

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 Cresson Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday April 26, 2018 with the President Joseph D. Burns II presiding.

President Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Cresson Fire Company. A short recess was called for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:30p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. With question from Bruce Moriconi of Hope and Mike Petrisko of Spangler asking if their departments were missed on roll call in the minutes. After review both companies were in the minutes as attending the previous meeting. The Secretary did not read the names when reading the minutes. At that time a motion from the floor by John Bem of Hastings to accept the previous meetings minutes and with a proper 2nd by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh. Motion was carried.

Communications: Received a letter from the Borough of East Conemaugh

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 75.00	Web updates, etc.
John Gromley	\$ 205.00	Yearly Computer Updates & Postage

Fire School

Penelec	\$ 284.25	Site Electric
CMP Energy	\$ 545.53	Site Fuel Oil
Steve Verbosky	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 3/25
Lacue's Sunoco	\$ 85.00	Site Gas
Suburban Propane	\$ 411.23	Propane
The Long Barn Inc.	\$ 15.50	Misc.
TH Porta Johns	\$ 615.00	Pump Tanks & Porta Johns
Lowes	\$ 342.48	Misc. Charges
Roger Bock	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 3/25

Joe Bock	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 3/25
Vern Fulton	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 3/25
Laurel Highland Enterprises	\$ 775.49	Rescue Rope
Bricks R Us	\$ 947.00	2 nd order of bricks

Death Fund

Nothing

Total Expenses: **\$ 4,621.48**

Motion by Bruce Moriconi of Hope to pay the monthly bills and with a proper 2nd by William Cornell of West Hills. Motion was Carried.

Treasurer Report: 1st Vice President Christopher Cox read the Treasurer's report due to the absence of the Treasurer, with a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by Mark Coleman of Beavertown 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 will be in session on May 5th and 6th and for fourteen (14) days in June all these sessions will most likely be going toward the budget work. President Burns reported he had just recently attended the Township meetings in Harrisburg and that many Township Officials are asking for Governor Wolf to act on Senate resolution 6 previously known as S.R. 60. Senate Resolution 6 has to do with recruitment and retention of fire fighters and with the step decline in the fire service with members township officials are very concerned for their areas.

Fire School: Joe Adams of Cresson reported that he would really like to thank the behind the scenes workers at the fire school with out those helpers help he feels that the weekend fire school would not be possible. With many things going correct there was a very big problem that occurred, and Joe especially wanted to thank assistant secretary and fire school secretary Jeff Gromley for his hard work getting all the information for the fifty-six (56) students from four (4) fire flash over simulator classes for the state that we were unaware were needed for the students to enter the class. Joe also reported that the fire school has received a ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollar grant from the Wyotech Trade School in Blairsville. Joe mentioned we almost did not get the grant because of not being 501 C compliant.

Fire School Site: Steve Verbosky reported the site is up and running very smooth and that John Hawksworth is working to get the road chips that had been dropped off by Quaker Sales last year smoothed out to make a better roadway into the site.

Certification: William Cornell of West Hills reported that the application deadlines for the upcoming open F.F.I and F.F. II test are due by the end of May. All upcoming certifications are posted on the web site.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that there was a total of forty (40) books sold at the fire school weekends. The ads that was placed in the PA. Firemen will appear in 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 how to purchase a history book. Nick also reported that he and 2nd Vice President Darrin Smith attended the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday April 18th in East Taylor regarding soliciting the historical book. Once again Nick made mention that there will not be extra history books bought for latter sale, so if you want one now is the time to get your book. You may purchase patron ads for ten (10) dollars for anyone including yourself or someone that may have passed away that you feel needs their name in the book.

Nick had made mention regarding the scanning and saving of the association documents that the convention minutes from 1950 to 1990 had been omitted from the saved minutes. The reason why this has happened is due to the convention minutes being printed in a booklet form they where not put into the saved minutes. As of this date Nick reported that he still needs the minutes from 1967, 1982-1984, and 1986-1989. All other convention minutes Nick was able to find from the convention booklets that Nanty Glo Fire Company had in their historical case. He wanted to thank the Nanty Glo Fire Company for letting him use the books to get them scanned and put into our records for safe keeping.

911 EMA: No one in attendance to give a report.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that the fire advisory board meet on Tuesday March 27th at the 911 Center. They are still working towards dispatching the closest apparatus after two years. They mentioned that they would like to see the fire companies using the term “Par” when responding their units. They are aware there are still radio communication problems especially in the Northern Cambria area. It was made mention that Allen Kline will be retiring from his position on May 5th. Richie Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo reported that the commissioners will be looking at many ways to help the fire companies out in finding funding for the new radio system. Also, that if anyone needs to purchase anything for the radio system that’s in place now be very selective in your purchase because it most likely will not work with the new system. There was a discussion with members in attendance about the new radio system on possible change of frequency and may or may not be dispatched the same as they are now. The next fire advisory board meeting will be Tuesday June 26th.

Resolutions: No Resolutions for this meeting.

County Convention: 1st Vice President Christopher Cox reported that the members are hoping to get the rules for the convention out in the mail in the month of May.

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. John Bem of Hastings reported that it was found and reported at the state meeting, that if fire organizations have an auditing committee that it should not be being called an auditing committee. This committee should be renamed as a financial reviewing committee. Audits are conducted by CPA’s not fire officials.

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, 1st Vice President Christopher Cox, 2nd Vice President Darrin Smith, Secretary John C. Gromley Where Present. Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, and Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley where absent.

Roll Call of Companies: 26 Total Companies Present, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Colver Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Township, Lilly, Loretto, Nanty Glo, Patton, Revloc, Richland Township, Riverside, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill, Upper Yoder Township, and West Hills Regional.

Old Business: The letter was received from the East Conemaugh Borough officials making the 2020 county convention bid for Conemaugh fire company complete. President Burns made mention that the Chernisky 5k Race and Walk will take place on Saturday July 7th. Steve Verbosky of Colver had questioned on where we stand on the purchase of the fire proof safe. President Burns said that He and 2nd Vice President Smith are still doing some working on a better price.

New Business: 1st Vice President Christopher Cox brought to the members a new logo idea. Chris has been working on three different logos with a lady from Pottstown, PA. Once this lady came up with three different versions of the logos he contacted some other members to ask for their help. He presented the three logos that seemed to be the most popular with everyone involved. He had past each of the three logos around for the members in attendance to look at and decide which of the three logos they felt would feel best for the association. After a discussion on the floor 1st Vice President Christopher Cox of Gallitzin made a motion to go with the third logo which was picked by the members in attendance and reimburse himself the one hundred and fifty dollars (150.00) for the set-up fee. Properly 2nd by James Goss of Upper Yoder. Motion was Carried. It was also decided that everything that is in motion at this time such as the historical book will continue to use the old logo as it is.

John Bem of Hastings made a motion to give the Treasurer permission to roll the association CD's over as they come due. Properly 2nd by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale. Motion was Carried.

Good of the Order: Nothing for this meeting

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

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday May 24th at the Pine Township Volunteer Fire Company.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$41.00

Motion to Adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by Joe Adams of Cresson and properly 2nd by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary