

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 Spangler Volunteer Fire Company at their Contres Greer Social Hall, March 28, 2019 with the President Christopher Cox presiding.

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

President Cox asked for a prayer to be given by Chaplin Drew Walther for the meal and the meeting.

Members in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

At this time President Cox ask for a short recess for the meal to be served that was prepared by the members of the Spangler Fire Company.

At 7:35 President Cox reconvened the meeting with asking for the previous meeting minutes be read at this time. William Cornell of West Hills Regional calling for a correction to the canceled CPR date being March 23rd instead of June 23rd, President Cox ask for a motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. Lenny Whiteford of Patton made a motion to accept the previous minutes with the correction, and with a proper 2nd by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh, the motion was carried.

Communications: Central District Volunteer Firemen's Membership dues card, Letters from the Patton Fire Company and the Patton Borough Council, and a letter from the association Chaplin Drew Walther of Jackson Twp.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

General Fund

Servinsky Jewelers \$150.00 Fire Prevention Plaque

Fire School

Steve Verbosky \$ 82.87 Misc. Reimburses

Penelec* \$516.99 March Electric

*Denotes Paid Already

Death Fund

Estate of George Yatsky \$ 275.00 Benefit for George Yatsky (Station 82)

Nanty Glo Fire Company \$275.00 Benefit for Francis "Bud" Hines (Station 43)

Total Expenses: \$1,299.86

Motion by John Bem of Hastings to pay the monthly bills, with a proper 2nd 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 Mark Coleman of Beaverdale. to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by Bruce Moriconi of Hope. Motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger of Conemaugh reported on many House and Senate Bills most of which have are being reviewed by the committee that has been formed to put together SR6. He also reported on the number of days each of them will be meeting in April, May, and June.

Fire School: Bill Cornell of West Hills reported that there has been a total of six classes canceled for the first weekend of fire school and five on the second weekend. Even with those classes canceled there has been a total of six hundred and fifty (650) registered at this time, so the committee is looking for around a total of around eight hundred and fifty (850) students in attendance for the three weekends altogether. Jeff Gromley Fire School Secretary of Clymer reported that the committee is looking forward to next year already, they are moving towards making the registration electronic next year. They wish to be able to have class registration to where everyone could if they wish to register on line. There are somethings that the committee are still working hard to figure out such as the Chief Officers signature, but they believe something can be done to keep up to the electronic age. He mentioned to the older non technology age individuals that they will still be excepting the paperwork as they do now.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that fire school start the weekend of April 5th. He asks anyone wishing to help that have not enrolled in a class or if you have enrolled and wish to give a free moment please come and help it would be appreciated. He mentioned that they will be charging the water system tomorrow for the essential class to start their fourth block. John also congratulated fire school Secretary on his call to become a member of the Altoona Fire Company as a professional fire fighter and mentioned that The Altoona Fire Company will be using the Fire Academy for their upcoming fire training for their new hires. The date will be April 10th through mid-May.

Certification: Eric Miller of Johnstown reported that there where 30 instructors attended the evaluators workshop at the Dauntless Fire Hall. He also reported on the upcoming open and closed certification classes that will be given in the next few months.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills reported that the December meeting minutes have been posted and that tonight meeting minutes with the correction will be posted.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that he and Treasurer Paul Kundrod have been working to secure the price of thirty dollars (\$30.00) a book for the reprint of the Historical Book through staples. If they can secure that price, they will act on purchasing the one hundred books that they have permission to purchase.

