

Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity

The meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity was hosted by the South Fork Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday March 22, 2018 with the President Joseph D. Burns II presiding.

President Burns called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

President Burns called for Chaplin Walther to give a prayer for the meal that had been prepared by the members of the South Fork Fire Company. A short recess was called for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:40p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. With no errors or correction there was a motion by William Cornell of West Hills Regional to accept the previous minutes as read and with a proper 2nd by Brian Feist of Franklin. Motion was carried.

Communications: Received a letter for a Valor Award. Received a letter from the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company for the 2020 annual convention.

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 6.52	Web updates, etc.
Nick Wuckovich	\$ 75.75	Postage Expenses

Fire School

Penelec	\$	Site Electric
Selective Insurance Company of America	\$ 1,400.00	Quarterly Premium
Steve Verbosky	\$ 81.00	Pump Appliances Reimbursements
Lacue's Sunoco	\$ 85.60	Site Gas
John Hawksworth	\$ 40.00	Site Plowing Expense
Eric Miller	\$ 36.89	5K Race Items

Death Fund

Estate of Irene Myers	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Irene Myers Station 70
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Total Expenses:	\$ 2,000.76	
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Motion by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to pay the monthly bills and with a proper 2nd by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh. Motion was Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read and submitted the Treasurer's report, with a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by Joe Adams of Cresson to accept the Treasurer's report with a proper 2nd by Byron Bishop Sr. of Nanty Glo/Conemaugh. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger reported that the Senate had come back but no action has been taken to do anything since the beginning of the year.

Fire School: Joe Adams of Cresson reported that the upcoming Spring fire school starts on Friday April 6. There has been seven (7) classes canceled that were listed in the brochure, eight (8) classes filled as of this date. Anyone that can help is welcome to help at any or all three weekends please contact Joe or any committee member and let them know when you would be available to help.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth report due to the recent snow he had to pay to have the site plowed out to open it for the essentials programs. Vern Fulton has been working to get all the apparatus up and running with very little problems. The first set of bricks for the wall have been delivered to the site and as soon as the weather breaks work will begin on the wall.

Certification: Eric Miller of Johnstown reported that the evaluators workshop went very well that was held. He also reported that now that John Hawksworth has more time due to his retirement will be the person of contact for retesting on certification testing.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that letters for history book sales have been sent out to all the association fire companies. There have been ads placed in the PA Firemen for the months of April and May. Each Delegate that is solicited by mail by the Secretary for their dues payment will also receive information on this history book. He addressed a question that had been ask, a fire company wanted to know if they collected all their members money for one big book order would that be acceptable. Nick stressed that was very appropriate and may make it easier for the companies that may do that, but the committee has no problem taking single orders at the same time. The committee wants this history book in as many hands as they can get it in. Nick is asking for every member in attendance to spread the word to their fire companies and friends, of the selling of the book and the patronage page, that anyone for ten (10) dollars may add their name to this book on that page.

Nick also reported that he and 2nd Vice President Darrin Smith will be attending the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday April 18th in East Taylor regarding soliciting the historical book. Nick lastly mentioned the county library has only seventeen (17) more years to go with the association minutes. When they have the minutes finished up he will be also having important articles included such as various letters that have been attached to the minutes and mutual aid agreements.

911 EMA: Greg Schilling Jr. from 911 EMA was in attendance and ask that the members of the advisory board please email suggestions on things that need to be put on the agenda for the fire advisory board so that the meetings will not be cancelled. Steve Verbosky of Cover mentioned that the fire advisory board wants quarterly meetings whether there are emailed suggestions or not. He mentioned that the members of the fire advisory board from the association believe it is important that they meet because

things may come up just in conversation that members may not think about when submitting an email. Mr. Verbosky said he believes that submitting emails maybe helpful, but there still is a need to have meetings to cover issues.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported there is a scheduled meeting for the fire advisory board on Tuesday March 27th at the 911 Center.

Resolutions: Chaplin Drew Walther of Jackson Township read the names of Irene Myers of Station “70” Cresson and Edward Porowski of Station “15” Conemaugh. All members stood in one minute of silence for our passed members.

County Convention: No Report given at this meeting.

Delegates Report: Paul Sklodowski of Lilly reported that the Central District Firemen’s Association Spring board meeting will be held at the East Freedom Township Fire Station on Sunday May 6th.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reported that the website is updated with everything that has been given to him from each committee.

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

Roll Call of Companies: 30 Total Companies Present, Ashville, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Colver Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Dunlo, Franklin, Ferndale, Hope, Jackson Township, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland-Lorain, Reade Township, Revloc, Richland Township, South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill, Upper Yoder Township, Vintondale, West Hills Regional, and West Taylor Township.

Old Business: Name plates for the Fallen Fire Fighters Award will be updated by the President and given back to Past President Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo to be placed on the Trophy. Eric Miller from The City of Johnstown reported the Chernisky 5k Race and Walk will take place on Saturday July 7th there will be a committee meeting for the race on Tuesday March 27th.

New Business: A letter was read by the Secretary from the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company wishing to place a bid on the year 2020 county convention, along with the recommendation of Byron Bishop Sr. as the second (2nd) Vice President. A Motion was made by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale to accept the letter and the bid for the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Company for the 2020 firemen's convention upon receiving the proper paperwork from the towns officials, with a proper 2nd by Richard Brown Jr. Motion was carried.

Good of the Order: Question was raised on the floor if we have heard anything from any of the fire companies that are delinquent in their dues payment. As of this date we have not received anything formally back from any companies. The secretary reported the letters had just been recently been sent to the companies that are delinquent and there has been no response at this time.

A rising vote of thanks was called for by President Burns for the South Fork Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday April 26th at the Cresson Volunteer Fire Company.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$46.50

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Joe Adams of Cresson and properly 2nd by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary