

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 West Taylor Volunteer Fire Company, January 24, 2019 with the President 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 himself said a prayer to begin the meeting and for the meal.

President Cox reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with asking for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. With one correction to last meetings minutes "The Ladies of Geistown will receive a brick on the wall for their donation of money to the Fire School" President Cox ask for a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. Steve Verbosky of Colver made a motion to accept the previous minutes with the correction, and with a proper 2nd by Richard McPherson of West Taylor Twp., the motion was carried.

Communications: No communications for this meeting.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 117.40	Web Site Updates
Lynn Card Co.	\$ 91.45	Stationary / Cards
Adams Twp. VFC#2	\$1,000.00	2019 Convention

Fire School

Penelec*	\$ 198.90	Jan Electric
John Gromley	\$ 50.00	FS Postage Reimbursement
Hugill Sanitation	\$ 30.00	Dumpster Pickup
Vern Fulton	\$ 243.88	Apparatus Materials
Pritt Garage	\$81.88	Title Transfer Fee

*Denotes Paid Already

Death Fund

Ramona Flook	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Thomas Flook (Station 15)
Lauren Lieb	\$ 275.00	Benefit for Justin Lieb (Station 59)

Total Expenses: \$ 2,363.51

Motion by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale to pay the monthly bills, with a proper 2nd by Richie Brown of Nanty Glo motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer Report. With a copy on file with the Secretary. Motion by Bill Lehmann of Richland Twp. to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by Don Litzinger of Dale Borough. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: No report given.

Fire School: Bill Cornell of West Hills reported that there is a total of Five fire school essentials classes happening at this time. Also reported that the Spring fire school brochure will be sent out in the next few days. The FFII prep class that was overlooked will be put back on the schedule.

Jim McCann of Johnstown brought to everyone's attention that there are several firefighters signing up for overlapping classes and urged the departments to pass this information on to its members not to be overlapping. The leadership piolet program will be running but only to a select few members. This will be done to be able to work out problems that may arise and can be tweaked before going to the open membership with this program.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the Southmont engine was delivered to the fire school site. John also mention he would be meeting with the survey crew at the site in the next few days.

Certification: William Cornell of West Hills Regional reported that the November meeting was a Web based meeting due to the inclement weather. He mentioned that the new updates to Haz-Mat Awareness 1072 will now conducted skill stations as part of this class.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills reported that there are updates that need to be done to the three association computers. This update would be 365 office migration package it would coast the association a total of \$15.00 a month for a total of \$1,050.00 for one year. President Cox entertained a Motion by Richie Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo and with a proper 2nd by Tom Callahan of Ashville Motion was Carried.

Historical: Nothing to report at this meeting.

911 EMA: Art Martynuska mentioned that June Kania of EMA has ask him to pass along that she will be reaching out for more individuals that maybe interested in joining the county Haz-mat team, the team needs a few good members. The county is looking for different to conducted physicals for their team members.

Art also ask for thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery for his close friend Eric Miller also our Assistant Treasurer, he has just went through some major surgery.

Art mentioned that they have received only a few surveys of equipment that is owned by the departments back from the fire departments in the county. He is urging the departments that have not filled these surveys out do so and return them as quickly as possible. This will help the county keep a better track of items that departments have. Emergency Medical Surveys will be sent out soon.

Art has mentioned that they need each department to seriously start using the term "PAR" when running the calls. This helps the dispatch center in the use of the run card and the numbers of firefighters that are out on the scene.

Region 13 will be moving to the Philadelphia airport. There will be new drills be conducted by the members of Region 13 soon. They will be offering a Haz-Mat Tec program being offered and they are looking for new instructors to teach this program.

The City of Johnstown has a Haz-Mat vehicle that is not being used at this time. Art is in talks with Johnstown Fire Chief Bob Statler to try and relocate this Haz-Mat vehicle to our fire school property for training use.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported that the next advisory board meeting will be held in March.

Resolutions: In the absences of our Chaplin, 1st Vice President Darrin Smith of St. Michael read the resolutions of past members Thomas Flook of Conemaugh Station"15" and Justin Lieb of Nicktown Station "59" all members in attendance stood in one minute of total silence for our departed members.

County Convention: Darrin Smith 1st 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. He has submitted a tentative schedule at this meeting which starts with a softball tournament on Saturday July 27th, The Battel of Barrel and Bowling (in the evening) on Sunday, Golf Tournament on Monday, Past Presidents banquet on Tuesday, Pumping Contest on Wednesday, Firefighters Challenge, Delegates registration, Voting, and a mug night on Thursday, With Delegates day being on Friday August 2nd, Starting with a 7 am to 10 am breakfast at the American Legion, 10 am Memorial Service at St. Michael Catholic Church, at 11 am the men business session will be at the social hall of the fire company and the women's business being held at the St. Michael Catholic Church. Then an afternoon banquet will be served at the fire station. With the competition being the Bucket Brigade and Horseshoes. On Saturday August 3rd, the convention will wrap up with the Grand Convention Parade and a band in the evening.

Delegates Report: Paul Skoldowski report nothing new to report.

Roll Call of Officers: President Christopher Cox, 1st Vice President Darrin Smith, 2nd Vice President Jim McCann, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Jeff Gromley, all were present. Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller was excused due to surgery.

Roll Call of Companies: 17 Total Companies Present, Ashville, Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Cover Hill, Dale, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Richland Twp., St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills Regional and West Taylor Twp.

Old Business: John Hawksworth reported that we only need a total of twenty bricks that need sold to be able to finish the second wall.

New Business: Nothing at this meeting

Good of the Order: Nothing at this meeting

A rising vote of thanks was called for by William Cornell of West Hills Regional for the West Taylor Volunteer Fire Department for hosting the meeting conducting a 50/50 and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

Next Meeting: Will be held at the Dauntless Volunteer Fire Company in Ebensburg on Thursday February 28, 2019.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$23.50

Motion to Adjourn at 8: 15 p.m. by Tom Callahan of Ashville and properly 2nd by James Bloom of Dauntless. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary