

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 Pine Township Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday May 24, 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 Pine Township Fire Company. A short recess was called for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. With no errors or corrections, a motion from the floor by Richard Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo to accept the previous meetings minutes and with a proper 2nd by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale. Motion was carried.

Communications: Life Saver Award from Nanty Glo Fire Company & Western PA. news letter.

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

John Gromley	\$ 154.72	Reimbursement for stationary
Chris Cox	\$ 150.00	Reimbursement for logo design
Damin Printing	\$ 358.00	Printing exp dues cards, etc.
The PA. Firemen	\$ 215.00	Book Ad expense

Fire School

Hastings EMS	\$ 675.00	EMS unit Standby
Northern EMS	\$ 1,200.00	EMS unit Standby
Hilltop EMS	\$ 3,600.00	EMS unit Standby
Cover Hill Fire Co.	\$ 300.00	EMS unit Standby 3/24
Mindy Owens	\$ 150.00	Medic standby
JoAnn Rheel	\$ 150.00	Medic standby
Hunter Kish	\$ 500.00	brick work at site
Penelec	\$ 308.85	Site Electric
Tri County Transportation	\$ 763.58	Bus transportation

Steve Verbosky	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/5
Lacue's Sunoco	\$ 60.00	Site gas
Roger Bock Jr.	\$ 160.00	Facilitator 5/5 and 5/6
The Long Barn Inc.	\$ 11.50	Misc.
Ed Hudak	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/5
Lowes	\$ 2,528.16	Misc charges lumber
Selective Ins. Co. of America	\$ 1,400.00	Quarterly Premium on site
CH Cafeteria Fund	\$ 5,680.43	F.S. Meals week 1&2
Vern Fulton	\$ 201.87	oil, misc parts
Hugill Sanitation	\$ 30.00	waist pick up
Rt. 53 Diner	\$ 3,881.26	F.S. Meals week #3
Damin Printing	\$ 333.00	5k Race printing exp.

Death Fund

Nothing

Total Expenses: \$22,971.37

Ed Hudak of Beaverdale wishes that his facilitator fee be donated back to the fire school. Motion by Steve Verbosky of Colver to pay the monthly bills and to except Ed Hudak's donation, with a proper 2nd by Byron Bishop Sr. of Nanty Glo Motion was Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod of St. Michael read the Treasurer's report with a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by John Bem of Hastings to accept the Treasurer's report with a proper 2nd by Ben Huether of Hope. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger reported that the General Assembly meeting dates are: for the House May 22-23 and 17 days in June & for the Senate May 21,22, and 23 and 15 days in June. Priority Bills being introduced by SR6 committee. On line training, Community College Training Fund, College Loan Forgiveness for First Responders (S.B. 72), Fire Company Billing (H.B. 183).

Under the Small Games of Chance; It is reported that the department of revenue has made a new draft of the proposed new regulation on SGOC. It has been noted to update all your paperwork for bingo to reflect the new higher prize limits.

Fire School: William Cornell reported for Joe Adams, Joe wished to thank all the people behind the scenes that make the fire school a big success. Also wanted to thank all the fire companies and EMS units that took their time to send very much needed equipment and students. Jeff Gromley Fire school

secretary reported that a total of 725 students went to the three weekends of fire school and that there were a total of 92 students that attended the essential programs.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that there has been much needed clean up going on at the fire school site by many members. Also reported that the fire school has received from Bucks County Community College 4 sections of 6" by 10' hard suction / barrel, low level, and float dock strainers / and 4" to 5" Storz connector. The Altoona Fire Company is using our fire school site to run their academy at this current time. The contractor has finished the two walls for the brick project and the Boy Scout that is doing this project must be finished with what he is doing within the next three weeks. Within this time this area will be landscaped and the donated sign with our old logo will be placed to finish this step of the brick wall. There will be more walls to come.

Certification: William Cornell of West Hills reported that there was a total of 13 applications turned in for the F.F II open test for next weekend June 2, 2018. All applications for the F.F. I open test are due on Friday May 25,2018.

Historical: John Bem of Hastings reported for Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh that there have been less than 70 historical books purchased as of this date. The committee is please asking the membership present to help push the selling of these books. The committee has work very hard to but a very nice book together and want to get it out into as many hands as they can. As for the PA. Firemen ad he reported that there has been one order that has come in from the state Wisconsin.

911 EMA: Robbin Melnyk 911 Coordinator spoke on the latest issues with the radio system due to the heavy rain and them not working properly. She mentioned that the dispatchers do not know when the radio system is failing so please work with them to make it an easier, so they can get this fixed promptly. She reported that where the tower is in the Cresson area will need to be placed in another area and that they are working to find a place that best fits that area. Robbin also mentioned that there have been many new hires in the last few months, so she is asking for us to be patient with them till they can get them up to par and comfortable in the console area. She mentions when they get the mapping set up that it will be much easier for the cad system on upgrading and uploading. This will also help with the time of day dispatching once it is up and running. Robbin mentioned that there will be four meetings regarding the radio system for the Fire Department the first one will be held on:

- 1.) July 17th in Carrolltown,
- 2.) July 19th in Summerhill,
- 3.) July 26th in Upper Yoder, and
- 4.) August 9th in Cresson.

With EMS meetings being held on June 7th and Police on June 21st.

Robbin introduced newly appointed EMA Director Art Martynuska. Art spoke to the membership on things he wishes to bring to the position and some of his goals he has set for himself while he serves this position. He is very interested in working very closely with our association. He had mentioned that House Bill 760 has been passed as First Responders Day and will be observed on September 27th this year. Art also mention on many things that he has started to put in place and some training he is looking into to make it open to members of our association.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that the next fire advisory board meeting will be held Tuesday June 26.

Resolutions: No Resolutions for this meeting.

County Convention: 1st Vice President Christopher Cox reported that he has passed out many of the rules books and pamphlets for the upcoming convention to the fire companies in attendance at this meeting, all other companies will be sent in the mail after tonight's meeting. Past Presidents banquet invites will be sent out to the Men and Women within the next couple of days as well.

Delegates Report: No report at this meeting.

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, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Secretary John C. Gromley Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley were present. Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller was absent.

Roll Call of Companies: 20 Total Companies Present, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Township, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland / Lorian, Pine Township, Revloc, St. Michael, West Hills Regional and West Taylor Twp.

Old Business: Nothing for this meeting.

New Business: Nothing for this meeting.

Good of the Order: The Secretary mentioned that Jack Lang of Lakemount Volunteer Fire Company has inquired about their fire company joining our association. The secretary has given Mr. Lang the information on how to submit their membership interest to the association, as of this date we have not heard anything back from him on them joining.

JohnHawksworth mentioned about the Chernisky 5 K race and walk that will be held on Saturday July 7th. John also is reminding everyone that there will be points awarded towards the grand championship trophy at the convention for those companies that send three or more of their members walk or run in their turn out gear.

Paul Kundrod of St. Michael questioned Art Martynuska on his knowledge of the use of drones. Art spoke Briefly about this and gave as much insight that he had. John Hawksworth mentioned to Art that if they would be interested in using the fire school site to train the committee would be very interested in accommodating them for this.

A rising vote of thanks was called for by John Bem of Hastings for the Pine Township Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

Next Meeting will be held at the Hope Volunteer Fire Station on the South Side of Northern Cambria on Thursday June 28, 2018.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$29.00

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale and properly 2nd by Richard Brown Sr. of Nanty Glo. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary