

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Upper Yoder Fire Company  
January 26, 2023**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Mike Petrisko called the meeting to order at 1900 hrs
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – All members present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Petrisko. Paul Sklodowski then gave the blessing.
  
- **Meeting recessed for the Meal** - 1901 hours
  
- **Call Meeting Back to Order** – 1928 hours
  
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – Minutes of December 8, 2022 meeting were read.
  - Additions or corrections – none.
  - President Petrisko declared them approved as read.
  
- **Communications** – Community Foundation for the Alleghenies donated \$20.00. The letter was read under St. Francis marketing.
  
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod read the bills for the month in the amount of \$3,285.89
  - **Question:**
  - **Motion:** Bob Nies – Cover Hill
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Joe Sherry - Beaverdale
  - **Vote:** Passed with 0 No Votes
  
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod:  
Total Funds in Certificates: \$122,772.44  
Total Funds in Checking Accounts: \$87,019.57  
**TOTAL FUND BALANCES** as of: 01/26/2023: \$209,792.01
  - **Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Motion:** Bill Cornell – West Hills Reg
- **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
- **Vote:** Passed – 0 No Votes
  
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Law & Legislative** – No report
  
  - **Fire School** – Jim McCann – Johnstown
    - Essentials #'s are good
    - Fire School numbers low. Get registrations in. Committee will be having meetings to make cancellations based on the registration
      - Vehicle Rescue – 22 registered
      - Engine Company – 14 registered
    - 17 year olds cannot yet do Mod 4. Bucks is waiting on guidance from State. Law was passed & signed by Gov., but is at Labor & Industry awaiting guidelines concerning Child Labor Laws
    - EMT – meeting with CareerLink – EMT & Paramedic are high-demand fields allowing CareerLink to pay for school.
    - Grant secured for \$35,000.00 to pay for paramedic training assistance through Conemaugh.
  
  - **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich
    - Committee meeting was held at Nanty Glo on January 15, 2023 to establish Grant & Funding Request priorities:
      - \$500,000 and above:
        - New Tower & Connecting Burn Building
        - Road System Improvement
      - \$100,000 - \$500,000:
        - New Pump 1000 gpm \$74,500. 1500 gpm \$184,000
        - Storage building 50' x 80' \$121,000
        - New Tower \$203,000
        - Rehab & Shower building \$100,000 and up
      - \$50,000 - \$100,000:
        - Cascade air system \$71,000
        - Forklift \$65,000
      - \$50,000 and under
        - Cement pad at Maze and Time Capsule \$2,000

- Fixed & Portable lighting throughout the facility \$?
  - Heating Truck garage \$?
  - Study for sewage for the site
  - Hose Testing machine \$3,000
  - Upgrade existing tower
  - WiFi at site
- Alum Bank wants to donate an engine in exchange for certifications or membership. Committee will work with them to iron out details.
  - Motion by Jim McCann – Johnstown, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Coleman – Beaverdale to proceed with the donation. Motion passed.
- **Certification** – Bill Cornell – West Hills Reg
  - Fee schedule posted. Fees were increased due to costs. \$200 non-Association members, \$195 Association members.
- **Application Review** – Pres. Petrisko for the committee
  - Recommended Williamsburg for membership.
    - Motion – Rich Brown – Nanty Glo, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chuck Woodley – Hope. Motion passed.
- **By-Laws** – Steve Verbosky reported that a proposal was received from Bob Nies – Cover Hill to raise the annual memberships for departments from \$50 to \$100. Proposal was signed by 8 members of the Association.
  - Proposal Amends Article 1, Section 2 – changes “...Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars...”.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is February 23, 2023 meeting at Logan Township United.
  - Vote is March 23, 2023 Oakland meeting.
- **Fire Prevention** – no report
- **Historical** – no report
- **Recruitment & Retention** – Paul Kundrod – St. Michael

- Still doing the drawing at the convention for the meeting attendance prize. Keep putting your names in the jar when you attend meetings.
  - PA EMS Provider Foundation – still offering scholarships for Paramedic education
- **Tuition Assistance** – no report
- **Website** – Updated
- **9-1-1 EMA** – no update – will be a Chief's Meeting Sunday, January 29 at Dauntless.
- **Fire Advisory** – No report
- **County Convention** – Chuck Woodley
  - List of events and activities read
  - Details will follow
- **Other Association** – no report
- **St Francis Marketing** – Liana Wier
  - Professor in charge has changed. New professor is restructuring class.
  - Facebook class – 32 departments attended the Chamber Facebook class. Collected a table full of Backpack Project items.
  - Jennifer Tiffany offered to host a media relations class. Training committee will work to schedule.
  - President Petrisko read the CFA letter accompanying their donation. We received it because of the Association's support of the Backpack project.
- **Fundraising** – Liana Wier
  - Still working on T-Shirt sale. Working with Damin Printing and hoping to have shirts for sale soon on-line and at Fire School
  - Bob Nies reported on the \$100 Lottery rub offs. If all sell, will raise \$6,000 for the Death Fund Benefit. Drawing will be at Oakland meeting. Liana will post on Facebook. May even do FB Live drawing.

- **Awards** – no report
- **Credentials** – no report
- **Insurance** – no report
- **Rules & Convention Contests & Parades** – Josh Petrisko
  - Will meet Feb 1 at Nanty Glo
  - Proposed rules will be ready for Logan Twp United meeting
- **Tower Planning** – no report
- **Resolutions** –
  - Paul Sklodowski read the Resolutions for the month
    - Leo Henry – Dauntless
    - Stanley Fisher – Jackson Twp.
  - All members stood for one minute in silence in memory of their departed brothers.
- **Roll Call of Officers** –
  - All present except 1<sup>st</sup> VP John Gromley, Ass't Sec't Jeff Gromley
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 22 Companies:
  - Beaverdale, City of Johnstown, Colver, Conemaugh, Cover Hill, Dale, Dauntless, East Taylor, Hope, Keystone Regional, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Oakland, Richland Twp., Scalp Level Paint, South Fork, Southmont, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Twp., West Hills, West Taylor.
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – nothing
- **New Business** – Tony Sestrich
  - Burn Building needs its 5-year inspection – approximately \$4,000.00. May vary due to mileage. Motion – Sestrich – Richland Twp., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cornell. Motion passed.

- **Good of the Association** –
  - Jim McCann – has posters for Fire School if needed
  - Box 11 Rehab Team update – up and running
    - Had a meet and greet downtown. A lot of people showed up. They have 16 people interested, training this Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>).
    - Looking for donations of rehab equipment. Looking for pantry items; soups, coffee, drinks, etc. If any Departments have stuff, contact McCann, Jim Boring, or Liana Wier.
  - Tony Sestrich – the School Site needs a portable generator/light tower. He found a used one for \$2,500.00. Motion to purchase – Jim Bloom – Dauntless, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Coleman – Beaverdale. Motion passed.
  
- **Standing Rise for Host Company** – President Petrisko called for a standing rise for the host company Upper Yoder Twp. For their fine hospitality hosting the meeting.
  
- **Next Meeting** – Logan Twp United, 611 Grandview Rd, Altoona, PA 16601– February 23, 2023.
  
- **50/50 Drawing** – \$90.00
  
- **Adjournment** –
  - **Motion:** Steve Verbosky – Colver
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Cornell – West Hills
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 20:30

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary