

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 Colver Volunteer Fire Company, May 23, 2019 with the President Christopher Cox presiding.

President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with asking the members in attendance to stand for the pledge of allegiance, and a prayer for the meal.

Before calling for a short recess for the meal President Cox introduced Beth Sawyer from the American Red Cross and mentioned as the members were eating that Ms. Sawyer would be giving a presentation for the American Red Cross in reference to Disasters and other things that the American Red Cross provides to its local first responders.

At 7:50 pm President Cox reconvened the meeting with asking for the previous meeting minutes to be read. With no errors or corrections, President Cox entertained a motion by Tom Callahan of Ashville to accept the previous minutes as read with a proper 2nd by James Goss of Upper Yoder motion was carried.

Communications: Ashville Fire Company's Dues Payment

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

General Fund

Precision Business Solutions	\$ 22.77	Web Updates
Selective Ins. Co of America	\$ 1,522.00	Quarterly Premium

Fire School Fund

TH Porta Johns	\$ 360.40	Site Service
Penelec*	\$ 313.76	May Electric
Creative Catering	\$ 1,885.00	FS Wk#3 Meals
Cambria Heights Food Service	\$ 5,012.50	FS Wk#1 and 2 Meals
Hugills Roll Off	\$ 245.00	Dumpster
Lowes' Charge	\$ 591.90	Charges/Water
John Hawksworth	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/4/19
Roger Bock Jr.	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/4/19
Roger Bock Jr.	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/5/19
Joseph Bock	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/5/19
JD Burns	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/5/19
Hastings EMS	\$ 3,000.00	EMS Standby for FS
Tri County Transportation	\$ 462.32	Bus Service for FS
Roger Bock Jr.	\$ 160.00	Facilitator 5/18 and 5/19
Steve Verbosky	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/18
William Cornell	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/25 SBS Class
Vern Fulton	\$ 80.00	Facilitator 5/25 SBS Class

Death Fund

Estate of Wayne Whited

\$ 275.00

Benefit for Wayne Whited

Total Expenses: \$14,490.65

Committee Reports:

Law and Legislation: Steve Unger of Conemaugh reported there has been no progress in either the House or the Senate since they have been back in session.

Fire School Training: William Cornell of West Hills reported that there were eleven firefighters that completed the Haz-Mat Operations Class. William also announced that next year Spring fire school weekends are tentatively April 3rd, 4th & 5th April 17th, 18th & 19th April 25th & 26th

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that Grais Brothers have been using the end of the fire school property to land equipment and pipes, so they will be helping fix the road into the fire school facility for the committee letting them use our land as a staging area.

Certification: Eric Miller of the City of Johnstown reported that the FF1 scheduled for Martinsburg has been postponed and the FF2 was canceled due to lack of applicants. FF1 only has one applicant currently and the deadline is tomorrow May 26th. On Saturday June 22nd there is a closed FF1 test scheduled for Reade Township and a closed FF1 test scheduled for Clymer on Sunday June 23rd.

Historical: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that he and Treasurer Paul Kundrod was able to get Staples to commit to the price of \$25.00 for reprinting the History book. So, he is announcing that the books that were just reprinted and will be sold at \$25.00 each.

911 EMA: Robbin Melnik reported on the new tower site in the Cresson area. The radio RFP is soon to be released so the vendors can go out and put their proposals together. She also mentioned that the dispatcher will contact the incident commander at the one-hour mark and ask them if Red Cross or any other recourses happen to be needed. She has and will be reminding EMS to switch over to fire dispatch on fire scenes. She also mentioned that there have been four new hires so once they make it to the console please be patient with them.

EMA: No Report

Fire Advisory: Steve Verbosky of Colver reported the next meeting is in June.

Web Site: William Cornell reported that the website is updated, and the American Red Cross information from this meeting will be loaded.

Resolutions: 1st Vice President Darrin Smith of St. Michael read the name of Wayne Whited of Hope Station "50". All members in attendance stood in one minute of silence for our past member Wayne Whited.

County Convention: 1st Vice President Darrin Smith reported that the schedule is out, and all the plans are coming together. He reported to not forget the Chernisky 5k/10k run and race, and to all fire companies that have three or more members participate in the race they will be awarded points towards the Grand Champion Trophy. Darrin also reminded all members that the Fire Prevention Book is due into the Secretary by the June meeting.

Delegates: Paul Sklodowski of Lilly reported that he attended the Central District Spring board meeting held in Clymer. He also attended a memorial service for first responders at the Hope Springs Church in Northern Cambria.

Roll Call of Officers: President Christopher Cox, 1st Vice President Darrin Smith, 2nd Vice President Jim McCann, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Asst. Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John Gromley, Asst. Secretary Jeff Gromley. Where all present

Roll Call of Company's: **22 Company's Present,** Ashville, Beaverdale, Cherry Tree, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, Ferndale, Gallitzin,

Hastings, Lilly, Nanty Glo, Nicktown, Patton, Portage, St. Michael, Upper Yoder, West Hills, and West Taylor.

Old Business: John Hawksworth of Dauntless report that there is still bricks that need to be sold for the second wall. Eric Miller mentioned that a few members have tickets supporting the ladies auxiliary. Eric also mentioned the Blood Drive on July 2nd at the YPCC in Ebensburg, PA. also the blood drive that will be held on Delegates day at the Catholic Church in St. Michael.

New Business: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh brought up to the members present about the 100th anniversary that is soon approaching. Nick believes we as a membership should do something special for this 100 years. With some discussion from the floor President Christopher Cox appointed Nick Wuckovich the Chairman of this committee and has ask Nick to fill the committee with members he believes would be helpful at fulfilling a nice centennial anniversary.

William Cornell of West Hills announced that Westwood will be merging with West Hills Regional.

Good of the Association: John Bem of Hastings ask for a rising vote of thanks for the Colver Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing a meal for the members in attendance.

50/50: \$37.50

Next Meeting will be held in Conemaugh on Thursday June 27, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley
Assn. Secretary