

**Volunteer Firemen's Association**  
of  
**CAMBRIA COUNTY & VICINITY**  
P.O. Box 244, St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

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The meeting of the Volunteer Fireman's Assn of Cambria County & Vicinity was hosted by the Scalp Level-Paint Volunteer Fire Company on Thursday December 13, with President Chris Cox presiding.

President Cox called the meeting to order at 6:50pm

Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Walther said the opening prayer.

A recess was held for a light lunch provided by the Host Company.

Meeting resumed at 9:10pm

President Cox appointed Paul Kundrod to serve as acting Secretary for the meeting

The prior monthly minutes were read by the acting secretary. Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh made a motion to accept the prior minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rich Brown of Nanty Glo. Motion passed.

We received communications from the Geistown Ladies Auxiliary. They made a donation of \$ 1,000.00 to our Fire School. The Ladies Aux of Geistown is disbanding and distributing their funds. A Thank you letter will be sent to Ruth Englehart.

A reading of the monthly bills was read by Treasurer Kundrod

Bills totaled \$ 36,833.48

A motion by Frank Hribar of St Michael, properly seconded by Jim Bloom of Dauntless to pay all bills. Motion passed.

Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Financial report for December. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by Mark Coleman of Beaverdale, and proper second by Jim Goss of Upper Yoder to accept the Financial Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Steve Unger of Conemaugh provided a report for Law and Legislative. He stated there is a new majority leader in the State House. He also reported on the number of new representatives and senators in Pennsylvania due to the recent elections.

John Hawksworth of Dauntless added to the discussion on the recent SR 6 publication. The report discussed declining membership in the PA volunteer forces, funding, and EMS funding. The report is lengthy but a lot of good information in it. However there are many recommendations but no backbone to follow up or enforce to make changes.

Jim McCann of the City of Johnstown discussed the upcoming spring 2019 Cambria County Fire School program. The brochures will be out after the first of the year. We are



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using the same format as in prior years-with a selection of 4 hour evening classes- individual day classes, and the normal 16 hour courses.

Jim also explained the Essential modules will be starting after January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 5 locations for students to choose to select the site that best works for them. A calendar or courses are posted on our website. The essential modules will also contain sessions for Haz Mat Awareness first aid and CPR. The Haz Mat will also enable the student to test for certification at the end of the course.

The Fire School also has a sub committee looking into an Officer Leadership to help new and experienced officers in the operation of a department. These classes will range from Financial matters to Community Risk Analysis to County EMA to Grant writing. Initially there are at least 8 different session planned by In house instructors and out of town experts in their respective fields. As more information becomes available it will be distributed.

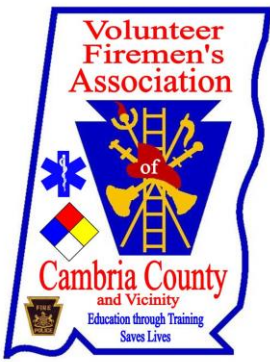
John Hawksworth talked about the Fire School site. The sire was shut down last month. The roads are complete with the exception of a few areas. Exterior lighting will be installed on the garage. The tractor has been repaired again-so it will be fully operational for spring. John told the group that the Southmont Fire Company maybe donating a pumper to the Fire School. The investigating group will look it over and advise us. John is also asking for anyone knowing of un used Jersey barriers to be used at the site.

John Hawksworth also spoke on Site Certification. The last test was done on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Nick Wuckovich spoke about the Historical Committee. All the books have been distributed and out of the 300, 80 had to be mailed. Nick thanked the committee who assisted in the project. A few delegates have asked about additional orders. That may be possible only if enough requests are received however the cost will be a little higher due to quantity discount we initially received for a 300 book order. Everyone was pleased with the book.

Website- No report  
911 / EMA – No Report

Fire Advisory: Steve Verbosky of Colver stated 6 members were re-appointed. A discussion was held on the radio program put on by Kenwood. Approximately 25 people attended both sessions. Commissioner Tom Chernisky spoke on the radio process, and the recent happenings. They are anticipating April 2019 to put out Bids. Commissioner William Smith also spoke on the County's present budget and what the commissioners are doing to support the work being done for the radio system. He stated that he will not



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sign for anything until he is assured the system works for us, and if the system is requiring a 95% compliant performance- that nothing less will be

acceptable.

Rich Brown of Nanty Glo talked about the features being added with Fire Dispatch. The dispatchers are advising of the Operation Channel to be sued, and are stressing use of PAR on all alarms. Enhanced GIS mapping will be forthcoming to the 911 Center.

A brief discussion was held on some dispatching issues encountered in West Taylor. Commissioner Chernisky advised that if we are not getting called back, etc to notify the commissioners office.

Resolution: Chaplain Walther read the evening resolution and ask for a moment of silence for deceased member Dwayne Woodring of Nanty Glo Station 43. A copy of the resolution has been submitted to the Secretary.

County Convention: No Report

Roll Call of Officers showed President Cox, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Darrin Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jim McCann and Treasurer Paul Kundrod all present.

Roll Call of Companies showed 18 companies present

Old Business: John Hawksworth stated the bricks make a good Christmas gift.

New Business: None

Good of the Association:

Commissioner Chernisky stated the Chernisky classic 5K/10K registration is open and you may apply on line. This years event will be July 6<sup>th</sup>  
50/50 drawing was \$ 31.00

A rising vote of thanks to Scalp Level for hosting the meeting was made.

Next Meeting will be January 24, 2019 in West Taylor

Motion to Adjourn Edward Hudak, Beaverdale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Hribar- motion passed .

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M Kundrod, Acting Secretary