911 EMA: Robbin Melnyk 911 Coordinator reported that they will be acting on setting aside dates in May for the vendors to review each of the process of the radio project. She talked on how many of the fire departments have ask for more of an EMS response on their run cards, she said that it will be reviewed. She also mentioned that there have been fire departments being dispatched for QRS calls that are not QRS certified. Robbin said that they will be reviewing this with the county medical director about the liability that the center has when dispatching a non-QRS certified department and then deciding on how these calls will be handled. She also spoke on the call out procedures of Penn Dot for the communication center. She has asked that the Chief officer in charge of the scene give a more in-depth reason of why Penn Dot will be needing called out. There happen to be two different call out numbers on off hours of Penn Dot the dispatcher can use 1st being a call-in center number which may not be

reviewed till office hours and a second one being a direct line to a field supervisor. This would help insure the dispatcher calling the correctly needed phone line.

EMA: June Kania Executive Assistant reported that the county Haz-Mat team certification will be up on July 31, 2019. This certification is a four-year certification and the Haz-Mat team will be working on recertifying for another four years.

Fire Advisory Board: Steve Verbosky of Colver ask Robbin Melnyk to help him with his report of the fire advisory board meeting that was held on March 26th they heard of new enhancements to the protocols of trapped victims in many different situations. She mentioned about seven new protocols that the 911 dispatchers will be putting into the system to implement in all the different situations. Robbin gave many illustrations of some of the different situation for the members in attendance. Robbin also read the names of three newly hired dispatchers. She mentioned that they will be soon going to the dispatching console to dispatch so please be patient with each of them, she did mention of how nice it has been to hire and teach these three because of their knowledge of how to speak on a radio before being hired.

Resolutions: Chaplin Drew Walter read the resolutions of past Members Francis "Bud" Hines from Nanty Glo Volunteer Fire Company, Station "43" and George Tatsky from Dunlo Volunteer Fire Company, Station "82" all members in attendance stood in one minute of total silence for our departed members.

County Convention: Darrin Smith 1st Vice President mentioned that the convention will be held the week of July 27th through August 3, 2019. He also mention to fire companies that are interested in placing a bid on the grand champion trophy that the Chernisky 5k 10k race and walk will be held July 6th and fire companies that have three members compete in turnout gear will be awarded points to this trophy, he also mention that there is now a fire prevention book that can be submitted to the secretary no later than the June meeting, and that fire companies that attended our springs fire school can be awarded points to the grand champion trophy as well. He mentions that the booklet ads will be being mailed out to the fire companies very soon. Also, that the golf course will be the one that was used last year in Cresson.

Delegates Report: Paul Skoldowski report that the Central District spring board meeting will be held in Clymer on May 5th with committee meeting starting at 1:30 and the regular meeting starting at 2:00 pm. Also, the Central District Convention will be held in Clymer August 15,16, & 17 of this year.

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

Roll Call of Companies: 28 Total Companies Present; Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Oakland, Patton, Reade Twp., Revloc, Richland Twp., Riverside, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, West Hills Regional and West Taylor Twp.

Old Business: The Red Cross Blood Drive that will be held from 1 to 6:30pm on delegates day will take place in the social hall of the Catholic Church in St. Michael. This will be the same church that the memorial service will be held that morning.

New Business: Letters were read by the secretary from the Patton Fire Company No.1 and the Patton Borough Council regarding hosting the 2012 Cambria County 100th Year Firemen's Convention. There was a Motion by William Cornell of West Hills Regional to accept the paperwork to be in order from both entities to be considered for the 2021 convention, properly 2nd by Richie Brown Jr of Nanty Glo. Motion was Carried. The secretary also read a letter of resignation with regret from Chaplin Drew Walther of Jackson Township. Reverend Walter will be relocating to the Columbus, Ohio area. President Cox had asked the members in attendance to stand and thank Chaplin Walther for his years' service to our association.

Good of the Order: John Bem of Hastings called for a rising vote of thanks for the Spangler Volunteer Fire Company for hosting and providing the members in attendance with a meal.

Next Meeting: Will be held at the Reade Township Fire Company on Thursday April 25,2019.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$50.00

Motion to Adjourn at 8: 25 p.m. by Richie Brown Jr. of Nanty Glo and properly 2nd by Ed Hudak of Beavertdale. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary