

# WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
ST JOHNSBURG FIRE COMPANY HALL  
7165 WARD ROAD  
NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK  
JULY 25, 2020

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

President Michael Kislack called the meeting to order at 1400hr

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

Asst. Chaplain Gary Hunt offered the Invocation.

President Michael Kislack welcomed everyone.

A motion by Alan way, seconded by Doug Wood to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender

Reminded the Committee Chairpersons that they should submit their reports to the Secretary in writing.

A motion by Wayne Butts, seconded by Tony Demarco III to accept the Recording Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Dues received as of July 14, 2020 is \$3,775.00. From 79 Members and 121 Fire Companies.

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

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

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|--------------|-------------|
| Savings:     | \$ 7,654.72 |
| Checking:    | \$ 3,475.99 |
| Scholarship: | \$ 956.20   |

Total: \$ 12,096.91

Disbursements: \$ 2,225.97

Motion was made by David Wolf, seconded by Alan Way to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

1<sup>st</sup> Responder Newspaper

The Volunteer Fireman Magazine – several copies

The VFIS Newsletter

A thank you card from Scholarship winner Chelsey Curry

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President William Kershner Jr. assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report - Doug Wood

Eight Trustees present. Books were Audited this morning.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin

As of today the Chairman of the Committee has not heard from the committee Secretary the names of the winners, so that the prizes can be mailed out. This was discussed at length.

Budget & Program Book.

Budget: Robert Walker:

It was decided that due to the current situation to keep the budget for next year the same as this years.

Program Book: Ed Dysard reported as of week ending July 18, 2020 we reached 56.4% of our budget goal and received \$8,470.20.

The situation with the Solicitor was discussed, he has one more year left on his contract.

Bylaws Committee: Bill Kershner Jr.

It was decided to hold over the proposed amendments to the Constitution until next year and resubmit them.

Convention Committee, - Wendi Walker No Report

Ems Committee: no report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

The winners of the awards are:

|                              |                    |               |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Heroism:                     | Anthony Everetts   | Westons Mills |
| Explorer/Junior Firefighter: | Alexandria Speyer  | Strykersville |
| 1 – 5 years                  | Robert DeFedericis | Verysburg     |
| 6 – 20 years                 | Bryan Buckel       | Dansville     |
| 21 – 35 years                | Richard Kantowski  | Caledonia     |
| 36 – 50 years                | James Dutton       | Caledonia     |
| 50 + years                   | David Wolf         | Dansville     |

The awards will be given to the winners at their respective Fire Companies.

Fire Officers Committee: No Report

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz

The winner of the Fire Police for the Year 2020 is Richard Chichester, Henrietta Fire Department.

Fire Prevention Committee: No Report

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Scholarship         | \$ 956.20    |
| Savings             | \$ 7,654.72  |
| Men's Bowling       | \$ 6,915.80  |
| Women's Bowling     | \$ 1,040.40  |
| Past Presidents     | \$ 520.00    |
| America Bonds       | \$56,800.68  |
| Balance 01/12/20    | \$73,887.80  |
| <br>                |              |
| Scholarship savings | \$ 4,620.65  |
| CD – 106            | \$ 2,674.06  |
| CD – 107            | \$ 5,808.35  |
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| Total:              | \$ 13,103.06 |

FASNY Checking \$ 3,475.99

Total Association Assets \$ 90,466.85

Legislative Committee: No Report

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Daniel Evans

Scholarships were awarded to:

Haliee Lowe Alexander High School Genesee County

Chelsey Curry Hammondport High School Steuben County

Jess Noltee Sweethome High School Erie County

Second Vice President Chris Curry assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker

The following Officers were Nominated and Elected for 2020 – 2021:

President: William Kershner Jr.

First Vice President: Chris Curry

Second Vice President: Gerald Dunst

Recording Secretary: Bruce Geschwender

Financial Secretary: Penni Dysard

Treasurer: Thomas McLaughlin

Jr. Past President: Michael Kislack

Trustees:

|                   |                  |                    |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Allegany County   | Wayne Butts      | Cattaraugus County | Dorothy Button   |
| Chautauqua County | Douglas Wood     | Erie County        | David Nedell     |
| Genesee County    | Kathy Wright     | Livingston County  | Stan MacWilliams |
| Monroe County     | Michael Lapinski | Niagara County     | Edward Dysard    |
| Orleans County    |                  | Steuben County     | Walter Drumter   |
| Wyoming County    | Alice Biscaro    |                    |                  |

Nozzle Practice – No Report

Parade Committee – Looking for next year.

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Eleven Past Presidents present.

President Participation: No Report

Public Relations: No Report.

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco III – 2% Tax Money has been given out by the State.  
New 2% Tax book is now available.

Website: is up to date.

Northern Central Liaison:

Next meeting is at the Rush Fire Hall.

Southwestern Liaison: Convention is August 8, 2020 at Little Valley.

Steering: Primo Biscaro: Decided not to endorse anyone for FASNY Second Vice President.

Delegates to Southwestern: No Report

President Michael Kislack resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Doug Woods to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Wayne Butts Three Trustees present

69 members are in the home. NO residents of the home have tested positive for Covid-19. Have hired a new Administrator.

FASNY Director: Director Diana Pfersick reported:

FASNY has canceled the August 8, 2020 meeting. Voting for Officers will be done by mail. November Legislative conference is up in the air. Possible new Treasurer for FASNY is Andrew Doyle from Rapids.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Mike Lapinski, seconded by Wayne Butts to purchase a new Laptop Computer for the Financial Secretary. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wane Butts, Seconded by Gary Hunt to obtain a Debt Card for the Treasurer. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, Seconded by Wayne Butts to approve the Budget for 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Doug Woods to send Marc Kasprzak a certified letter concerning the Bowling Committee. Motion Carried.

Good of the Organization

Chaplain Alan Way and Assistant Chaplain Gary Hunt read off the Nicrology List for 2020.

Seventeen Names were presented to the company to be come 20 Year Life Members.

Motion was made by Gary Hunt, Seconded by Alan Way to accept the proposed Life Members. Motion Carried.

Guest list was read by Second Vice President Chris Curry.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance: There were three meetings today. Audit the Books: 14 members, Steering Committee: 11 members, Annual Meeting 36 members.

The Excused List was read by Recording Secretary Bruce Geschwender.

Motion was made by Tony Demarco III, seconded by Doug Wood to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

Motion was made by David Schmidt, seconded by Alan Way to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1540hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the St. Johnsburg Fire Hall, 7165 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, New York 14120 at 1400hr. Legislative workshop will be at 1300hr.