

**Volunteer Firemen’s Association of
Cambria County & Vicinity**

The meeting of the Volunteer Firemen’s Association of Cambria County & Vicinity was hosted by the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company on October 26, 2017 with President Joseph D. Burns II presiding.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance and a prayer given by the Chaplin for the meal that was prepared by the members of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company member’s. A short recess was called for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:30 pm, asking for the previous meeting minutes be read. With no errors or corrections to the previous meetings minutes a motion from the floor to accept the minutes as read from Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo and a proper seconded by Larry Penatzer of Summerhill Borough the Motion was carried.

Communications: Dues payments from Ben Huether and Sam Stevens. Letter from the Adams Township Supervisors.

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions \$ 267.67

Fire School

Penelec \$ 152.65 Site electric - October

Witmer Public Safety \$2,054.00 Fire Hose @site

Selective Insurance Company of America \$1,822.00 Quarterly Premium

Damin Printing \$ 240.00 Equipment labels @site

Death Fund

Estate of Coleman Anna \$ 275.00 Benefit for Coleman Anna

Total Expenses: \$ 4,811.32

Motion by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh to pay the bills and proper seconded by James Glass of Upper Yoder the Motion was carried.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Paul Kundrod read and submitted his report and a copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Richard McPherson of West Taylor to accept the treasurers’ report and proper seconded by Larry Penatzer of Summerhill Borough the Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger of Conemaugh reports that with all the budget problems there has been no action and no progress at all.

Fire School: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reports that the upcoming fire school brochure will be at the printers by the end of the month and will be posted on the web site page. There will be five essential classes starting after the first of the year. The sites will be at Dauntless, Hastings, West Hills, Cresson, and Clymer Fire Companies. With Mr. Cornell letting the membership know we need to purchase five bronze packages from Bucks Community College. A Motion was made by Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo to purchase five bronze packages from Bucks Community College and proper seconded by Richard McPherson of West Taylor the Motion was carried.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reports that the brick project is going well. As to date the project has brought in \$4,600.00. There has been a total of one hundred and forty (140) bricks sold to date with seven (7) fire companies and one (1) Ladies Auxiliary (Solomon Run) that have bought bricks to date. The fire school is looking into running a farm emergency class. Bucks does not offer this class, the committee will run this class in conjunction with the help of the Penn State Extension program. The committee is working to have a confined space class this upcoming year. The site committee is in need of 72 sheets of 7/16 OSB Board for the simulator. The committee will be winterizing the site starting around November 12th.

Certifications: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reported on upcoming classes. Huntington County will have a closed FF I. Also reported that the last FF I test there were twenty four (24) applications and only nineteen (19) tested. There will be a group of our Cambria County Instructors going to the annual instructors updates in Lewistown.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that the committee is in the holding process at this time. There has been about a dozen departments that have not responded and with the dead line being December 1st they are running out of time. The committee will be getting things organized to look at printers for prices.

911 EMA: Allen Kline of Hastings and EMA reported that the commissioners have appointed himself to represent the EMA side and Robyn to the 911 side.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reported that all the upcoming classes are posted and the upcoming spring brochure will be posted as soon as it is received from the printers.

Fire Advisory Board: Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo reported that there has not been a meeting for some time. With County Commissioner Tom Chernisky in attendance there was a discussion on why they have not been meeting. Commissioner Chernisky was going to meet with Allen and Robyn and get something worked out. Commissioner Chernisky did suggested that our committee needs to put together a list of things to discuss and maybe email them to

Robyn before the meeting so that she is more prepared for question we would like answered. Commissioner Chernisky also spoke of the radio problem and that the county had a meeting and has hired Mission Critical for \$30,000.00 to look into the radio issues. He also reported that there were only approximately only 6 fire chiefs in attendance for that meeting.

County Convention: Christopher Cox 1st Vice President reported that the Gallitzin Volunteer fire Company has set a preliminary schedule. The committee is looking at Sunday July 29 for the Battel of Barrel, Monday the 30th for golfing and then start back up of Thursday through Saturday with Delegates day possibly being on Friday of that week.

Delegates Report: Paul Sklodowski of Lilly reported that he had attended the Fall Board meeting of Central District that was held in Shellsburg, PA. This will be the host town of the 2021 Central District Convention. He reported that they conducted general business and that they have voted to start a Junior Firefighter of the year award. The first recipient of this award will be announced at the next convention which will be held in East Freedom.

Resolutions: Chaplin Drew Walther read the name of deceased member Coleman Anna of Station "22" Dauntless. All Members stood in one minute of silence for our passed member.

Roll Call of Officers: President Joseph Burns II, 1st Vice President Christopher Cox, 2nd Vice President Darrin Smith, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Secretary John C. Gromley; Present Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller and Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley; Absent

Roll Call of Companies: 25 Total Companies Present, Ashville, Beavertdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Richland Twp., Riverside, ST. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Hills Regional, West Taylor Twp.

Old Business: Letter received from Adams Township Supervisors giving the St. Michael Volunteer Fire Company and inviting the members of the Cambria County & Vicinity Volunteer Firemen's Assn. to host their convention in St. Michael, Adams Township in 2019. Ed Hudak of Beavertdale made a Motion to let the members of St. Michael Volunteer Fire Company host the 2019 with a proper second by Mark Croft of Jackson Twp. Motion was carried.

New Business: Nothing for this meeting...

Good of the Order: Jim Bloom of Dauntless called for a rising vote of thanks for the members of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company for hosting our monthly meeting.

Next Meeting will be held at the Jackson Twp. Volunteer Fire Station on Thursday December 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

50/50 amount = \$28.00

Motion to adjourn by Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo at 8:19 p.m. 2nd by Tom Callahan of Ashville. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

John C. Gromley
Assn. Secretary