

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

## **LEGISLATIVE CLEARING HOUSE MINUTES**

**NORTH COLLINS FIRE TRAINING CENTER**

**10543 MAIN STREET**

**NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

Past President James Miller called the meeting to order for the Legislative Clearing House at 1220hr and turned the meeting over to Robin Schott.

Robin went over the FASNY Scorecard:

Those that passed both Houses and waiting to be sent to the Governor for approval or veto by December 31, 2018 are:

Fire Apparatus Lemon Law, and Training for Fire Chiefs

Bills that are still in committee:

Illegal Modifications to Buildings

Fair Play cost recovery for Ambulance

Upholstered Furniture

VFBL/VAWBL Temporary Total Disability Increase

Prompt payment of VFBL Death Benefit

Sales tax exemption for home life safety products

Modernizing school fire inspections

These bills will have to be resubmitted when the new Legislature take over in January.

The membership present voted to support all of the above bills to be presented at the FASNY Legislative Conference in November.

Budget items for FASNY to pursue: Sales Tax Exemption for Life Safety Items, Emergency Services Low Interest Loan, Training Funding under OFPC.

The following possible items may be brought up at the FASNY Legislative Conference in November:

Accredit OFPC courses at any SUNY Community College

Motion was made by Harold Wollaber II, Seconded by Andy Pilecki to support. Motion Carried.

Allow Active Volunteer Firefighters to audit SUNY Courses at any college. Sponsored by Senator Ortt.

Motion was made by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by Chris Pettit to support. Motion Carried.

Change Electric charges for Volunteer Fire Departments from Demand Charges to Residential Charges.

Motion was made by Robert Bitterman, Seconded by Harold Wollaber II to support. Motion Carried.

The following may also come up:

Free State Park Use for Volunteer Firemen

Free Fishing and Hunting License for Volunteer Firemen

Surcharge of 6% on Fireworks to finance Health Insurance for Volunteer Firemen.

Allow youth over 16 on the Fire Ground.

He also stated that more Volunteer Fire Companies need to apply for the Low Interest Loans or we may risk losing them.

The FASNY Legislative Conference will be November 3, 4, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, New York.

Session was adjourned at 1320hr.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Past President James Miller called the meeting to order at 1400hr and turned the meeting over to President Christopher Pettit.

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

President Chris Pettit offered the Invocation.

President Chris Pettit welcomed everyone.

The President stated that we do not have a quorum for the meeting.

A Motion was made by Michael Wutz, seconded by Harold Wollaber II to suspend the section of the By-Laws pertaining to a quorum for this meeting. Motion Carried.

A motion by Andy Pilecki, seconded by Tony Demarco III to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender reported:

The letters were sent to Darrin and Jennifer Harter by Certified Mail on August 15<sup>th</sup> have not received any confirmation of receipt as of this past Wednesday. A discussion followed. Will check on the USPS website to determine if the letters were delivered.

Motion by Robert Bittermen, Seconded by Tom McLaughlin to accept the Recording Secretary's Report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that the total dues collected as of September 13, 2018 are:

From 8 Fire Departments	\$ 909.00
From 164 members	\$ 265.00
For a Total dues collected of	\$1,174.00

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

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 3,568.51
Checking:	\$14,864.98
Scholarship:	\$ 976.06

Total: \$19,409.55

Disbursements: \$18,395.42

Motion was made by Michael Wutz, seconded by Doug Wood to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received the Current Insurance Policy

Received the August copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Newspaper

Received the September VFIS Newsletter

Received Endorsement from Livingston County for Stan Mac Williams for Trustee

Received Endorsements for William Kershner Jr. for Second Vice President from Livingston County and the Dansville Fire Department.

Received endorsement from Monroe County for Mike Lipinski for Trustee

Received Thank you cards from Tony Casey and Mary Korkuc

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Chris Pettit retained the Chair.

Trustees Report - Doug Wood reported

There are Five Trustees present for the meeting

Audited the Treasurer's books from the Convention to the present, all is in order.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin reported:

All of the checks have been sent out, all but seven have been cashed.

2019 Tournament, will be held at Ally Brants in Lockport the last two weekends in February 2019..

Budget & Program Book.

