

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

ST. JOHNSBURG FIRE COMPANY
7165 WARD RD. (RT. 429)
NORTH TONAWANDA, NY 14120

JUNE 8, 2014

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits.
President Wendi Walker Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 p.m.
Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.
Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
President Wendi Walker welcomed the members, delegates and guest to the meeting.

A Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous session was made by William Kershner, Seconded by Alan Way. Carried.

Report of Secretary Tim Tyrrell: We have collected a total of \$4,305.00 in dues for 2014. We have received back dues from several fire companies. There are 199 members and 150 fire companies that have paid 2014 dues. Assistant Secretary Dan Evans and I continue to work at the office on the old files and we are preparing material for the 2014 WNYVFA Convention in July. Motion by Stanley MacWilliams and Seconded to accept the Secretary's report. Carried.

Report of Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin: Account balances as of June 8, 2014:

Savings	\$ 1,887.51
Checking	6,610.38
Scholarship	860.59
TOTAL	\$ 9,358.48
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,475.43

A Motion by Robert Carncross, Seconded by David Wolf to accept. Carried.

Communications: Secretary Tim Tyrrell listed the following communications: FASNY Scholarship information; Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen Convention July 30-August 1, at Bolivar; Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association letter regarding renaming the FASNY Legislative Conference in Memory of an individual.; Nassau County Volunteer Firemen's Association endorsing Steven Klein for FASNY 2nd Vice President; FASNY Convention August 19-22, Albany, NY.

Committee Reports
First Vice President Harold Wollaber assumed the Chair

Trustees report: Chairman Ken Fuller reported 8 Trustees present. That they are working on a review of the Associations Insurance policy. The Insurance Premium for the current year has been paid. The Audit of all financial books of the Treasurer, Secretary and various committees will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Wheatfield Senior Center, adjacent to Tent City.

Bowling Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that all bowling tournament checks have been sent out. \$1,127.50 in donations were received from the tournament.

Budget Committee: Chairman Robert Walker. No report.

Program Book Committee: Chairman Edward Dysard reported that at the end of week 44, June 6th, that 88% of the Budget goal had been reached. Gross Sales of \$75,422.50; Support Services of New York, Inc. share-\$60,338.00; WNYVFA share-\$15,084.50. Any fire service organization having a fund raising event in their area should notify Ed. He will have the Solicitor stay out of your area. Edward Dysard © 946-1094 or Edwardo011781@aol.com.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Chairman William Kershner submitted a multi-page report regarding deleting the positions of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and creating a new position of Financial Secretary. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Trustees, Secretary and Treasurer for further review.

A new Section 7, under the Bylaws was presented: “Any member belonging to the Association for 50 years shall be recognized with a ‘50 Year Membership’ award in a manner to be determined.” This terminology will be revised before presentation at the General Meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014.

Convention Committee(WNYVFA): Chairman Ross Corser reported everything was in order and proceeding ahead with the Local Committee.

Local Convention Committee: General Chairman Tim Pytlik reported that forms for the various convention events, activities and housing were at the registration table. Tent City would be behind the Wheatfield Town Hall on Church Street. Rooms were still available at the Days Inn on Niagara Falls Blvd., just across from Tent City. Many events are planned for Thursday and Friday after the regular convention meetings and seminars. At 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 25th a “Fire Truck Pull” will be held near Tent City. A Mardi Gras program will be held Friday evening at the Beer Tent.

EMS Committee: Chairwoman Crystal Fisher reported that the EMS competition would be held on Thursday, July 24th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Wheatfield Recreation Center, next to Tent City. Letters for the Competition were mailed out. The Head Judge is working on the problems for the Competition.

Trophies will be ordered next week.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee: Chairwoman Beth Warner reported that Explorer’s and Junior Firefighters are welcome to participate in the waterball and hydrant hook-up programs and the convention. A flier with details will be placed on the (WNYVFA) website. FASNY 6th Annual Youth Day will be held on Thursday, August 21st at the Town of Colonie Training Center. Registration deadline is August 1st. Registration forms can be found at www.fasny.com/youth. Free breakfast, lunch and housing available. Contact FASNY Youth In The Fire Service Committee Chair, Beth Warner at (585) 967-6200 or Bethro4@aol.com.

Fireman of the Year Committee: Chairwoman Barbara Barber reported that the four Honorees have been selected and notification letters will be sent out this week.

Fire Officers Committee: Anthony DeMarco reported that AMKUS will provide a Training Seminar at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24th at the Town of Wheatfield Senior Center adjacent to Tent City.

Fire Police Committee: Chairman Donald Trezpacz reported that the Fire Police Honoree has been selected and that everything was set for the convention. He would be meeting with St. Johnsburg's Fire Police Committee for final arrangements.

Fire Prevention Committee: No report. Treasurer Tom McLaughlin reported that no funds had been expended this year. The only essays came from Niagara and Monroe Counties. Also, FASNY was changing their Fire Prevention procedures.

History Committee: No report.

Investment and Finance Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that as of June 8, 2014, the various accounts were:

Savings	\$ 1,887.51
Scholarship	860.59
Past Presidents	339.40
TOTAL	\$ 3,087.50

Six Certificates of Deposit	\$ 78,350.15
Checking	\$ 6,610.38
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$ 88,048.03

Legislative Committee: Edward Tase reported on the following: Residential Sprinklers in all new construction. There is language adjustment to make it suggested, not required; Sex offender bill-improvement to current wording to make it work; Addressed issue of naming various conferences after individual; Next Legislative Conference will be in Albany, on November 7th and 8th.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Chairman Tim Wolfanger reported that we have completed the scholarship payments for 2013. All of the applicants that were judged and received scholarships successfully completed the requirements we set forth. The average GPA for all winners was well above the average we set. The committee met at Alexander Fire Hall on May 14th to evaluate the 2014 applications. Four applications were submitted for judging. The winners for 2014 are: Emily D'Angelo, York Central-\$700; Deborah Rivera, Dansville High-\$500; Hannah Carrier, Niagara-Wheatfield-\$350; Brody Wood, Nunda High-\$250. A total of \$1800 in scholarships were awarded. As a result, we have one new member in the Association. To date, we have received \$150 in donations.

Second Vice President Darrin Harter assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Ken Fuller, reporting for Forrest Skelton noted that letters of endorsement, two copies-one for the Chairman and one for the Secretary-are due by the opening of the Convention. At this point, there is no nominee for 2nd Vice President.

Nozzle Practice: Chairman Doug Wright reported that everything was ready for the competition.

Registration at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 25th with events to commence at 12:00 noon near Tent City. Waterball and Hydrant Hookup events would be held.

Parade Committee: Chairman James Dermody reported that the Parade would be held on Friday, July 25th with line-up at 6:30 p.m. on Homeyer Road, parade along Ward Rd. to Church St. and ending at Tent City. Judging would be in front of the St. Johnsbury Fire Hall. The parade commences at 7:00 p.m.

Past President's Committee: Chairman Anthony DeMarco reported that six Past President's were present. Their dinner would be held on July 24th at Suzanne's Fine Dining on Niagara Falls Blvd.

President's Participation: No report.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams reported that things are going well with "The Volunteer Firefighter" magazine. Had so much material this time around. Keep sending in your fire company articles and photographs.

Queen's Pageant Committee: Wendi Walker reported that the girls were selling raffle tickets and would also be at the convention and involved in a number of activities.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Michael Delamere reported that he would prepare resolutions for the Convention to acknowledge fire service organizations that were celebrating 50, 75, 100 years of service.

Topics Committee: Chairman Donald Gavenda reported that he was arranging for a speaker for the Thursday morning General meeting on July 24th, at St. Johnsbury Fire Hall.

2% Tax Committee: Chairman Carl Veltri. No report.

Website Committee: Chairman Tim Tyrrell reported that he would be posting information from Beth Warner and the Explorer/Junior Firefighter events on the website.

Steering Committee: Michael Wutz reported that the committee would meet during the Convention, on Wednesday afternoon. The Steering Committee, on behalf of WNYVFA donates funds to the FASNY Scholarship fund.

President Wendi Walker Resumed the Chair

Motion by Michael Delamere, Seconded by Norm Eberle to accept Committee reports. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee David Wolf reported that the Home census is at 68. The Outside tent is up and the Sectionals are starting to sign up for the weekends. Also, by State Law there is to be no smoking on the FASNY Firemen's property. This is for everyone who comes onto the property. The Firemen's Home will be having the annual softball tournament on August 1-3, 2014. Sign up and bring a team. Home Administrator, John O'Donnell, will be leaving on July 1st. The Board will be looking for a replacement. We have an Interim Administrator until a new one is appointed.

FASNY Director: Edward Tase reported that on Thursday evening, August 21st, FASNY will host a Testimonial for outgoing President James Burns. Past Home Trustee Norm Eberle raised a question regarding the shutting off of serving of alcoholic beverages on Home Property. Director Tase reported that the Association's Insurance Carrier was in discussion with FASNY with legal issues involved. The FASNY Convention would be held in Albany, August 19-22. The Golf tournament would be held on Monday, August 18th. The Desmond Hotel, is full. A basket raffle to help fund the Scholarship program will be held. Youth Day, August 27th starting at 7:00 a.m. was reported by Beth Warner. There would be four evolutions.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Edward Tase, Seconded by Norm Eberle to have the Secretary send a letter to FASNY Secretary and a copy to the Southern Association of Volunteer Firemen, opposing the naming of any committee or conference to any individual. Carried.

Good of the Organization: No report.

Guest List read by: Second Vice President Darrin Harter

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trezpacz reported attendance at 68.

Excused list read by: Secretary Tim Tyrrell. Motion by William Kershner, Seconded by Doug Wright to accept. Carried.

Benediction offered by Chaplain Alan Way.

Motion by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Norm Eberle to Adjourn at 3:25 p.m. Carried.

NEXT MEETING – 115TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 23 to 26, 2014

Wednesday, July 23rd – Tent City Opens

Registration – Senior Center 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 24th - Opening and General Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

St. Johnsburg Fire Hall

Registration – 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Training Seminar – AMKUS – Senior Center at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, July 25th – Memorial Service, St. Johns Church – 9:00 a.m.

Awards Ceremonies – 10:00 a.m.

General Meeting, St. Johnsburg Fire Hall – 11:15 a.m.

Nozzle Practice registration – 11:00 a.m. – near Tent City – Competition at 12:00 noon

Parade – 6:30 p.m. line-up and 7:00 p.m. parade marching

Registration – 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26th – Fire Police Seminar and Competition – 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: From the Secretary's Office: Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs are reminded to submit their written reports to the Secretary prior to the General Business meetings. This will assure accuracy in the recording of the very important information you are reporting.

