

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Carrolltown Fire Co.  
December 8, 2022**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Dan Legars then gave the blessing.
- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** – 19:02 hours
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 19:33 hours
- **Guest Speaker** – Lianna Weir -gave the final report for the ST. Francis University team with a power point presentation of their overall findings to help move the association forward.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of October 2022 meeting were read by Treasurer Paul Kundrod.
  - Additions or corrections – none. President Petrisko then declared the minutes accepted as read.
- **Communications** –
  - Thank you card from PA Chapter 22 from Johnstown Motorcycle Club.
  - Thank you letter from the Altoona FD for helping with their cadet academy along with a Certificate of Appreciation.
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$11,162.92
  - **Motion:** Lenny Whiteford – Patton
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
  - **Vote:** Passed
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:  
Total Funds in Certificates: \$121,958.85

Total Funds in Checking Accounts: \$73,332.87  
**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 12/08/2022: \$195,291.72

- **Motion:** Eric Miller – Johnstown
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Tony Sestrich – Richland
- **Vote:** Passed
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Law & Legislative** – Eric Miller – Johnstown
    - SB 1027 – passed and signed. Allows 17-year olds to take Mod 4 in training.
    - Yearly Fire Commissioners grant funding will be increasing starting next year.
  - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Fire School classes set. Brochures and Posters ready for pickup. Registration opens December 12.
    - Covered CareerLink EMT & Paramedic training and funding that is available starting in 2023.
    - 75 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Essentials manuals are available for \$80.00 each. See Paul Kundrod for these books.
    - Rehab teams is active. Many items donated for the rehab teams.
    - Essentials numbers are very low – need registrations ASAP to get the numbers up.
  - **Fire School Site** –
    - Site was shut down November 19.
    - Time capsule buried the same day.
    - Thank you notes to be sent for assistance given.
  - **Certification** –
    - All students will need their Federal ID number to take certification classes as of January 2023. This is the number that you get when you take your NIMS.
    - John Hawksworth is doing retest for certifications.
- **Other Committee Reports:**
  - **Application Review** –
    - Williamsburg application is under review at this time.
  - **By-Laws** –
    - Amendment vote: **54 Yes, 2 No** on article.

- Site Director: **Ed Link**
  - Motion by Bill Cornell – West Hills to destroy ballots, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Wuckovich – Conemaugh. Motion passed.
- **Fire Prevention** – John Hawksworth – Dauntless
  - Get your books in for Fire Prevention activities
- **Historical** – No report
- **Recruitment & Retention** – No report
- **Tuition Assistance** –
  - Ed Hudak – Beaverdale presented a check for \$250.00
- **Website** –
  - All posted.
  - Fire School Info to be posted soon.
- **St Francis Marketing** – No report
- **Fundraising** –
  - Selling County Ass'n t-shirts. Would like to have them ready for County Fire School. We do need to order a small bulk order if we go with Fast Times.
  - Will be selling a board of Lottery tickets. Tickets will have to be ready for January meeting.
  - Would like to raises FD Company membership dues for \$50 to \$100. This will require a By-Law change.
- **Awards** – No report
- **Credentials** – No report
- **Insurance** – No report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** –
  - Hope will give list of events at January meeting
  - Ricky Price spoke and said the committee was meeting and they are trying to simplify things for the Convention. Especially the equipment used for contest.

- **Tower Planning** – No report
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Art Martynuska
  - Radio system testing in the Spring. Need moisture in the trees for doing the tests.
  - 2 tower sites still being built
  - At existing sites, generators are going in Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Will be invoicing for radios starting in January
    - All radios are spoken for.
  - Foam trailer is ready for use. If needed contact 9-1-1 Center
  - Radio project is still going forward. There are still issues getting radio transmissions into Blair County.
- **Fire Advisory** –
  - Next meeting December 13
- **Resolutions** –
  - Paul Sklodowski read the Resolutions for the month
    - Past President Dean Smith – Patton
    - Past Chief Donald Litzinger – Dale Boro
    - Robert Penatzer – Summerhill Borough
    - Line of Duty Deaths in the State:
      - Firefighter Kurt Keilhofer – Mapleton Fire Co.
      - Assistant Chief Zachary Paris – New Tripoli Fire Co.
      - Firefighter Marvin Gruber – New Tripoli Fire Co.
  - All members stood in a minute of silence in memory of their departed Brothers.
- **County Convention** – Hope FC
- **Other Association** – No report
- **Roll Call of Officers** –
  - All present except Bill Lehmann (funeral), Jeff Gromley
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 33 in attendance
  - Ashville, Beaverdale, Carrolltown, City of Johnstown, Clymer, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Creekside, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Ferndale, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Jackson Twp., Keystone Regional, Loretto, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo,

Nicktown, Patton, Pinecroft, Richland Twp., South Fork, Southmont, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Hills, West Taylor

- **Old and Unfinished Business** –
  - Marion Center FC paid their past due balance.
- **New Business** –
  - Ghost Town Trail Marathon cooperative agreement with Cambria County Regional Firefighters Association signed by President Petrisko.
- **Good of the Association** – Nothing
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** –
  - President Petrisko called for standing rise for the host company Carrolltown.
- **Next Meeting** –
  - January 26, 2023 – Upper Yoder Twp.
- **50/50 Drawing** –
  - \$101 to the winner
- **Adjournment** –
  - **Motion:** Jim Nagle – Gallitzin
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Steve Verbosky – Colver
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 20:43 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary  
Notes by John Gromley – 1<sup>st</sup> VP.