Budget: Bob Walker presented the proposed budget. This will be voted on under new business.

Program Book: Ed Dysard reported:

For the old Solicitor as of September 16, 2018 we have reached 84.9% of our 2017 goal and received \$12,728.52.

For the New Solicitor as of September 16, 2018 we have reached 17.5% of our 2018 goal and received \$5,603.40

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner Jr.

Working on a By-Law Change

Convention Committee: Wendi Walker

Going to work on coming up with a new guideline for conventions

Ems Committee: Chris Pettit reported that everything went well. Prizes were given out at the Installation dinner last night.

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: No Report

Fire Officers Committee: No Report

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz reported all set.

Fire Prevention Committee: Will be setting up new guidelines by November meeting

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship	\$ 976.06
Savings	\$ 3,568.51
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 500.00
America Bonds	\$52,760.60
BALANCE 08/31/18	\$57,760.17
Scholarship savings	\$ 4,610.23
CD – 106	\$ 2,644.78
CD – 107	\$ 5,744.77
TOTAL	\$12,999.78
FASNY Checking	\$14,864.98

Total Association Assets           \$85,624.93

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott

Had the Clearing House earlier. Should change the Times for the Clearing House and the Legislative update to 1300hr.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: No Report.

Second Vice President William Kershner Jr. assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker reported:

Need to have endorsements in before the Convention in July.

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported that there was a minimum of 150 spectators present to watch the tournament. There were Twelve (12) Teams and Three (3) Junior Teams participating.

Winners were:

	SENIORS	JUNIORS
Hydrant Hook-up	1. Jamison Road	1. Doyle 1
	2. St. Johnsburg	2. Doyle 2
	3. Doyle/Depew	3. Shawnee
	4. Sheldon	
Hose replacement	1. Jamison Road	1. Doyle 1
	2. Rapids	2. Doyle 2
	3. Doyle/Depew 1	3. Shawnee
	4. Doyle/Depew 2	
Water Ball	1. Jamison Road	1. Doyle 1
	2. Alden	2. Doyle 2
	3. Sheldon	3. Shawnee
	4. Rapids	

Winner of the Hotchkiss Trophy was Jamison Road

Parade Committee: No Report

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Nine (9) Past Presidents present.

President Participation: Mike Norwood reported as follows for the Award:

Second Place

North Collins

First Place

Cambria.

Public Relations: Stan MacWilliams reported that information on the Convention has been sent to the State Magazine.

Queen's Pageant: The new Queen and Princess were Introduced

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco: No Report

Website: Up to date.

Northern Central Liaison: No Report

Southwestern Liaison: Will be holding a reorganization meeting soon.

Steering: Ed Tase Jr. is Second Vice President of FASNY, Andy Pilecki Appointed to replace Ed Tase Jr. as Director. Anthony Demarco III elected as Trustee to replace Dave Wolf..

Delegates to Southwestern: No Report

President Christopher Pettit resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by James Miller, seconded by Harold Wollaber II to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Anthony Demarco III gave a report:

There are 71 residents to date, will be voting on a few more in the near future.

The new pavilion has been completed.

FASNY Director: Andy Pilecki. reported on the FASNY convention.

All Applications for Awards must be in by March 15, 2019.

Nest years FASNY Convention in Syracuse is August 8 – 11, 2019.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The Proposed budget:

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Harold Wollabar II to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by James Miller to send the President to the Legislative Conference in Troy, New York. Motion Carried

Good of the Organization:

President Christopher Pettit stated that he would like at least one (1) member of each committee present at each meeting.

There were 58 persons in attendance at the Testimonial Dinner held at the West End Inn in Hamburg last night.

The Officers present at this meeting, who were not in attendance at the Testimonial Dinner were sworn in.

A motion was made by Michael Wutz, Seconded by Harold Wollaber II to present Past FASNY President Ken Pienkowski a \$50.00 gift card. Motion Carried

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance:

This meeting Thirty (30) Members,.

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

Motion was made by Harold Wollaber II, seconded by James Miller to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Robin Schott

Motion was made by Tom McLaughlin, seconded by Harold Wollaber II to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1510hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Cambria Fire Hall, 4631 Cambria-Wilson Road, Lockport, NY 14094.