

Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity

The Meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity was hosted by the Dunlo Volunteer Fire Department on September 28, 2017 with President Joseph D. Burns II presiding.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A prayer was given by the Chaplin for the meal that was prepared by the membership of the Dunlo Fire Department. A short recess was call for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:30 pm with asking for the previous meeting minutes be read. *With no errors or corrections a motion from the floor to accept the last meeting minutes by Ken Ohler of Dunlo and a 2nd by Paul Dowey of Cherry Tree. Motion was carried.*

Communications: Received the \$750.00 from the State grant for the Fire School. Letters from the Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Co., Gallitzin Borough Officials, St. Michael Volunteer Fire Co. Received dues payment for Owen Hunt. Received the amount of \$2,435.00 for the first installment of bricks for the brick project.

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

None

Fire School

Penelec	\$ 144.94	Site Electric – September
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Long Barn Inc.	\$ 27.70	Hardware for the site
Lowe's Charge	\$ 33.64	Misc. Materials, Supplies
Witmer Public Safety	\$ 505.00	Tools for school
Damin Printing	\$1,601.93	Brick Fund Drive
Selective Ins Co. of America	\$1,820.00	Quarterly Premium
American Eagle	\$ 233.00	Shirts@ Convention Presentation
CMP Energy	\$ 482.09	Site Fuel
1 st Summit Bank	\$ 150.00	Pre loaded card for gaming points
Damin Printing	\$ 70.00	Equipment Labels @ site
West Central Equipment	\$1,122.95	Tractor service and repairs

Death Fund

Melissa Moss	\$ 275.00	Benefit for John Moss (Station 85)
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Total Expenses: **\$6,717.83**

Motion by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to pay the bills 2nd By Paul Dowey of Cherry Tree Motion Carried.

Treasures Report:

Treasurer Paul Kundrod read and submitted the treasurers report, a copy is on file with the Secretary. *Motion by William Cornell of West Hills Regional to accept the Treasurer report 2nd by James Glass of Upper Yoder. Motion Carried.*

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: John Bem of Hastings reported with the ongoing budget talks still going on in Harrisburg there has no action with our law makers.

Fire School: William Cornell reported on next Spring's fire school dates have been set and the weekends of April 6,7,&8th, April 20,21,&22nd, and April 28&29th. The committee's goal is to have the fire school brochure out the mail in November.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth reported that the brick project is coming along very smoothly. Site has bought a few new much needed tools. We have received \$3,000.00 dollars for the Geistown fire engine that was sold. All the tractors that needed to be serviced at the site have been serviced.

Certification: William Cornell reported that two certification test will be conducted at the site a F.F. II test for the Hope Fire Co. and a F.F.I test that will be conducted for the Linsey Fire Co. from Jefferson County. Huntington County will also be using our site for testing. He reported that in 13 years the site has tested over 1,300 candidates and that our site and testing centers is one of the top sites for the state of Pennsylvania.

Historical: John Bem and John Hawksworth both made mention that the deadlines for the historical fire company articles are due into the committee no later than December 1st of this year. John Bem also reported that they are still in need of missing minutes.

911 EMA: Had No Report

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky mentioned that the meeting was can canceled due to the lack of interested. Next meeting to be held on December 12, 2017.

County Convention: Nothing

Delegates Report: Paul Sklodowski reported that he attended the Central District convention in Hughesville. He spoke on some issues that arose over privately owned fire equipment in the pumping contest. John Bem reported that since the group of members wishing to run the pumping contest in this situation were from a made up fire department that they were unable to do so. In the Central District rule book it reads that the fire company in competition must be a chartered fire company recognized by the State of Pennsylvanian. Paul also reported that there were twelve young ladies that competed for queen and over half of those young ladies came from the Huntington County area. Paul also attended the State Firemen's Convention parade in Penn Hills, PA. He mentioned that the parade only lasted approximately forty five minutes, and that it was more of a regional parade not many units from outside the area. John Bem reported that ten of the thirty scholarships went to individuals from the Cambria County area. He gave the secretary a number of hand outs for our membership to go over and a detailed report from the State Convention. It was also brought to our memberships attention that the **James A. Miller Memorial "A" Award: Firefighter of the Year went to our own member John Bem, of the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company.**

Resolutions: Chaplin Drew Walther read the name of decease member "Chief" John Moss of Station "85" South Fork. All members in attendance stood in one minute of silence for our passed member.

Web Site: William Cornell has this site up to date with classes. Any question visit the site.

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

Roll Call of Companies: 22 Total Company Present, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, Clymer, Colver, Cover Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Dunlo, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Jackson Township, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Oakland–Lorain, Richland Township, Spangler, ST. Michael, Summerhill, Upper Yoder Township, West Hills Regional, West Taylor Township.

Old Business: Nothing for this meeting

New Business: Letters read from the Gallitzin VFC and Gallitzin Borough Council for a bid for the 2018 convention. *Motion by John Bem of Hastings to accept the letters and award the Gallitzin VFC the 2018 convention 2nd by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale.*

Also a letter read from the Adams Township VFC. No. 2 St. Michael in there interested in hosting the 2019 firemen's convention. This action was tabled till next meeting due to not having a letter from the Adams Township Supervisors.

Good of the Order: John Bem had brought a discussion to the floor of thinking about reinstating the old way of printing the minutes of the meetings that would be given out at the annual convention to any member wishing to have a copy. Richard McPherson of West Taylor Twp. voiced his concerned over the radio communications in the last few months. Larry Penetzer of Summerhill Boro ask if there was any headway on the talk of changing of some rules for hosting the convention. This was tabled till the next meeting that Eric Miller is in attendance at since he was the one leading this action.

John Bem of Hastings called for a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Dunlo Fire Company for hosting the meeting.

Next Meeting to be held at the Hastings Volunteer Fire Company on October 26, 2017.

50/50 was award at \$33.00

Motion by Steve Verbosky Colver to Adjorn at 8:48 pm 2nd By Ken Ohler of Dunlo Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

*John C. Gromley
Assn. Secretary*