

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 Hope Volunteer Fire Company in Northern Cambria on June 28, 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 Hope Volunteer Fire Company. A short recess was called for by President Burns for the meal to be served.

President Burns reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. with William Cornell of West Hills calling for a correction under Certification reports, it was reported that the FF2 test was given on June 2 & 3rd, Mr. Cornell ask that it be corrected to reflect that it was only held on June 2nd. Once this correction was made President Burns ask for a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh made a motion to accept the previous minutes with the correction and with a proper 2nd by Richard Brown, Jr. of Nanty Glo the motion was carried.

Communications: Dues notice and convention information for the State of Pennsylvania Firemen's Assn. that will be held in Gettysburg PA. Information on the upcoming Western Firemen's Assn. that is being held in Vandergrift, PA.

Reading of the Monthly Bills:

General Fund

John Gromley	\$ 100.00	Postage expenses
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Fire School

Long Barn Inc.	\$ 391.70	Lumber Materials
Emergency Medical Products	\$ 601.86	AED Battery & Pads
Suburban Propane	\$ 6.17	Propane
CMP Energy	\$ 576.29	Diesel Fuel
Penelec	\$ 176.69	Site Electric
Lacue's Sunoco	\$ 85.60	Site Gasoline
Al's Tire & Auto	\$ 759.75	Tractor Tires & Repair
Templeton Auction	\$ 6,800.00	Skid Loader Purchase

John Hawksworth	\$ 70.00	Misc
5K/10K Race Expenses		
Cambria Mailing Systems	\$ 434.30	Race Mailing Expense
<u>Death Fund</u>		
Kim Burkett	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Dean Wess Sta. 86
Bill Myers	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Irene Myers Sta. 70
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>\$10,552.36</u>	

Motion by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to pay the monthly bills, with a proper 2nd by John Bem of Hastings 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 Tom Bracken of Nanty Glo to accept the Treasurer's report with a proper 2nd by George Popson of Patton. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger reported that we got a budget, but we got nothing good with the budget. Mr. Unger reported that there are several good bills in committee they just have not come to the floor yet. He also reported that all fire companies need to be on the lookout with the new fireworks laws in place for the upcoming July 4th holiday, and stay safe.

Fire School: Joe Adams of Cresson reported that he is hopefully planning to have a fire school meeting before the upcoming convention.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that President Burns had purchased a skid loader for the fire school site at the Dean Wess action. Mr. Hawksworth also made mention that one of the brick walls is done and the committee has started moving forward on the second wall.

Certification: William Cornell of West Hills reported that for the FF II open test, they have a total of 13 applicants. They also had 30 applicants for the FF I test. Excelsior FD from Bellwood, PA in Blair County will be the host to a closed FF I test in June. The Haz-mat operations class that was to be held in June has been cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that there has been a total of 120 historical books purchased as of this date. The committee is please asking the membership present to help push the selling of these books and the patron ads. The last date to order historical books is August 31, 2018. Nick Wukovich of Conemaugh made a motion that we as an association purchase 25 of our history books to have passed out to all the local libraries and Fire Company libraries with a proper 2nd by Richard Brown Jr. Motion was Carried.

911 EMA: Robbin Melnyk 911 Coordinator spoke on how fire companies can distribute information through the county email system. She reported that in the time that the dispatching center will have to go into storm activation system mode that instead of using fire sirens that they will be using E Alerts through out the duration of the storm. Robbin also mentioned when fire company representatives are

attending the meetings for the information about the new radio system they will receive a small survey that will be used for the radio project. Robbin is asking that these surveys get filled out on a timely manner and returned quickly. All this information will be compiled to help the county move in the best direction when doing this radio system project. If a fire company does not attend they will see that each company not in attendance receives their survey to get filled out.

Art Martynuska was in attendance and spoke on some various classes he is working to bring to our county.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that there was a meeting held Tuesday June 26. The board had spoke on how they want the fire companies to get in the habit of using "PAR" when responding on alarms. The committee strongly suggest that county send a letter out to all departments urging them to start using this term. Next Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 25,2018.

Resolutions: Chaplin Drew Walther of Jackson Township read the names of Dean Wess of Summerhill Station "86", George Wilson of COUNEMAUGH Station"15", and Denny Hutchins of the City of Phillidalphia. All members in attendance stood in one minute of silence for the departed members.

County Convention: 1st Vice President Christopher Cox reported that the Past Presidents banquet will be held at the Italian Cub in Gallitzin, there will be handicap parking in the rear of the club. Friday morning and afternoon of delegates day the Italian club will be open for delegates that wish to go there. Please get your early registration in for bowling and golfing. During the Battle of the Barrel the members of Gallitzin will be hosting a sub sale. All rules had either been distributed at last meeting or sent by mail after last meeting. Anyone in need of the rules for the convention they are on our web page.

Delegates Report: No report at this meeting.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reported that the website is updated.

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

Roll Call of Companies: 26 Total Companies Present, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Cresson, Dale, Dauntless, Faranklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Township, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Revloc, Richland Township, Spangler, St. Michael, West Hills Regional and West Taylor Twp.

Old Business: Eric Miller of the City of Johnstown mention that there has been over 100 runners and walkers pre-registered for the Chernisky 5K 10K race and walk that will be held on Saturday July 7th. As of this time there has been three fire companies signed up to run in the race, and we are hoping for more. Anyone available to help the day of the race please try to be there by 8am.

2018-2019 Nomination of Officers

2nd Vice President

- 1) Paul Sklodowski of Lilly
- 2) Byron Bishop, Sr. of Conemaugh
- 3) Jim McCann of The City of Johnstown

Treasurer:

Paul Kundrod of St. Michael

Assistant Treasurer:

Eric Miller of The City of Johnstown

Secretary:

John Gromley of Clymer

Assistant Secretary:

Jeff Gromley of Clymer

Delegate to State, Central, and Western:

Paul Sklodowski

Fire School Site Directors; (Vote for Three):

Brian Feist of Franklin, JD Burns of West Hills, and Byron Bishop Sr. of Conemaugh

Fire Advisory Board; (Vote for One):

Mark Coleman of Beaverdale, Joe Bock of Ferndale

Convention Town 2020:

Conemaugh

New Business: Motion by Joe Adams to award Jim Bloom of Dauntless the status of Emeritus site Director. 2nd by John Hawksworth of Dauntless. Motion was Carried.

Good of the Order: Chris Cox of Gallitzin mentioned about a possible chance we may have to move to other jewelers to have our stuff engraved. Secretary Gromley will investigate other options and talk with Servinsky's.

A rising vote of thanks was called for by Jim Bloom of Dauntless for the Hope Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

Next Meeting will be the convention meeting held at the Gallitzin Volunteer Fire Company on Friday August 3, 2018.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$38.00

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Joe Adams of Cresson and properly 2nd by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary