

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CAMBRIA FIRE COMPANY HALL
4631 CAMBRIA – WILSON ROAD
LOCKPORT, NEW YORK
APRIL 14, 2019

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits.

President Chris Pettit called the meeting to order at 1400hr

Sergeant-at Arms Donald Trzepacz led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chaplain Robert Carncross offered the Invocation.

President Chris Pettit welcomed everyone.

A motion by David Schmidt, seconded by Greg Nichols to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender – No Report

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that \$1,760.00 in dues has been collected to date.

Motion by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by Alan Way to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Given by Penni Dysard for Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 783.82
Checking:	\$ 5,617.91
Scholarship:	\$ 372.11
Total:	\$ 6,773.84
Disbursements:	\$ 2,960.98

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by James Miller to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received from FASNY: information on the August Convention.

Received information on the Phoenix Firecamp for girls.

Received the latest two issues of the FASNY Volunteer Firefighter and 1st Responder Neewapaper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Michael Kislack assumed the Chair

Trustees Report - No Report

Bowling Committee – Penni Dysard reported:

Checks have been sent to be signed, should be going out soon.

Made profit of approx. \$1,800.00

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: no report.

Budget: Ed Dysard reported as of April 12, 2019 we reached 106.07% of our 2019 goal and received \$15,911.05

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner

There are several proposed Amendments to the WNYVFA Constitution and

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III – Membership

SECTION IV to be amended to read as follows

For the purpose of this article, **organizational** members shall be defined as any Volunteer Fire Company, or Fire Department, and Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association or Firemen's Benevolent Association, or organization thereof, Volunteer Ambulance Services, including organizations striving to enhance the fire service of New York State and all those other Volunteer Fire Organizations who comply with the By-laws of this Association.

Individual members shall be defined as any individual who served as a duly elected delegate or other individual accepted as a member upon completion of membership application and paying an initiation fee and first years dues as outlined in Article IV of this Association's By-Laws.

ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: add ***Y. Fire Officers.***

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – PRESIDENT add *and Y) Fire Officers*

ARTICLE III – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 16 AUDIT COMMITTEE:

After Trustees. Add: *They shall audit all the financials of the Association including but not limited to the books of the Secretary, Treasurer, Bowling and Program Book Committees twice a year. The first audit should take place on a time set forth by the Committee on the Thursday of the Convention.*

Add **SECTION 27:**

The FIRE OFFICERS COMMITTEE shall consist of (will need to discuss proper duties with Exec Cmtee and members of the current FIRE OFFICERS COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS, FIVE YEAR MEMBERS, FULLY

PAID LIFE MEMBERS, AND DELEGATES

SECTION 6 After dues. Add

All individual members must maintain membership in a respective Fire Company or Fire Department, or Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association, or Firemen's Benevolent Association, or organizations thereof, volunteer ambulance services, including organizations striving to enhance the fire service of New York State and all those other Volunteer Fire Organizations who comply with the By-Laws of this Association at all times in order to retain membership in the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Add **SECTION 7**

The Executive Committee will be empowered to remove or suspend members due to malfeasance including but not limited to actions deemed detrimental to the Association, including but not limited any failure to support this Association's Officers and/or Constitution and By-Laws.

Convention Committee, Mike Kislack

Reported that everything is on track for the 2019 Convention.

Ems Committee: no report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: The 10th Annual Youth Day will be held on June 29, 2019 at the Wheatfield Training Tower in Niagara County.

Fireman of the Year Committee: Doug Hanes

Letters have been sent to the committee members for voting.

Fire Officers Committee: Anthony DeMarco III

Hands on training for the Convention.

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz

Everything is coming along good..

Fire Prevention Committee: No Report

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Penni Dysard reported for Tom McLaughlin:

Scholarship	\$ 372.11
Savings	\$ 783.82
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 450.00
Amenica Bonds	\$ 53,624.73
Balance 04/02/17	\$ 55,530.66
Scholarship savings	\$ 4,614.26
CD – 106	\$ 2,655.72
CD – 107	\$ 5,768.52
FASNY Checking	\$ 5,617.91
Total Association Assets	\$74,187.07

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott reported

Robin thanked all those who attended the Legislative Outreach session.

Lobby day in Albany will May 20th.

November Legislative Conference will be in Troy, New York this year.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Tim Wolfanger

Two applications received this year.

Second Vice President William Kershner assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker

Need Nomination letters before Convention

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported

Everything coming along.

Parade Committee James Dermody reported,

Parade looks good to go.

Past Presidents Committee: No Report

President Participation: No report

Public Relations: Stan MacWilliams

Everything going well, keep sending in information.

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Anthony DeMarco III

Everything going well. Reminder to attend the forum at the FASNY Convention.

Website: Bruce Geschwender reported

Officers and Committee Chairmen to be submitted soon.

Northern Central Liaison: No Report

Southwestern Liaison: No Report

Steering: Edward Tase Jr. reported

One room at the FASNY Convention for Hospitality

Will act on the Endorsements at the June Meeting.

Delegates to Southwestern: Report was submitted by Dan Evans

President Chris Pettit resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Tony Demrco III to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee David Schmidt gave a report.

69 members are in the home. Soon to be 71. 146 Employees at the Home

Home Construction is now complete. Going to have Softball Tournament again this year. May 17th Memorial Service and Dedication of the Chapel to Wayne Jagow.

One Past Trustee and three Trustees present today

FASNY Director: Edward Tase Jr. Second Vice President FASNY

Reported the FASNY Convention will be August 8-11 in Syracuse. Last year in Syracuse.

Recruit NY weekend is April 27 & 28. Press Conference on April 22 at South Lockport Fire Company.

Reported on the Changes at FASNY Headquarters. Museum expansion in the planning stages.

2019 Fireman Achievement award to Primo Biscaro to be presented at the Convention in July.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Good of the Organization: None

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President William Kershner.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance: as 61 Members, Delegates and Guests

The Excused List consisting of Fifteen members was read by Recording Secretary Bruce Geschwender.

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Doug Hanes to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Robert Carncross

Motion was made by Ed Tase Jr, seconded by Michael Kislack to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1500hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be June 9th 2019 at the starting at 1400hr

Legislative Update
Cambria Fire Company Hall
April 14, 2019

Legislative Chairman Robin Schott called the Session to order at 1235pm

Robin Started the Legislative update by introducing State Senator Robert Ortt, Assemblyman Michael Norris, and Assemblyman David Delpeatro, who each gave a short statement.

Robin started the session by doing a review of 2018 legislation, then went over the 2019 Legislative Scorecard as of 04/03/2018

ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERNS:

1. Chapter Amendments to Cancer Coverage Verification Requirements
In committee in both the Senate and Assembly
2. "Fair Play" cost recovery for fire department ambulance service
In Committee in both the Senate and Assembly
3. Endangering the welfare of a first responder by making illegal modifications
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly
4. VFBL/VAWBL Temporary Total Disability Increase
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly.
5. Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered Furniture.
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly

OTHER FASNY ITEMS:

6. Modernizing school Fire Inspections – in Committee in both the Senate and Assembly
7. Legislation for the creation of career and technical education pathways in the areas of Fire Protection and EMS. Pending introduction

Listed below are the Bill Numbers:

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| 1. Senate – S4173 | Assembly – A5957 |
| 2. Senate – S3685 | Assembly – A1778 |

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| 3. Senate – TBD | Assembly – A1797 |
| 4. Senate – S4631 | Assembly – A5895 |
| 5. Senate – S1367 | Assembly – A6260 |
| 6. Senate – S4663 | Assembly – A1906 |
| 7. No Senate or Assembly bills yet | |

Also included is inclusion in the 2019/2020 Budget of additional funding for Firefighter 1 Training.

Also Increase of the Tax Credit from \$200 to \$400 per year and Sales Tax Exemption for Life Safety Items for household use.

Sales Tax Exemption for home Life Safety Products.

The Gun Raffle bill has no sponcer in the Senate.

The Seminar was Adjourned at 1330hr.