

Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County & Vicinity

The meeting of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity was hosted by Cover Hill Fire Company, February 27, 2020, with President Darrin Smith presiding.

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

President Smith called for members in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Smith ask for the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Motion from the floor to accept the last meeting minutes as read by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale and with a proper 2nd by Mark Coleman the motion was carried.

Communications: None.

Reading of the Monthly Bills by Treasurer Paul Kundrod:

General Fund

Precision Bus. Solutions	\$ 73.47	Monthly Web Updates
Fire Assn. of State of PA	\$ 20.00	Annual Dues
Conemaugh Vol. Fire Co.	\$ 1,000.00	Convention Prepayment

Fire School

Penelec	\$ 234.82	Monthly Electric
Hugill Sanitation	\$ 60.00	Dumpster Pickup
Vernon Fulton	\$ 51.54	Motor Oil
Suburban Propane	\$ 10.60	Annual Tank Rental

Centennial Fund

Pasquerilla Conference Center	\$ 500.00	Rental Security Deposit for 10/9/21
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Death Fund

None

Total Expenses: **\$ 1,950.43**

Motion by Richie Brown, Jr. of Nanty Glo to pay the monthly bills, and with a proper 2nd by Chris Cox of Gallitzin motion was carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the Treasurer's Report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. Motion by William Cornell of West Hills to accept the Treasurer's report as read, and with a proper 2nd by RJ Wilson of Reade Twp., motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Law & Legislative: Steve Unger of Conemaugh reported on some H.B. and S.B. that have been introduced since last association meeting. There was discussion on the floor about the elimination of the Fire Commissioner and replace the commissioner with three to four regional areas in the Commonwealth. It was mentioned by Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh and Eric Miller of Johnstown that there will be a meeting held in Johnstown on March 11th to discuss this. It was decided by the membership to have Nick Wuckovich and Eric Miller be the spokesmen for our Association at this meeting.

Fire School: Jim McCann of Johnstown reported that the 2020 Spring fire school dates will be the first weekend April 3, 4, & 5th. Second weekend April 17, 18, & 19. Third weekend April 24, 25, & 26. The brochure will be out in the mail in the next few weeks. Jim ask for members to please let your members know to not wait till the last minute to fill out your applications. The committee will review the number of students that have signed up for each class to make sure there will be enough students in each class. This will let the committee know if they need to cancel any classes and help with the number of lunches needed for those three weekends. Jim also reported that there are at this time five essential classes in different locations, West Hills, Dauntless, Clymer, Cresson, & Patton. Please check the class times and dates some classes will be on weekends while others will be during the week. This was done to make it easier on members that work different schedules.

Fire School Site: John Hawksworth of Dauntless reported that the site has been closed for the winter months but will be reopened for the essential programs to use. There also has been a new set up put in place for car fires and dumpster fires. Also, there are still bricks for sale for the wall.

Certification: Eric Miller of Johnstown mentioned that there will be an evaluators workshop held at Dauntless Fire Station on March 7th & 8th.

Web Site: William Cornell of West Hills reported that everything is updated on the website at this time, and that he has started to post things about the Centennial.

Centennial: Nick Wuckovich of Conemaugh reported that the committee will be starting to put the video together. This video will be put together by Garfield Gordy Fredo of Hastings using all the Past Presidents that are available to be a part of it, to tell the associations story. Mr. Fredo will be making copies and they will be for sell to anyone that may want to purchase one.

911: No Report Given

EMA: No Report Given

Fire Advisory Board: Richie Brown, Jr. reported the next meeting was scheduled for March.

Resolutions: 1st Vice President Jim McCann read the name of past member Bernard Kleman of Cover Hill. All members in attendance stood for one minute of silence for this past member.

County Convention: George Grove of Conemaugh reported that there is nothing new to report about the convention. The convention dates are scheduled for July 25th through August 1st.

Delegates Report: No Report Given

Roll Call of Officers: President Darrin Smith, 1st Vice President Jim McCann, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Assistant Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary John C. Gromley, Assistant Secretary Brett Gromley all were present. Excused due to work by President Darrin Smith was 2nd Vice President Jeremy Glass.

Roll Call of Companies: 27 Total Companies Present; Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh, Cover-Hill, Cresson, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Lilly, Nanty Glo, Oakland, Patton, Reade Twp., Revloc, Richland Twp., Southmont, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp. West Hills, West Taylor Twp..

Old Business: Nothing for this meeting

New Business: Ben Huether of Hope wished to extend a thank you to everyone that passed along their condolences for Fire Fighter/Paramedic Bryan E. Treese and Paramedic Ted Dybus.

Commissioner Tom Chernisky reported that the date for the 5k/10k Race and Walk will be held on July 11th of 2020.

President Smith announced the Committee for the tuition assistance grant; Chairperson, John Bem of Hastings, Treasurer Paul Kundrod, Secretary John Gromley, Karingtin Sklodowsky, Richie Brown, Jr.

Good of the Order: Ed Hudak of Beaverdale asked if the President could have the By-Law Committee investigate revamping the probationary rules for new membering companies. With a Motion from the floor by William Cornell of West Hills to move forward with this action and a Proper 2nd by Eric Miller, President Smith has asked that the By-law committee investigate this and see what can be done.

Next Meeting: Will be held in Riverside on January 23, 2020.

50/50 Amount awarded was \$61.00

A rising vote of thanks was called for by James Bloom of Dauntless for the Cover-Hill Fire Company for hosting the meeting and providing a meal for the members in attendance.

With a motion to adjourn at 8:22 P.M. by Ed Hudak of Beaverdale, President Smith deemed the meeting closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Gromley

Assn. Secretary