LLC		\$97.50	Feb rental
Conemaugh Memorial Medical		\$744.00	CPR/First Aidf-Essentials

Death Fund

Karen Kelly	\$	275.00	Ben for Thomas Kelly Sta 22
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Total Expenses: \$3,358.14

Box 11 Financial Report

Balance as of 12/31/2023

\$8,894.38

Income:

814 Tap Take over basket	\$140.00
Dale Fireman,s Club	\$75.00
Union Social Club	\$25.00
Marlene's Pizza	\$50.00
Slovak American Citizens Club	\$100.00
Vinco Brethern Church	\$358.00 (X)
Christmas Photo Booth	<u>\$150.00</u>
Sub Total Income	\$898.00

Total Income

\$9,792.38

Expenses:

Roll of stamps	\$65.00
Thank You Cards	\$10.00
Box 11 T-shirts	\$85.60
Basket Raffle	<u>\$56.53</u>
Total Expenses	\$217.13

Total Income on hand 1/31/2024

\$9,575.25