

# 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 Clymer Volunteer Fire Company, October 25, 2018 with the President Joseph D. Christopher Cox presiding.

President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

President Cox ask for Chaplin Drew Walther to say a prayer to begin the meeting and for the meal.

President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. With no errors or correction President Cox ask for a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. William Cornell of West Hills Regional made a motion to accept the previous minutes as read, and with a proper 2nd by Rich Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo, the motion was carried.

Communications: Letter from Lilly Borough, and Washington Township in regards to the 2021 convention, Crime prevention policy, State Grant for Fire School, Dues payment for Duncansville, Windber, and Eric Yarina.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

## General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$75.00 Web Site Updates
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## Fire School

Selective Insurance Co.	\$1,368.00 Quarterly Premium
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Penelec	\$153.09 October Electric
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Ollinger Bros Inc.	\$127.15 Brick Caps
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TH Porta Johns	\$ 500.00 Tank Pumping 9/27
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Steve Verbosky	\$ 105.56 Reim for Paint Supplies
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Lacue's Sunoco	\$ 67.00 Site Fuel
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Hugill Sanitation	\$ 30.00 Pickup
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West Central Equipment	\$ 1,799.02 Tractor repair / Servicing
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## Death Fund

Nanty Glo Fire Co.	\$ 275.00 Benefit for Milan Campbell (Station 43)
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<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,499.82</u></b>
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Motion by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh to pay the monthly bills, with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Popson of Patton motion was carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer Report. With a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by JD Burns of West Hills Regional to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Popson of Patton. Motion was carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Law & Legislative:** Steve Unger reported that the House and Senate are in recess to the call of their respective chairs. Steve covered Senate bills 575,1221, and 1235. A full report was given to the secretary. John Bem reported that Governor Wolf signed House Bill 1013 earlier in the day and wanted to make members aware of this, also John has scholarship applications for State, Western, and Central if anyone would be interested in them.

**Fire School:** Jim McCann of Johnstown was introduced as the successor to Joe Adams to be the Fire School Training Administrator. Jim was in attendance and spoke on some new ideas that the committee is in the process of putting into play. He mentioned that the fire school committee will be revamped to individuals that want to see the fire school move forward, so if anyone is interested see Jim. Jim covered the five upcoming essential programs that will be held starting at the beginning of the new year. Also, the committee along with Bucks Community College Director Matt Hatrak meet and set the spring fire school in motion with finalizing classes. The brochures should be sent out in the near future.

**Fire School Site:** John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the fire school has been shut down for the winter. Nagel's excavating has done a lot of work at the site in making roads from the asphalt millings. The Cambria County Vo-Tech is helping us out with making things for the site such as picnic tables, a roof simulator, and a few other very much needed things.

**Certification:** On November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a F.F. I test at the site

**Historical:** Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that the committee finalized the historical book. The book will be sent for print with the hopes that all the books will be ready to be passed out by the December meeting. There was a motion Rich Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo to give Treasurer Paul Kundrod permission to move the collected book money onto his credit card account to have him pay for the historical books when they are ready to be picked up with that card, properly 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Cornell of West Hills Regional. Motion was Carried.

**911 EMA:** June Kania of EMA has ask for all departments to please get the surveys for the EMA back in as soon as possible, and also remember that there are many new dispatchers so please be patient when talking on the radio with them.

**Fire Advisory Board:** Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that the next advisory board meeting will be held on December 11, 2018. Eric Miller of Johnstown spoke and answered questions on the new radio system. Eric mentioned that the biggest hurdle for this radio project will be the financial burden. He mentioned that each company should start looking at their budgets now and making provisions for these upgrades. He did mention that the County Commissioners are very aware of this burden and will be doing everything possible to help everyone effect out. There has been a new antenna put in Cresson at the cost of \$75,000.00 dollars.

**Resolutions:** Past Member Milan E. Campbell of Nanty Glo Station 43 name was read by the Chaplin and the remembrance of Robert "Bob" Gallardy death twelve years ago today was ask for. All members in attendance stood in one minute of silence for these men and their service.

**County Convention:** Darrin Smith 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President mentioned that St. Michael will be doing the traditional seven-day convention. The dates for the convention will be July 27 through August 3, 2019.

**Delegates Report:** Paul Skoldowski report nothing new to report.

**Web Site:** William Cornell reported that the web site is updated and to start looking for the fire school updates and classes to be posted.

**Roll Call of Officers:** President Christopher Cox, 1st Vice President Darrin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jim McCann, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, and Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller were all present.

**Roll Call of Companies:** 20 Total Companies Present, Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Jackson Township, Lilly, Nanty Glo Oakland-Lorain, Patton, Reade, Revloc, St. Michael, West Hills Regional and West Taylor Twp.

**Old Business:** John Hawksworth reported that the Eagle Scout Project portion of the wall has been completed. The other wall has been started with a number of bricks sold already purchased, anyone wishing to purchase a brick please see John or get a form from any officer or off the Web Site.

**New Business:** Nothing at this meeting

**Good of the Order:** James Bloom of Dauntless has spoke to Penn Dot about the erecting of signs for the fire school at the Ott road entrance's, He is asking that the Secretary send a letter to the main Penn Dot office in Duncansville in regards to this matter to help move this process along a little faster.

A rising vote of thanks was called for by Rich Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo for the Clymer Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

**Next Meeting:** Will be held at the Scalp Level Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday December 13,2018.

**50/50** Amount awarded was \$31.00

Motion to Adjourn at 8: 15 p.m. by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale and properly 2nd by William Cornell of West Hills Regional. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary