

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, IN0C.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NORTH COLLINS FIRE TRAINING CENTER
10543 MAIN STREET
NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK
APRIL 08, 2018

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

President James Miller 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 James Miller welcomed everyone.

A motion by William Kershner, seconded by Alan Way to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender reminded all Committee Chairpersons to submit their reports in writing. Still working on cleaning up the office.

Motion was made by Edward Tase Jr. and seconded by Anthony DeMarco III to accept the Recording Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that apparently the U S Post Office in Ransomville lost the Dues mailings. Will resend the dues notices.

Motion by Michael Delamere, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

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

Savings:	\$ 4,754.09
Checking:	\$ 7,259.50
Scholarship:	\$ 939.01
Total:	\$ 12,952.60

Disbursements: \$ 4,720.41

Motion was made by Anthony Demarco III, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received endorsement letters for John P. Farrell Jr., Stephen Klein, Michael J. DeVillorio, Michael K. Krummenacfer. Turned over to the Steering Committee.

Received from FASNY: information on Recruit NY, and on the August Convention.

Received information on the Phoenix Firecamp.

Received the VFIS newsletter.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Christopher Pettit assumed the Chair

Trustees Report - Doug Wood reported

There are Five Trustees present for the meeting

Everything is fine

Bowling Committee – No Report

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: no report.

Budget: Ed Dysard reported as of April 08, 2018 we reached 31.

58% of our 2018 goal and received \$4,736.34

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner

There is one proposed Amendment to the WNYVFA By-Laws.

ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES

SECTION 22 to be amended to read as follows

The CONVENTION COMMITTEE, to consist of at least six (6) members to be made up of the previous year's Convention General Chairman, who will act as Chairman of the Committee, and three (3) upcoming convention General Chairman and two (2) appointed members who have served as convention General Chairman and will be appointed by the President of the WNYVFA. This committee shall serve in an

advisory capacity to the Local Convention Committee, and shall in no way interfere with the operation of the convention.

This Committee will also select a site for the annual convention as per the following:
When a person is elected to the position of Second Vice President of the WNYVFA in July, he/she will have until the September Meeting to select a convention site for the Annual Convention during the year as President of WNYVFA. **THE HOST COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL DETAIL THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOST COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL MEETING AND/OR CONVENTION EXPENSES THAT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST DURING THE YEAR AND UP TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION. THE CONTRACT WOULD NEED TO BE EXECUTED NO LATER THAN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

If the Fire Company of the Second Vice President does not wish to host the convention, then the Second Vice President will meet with the Convention Committee to select a host Fire Company or organization from a list of convention bids proposals on file with the Recording Secretary. Then the Convention Committee will submit the selection to the membership for approval at the January meeting of the membership.

Convention Committee, Mike Kislack

Reported that everything is on track for the 2018 Convention.

Local Convention Committee:

The President reported that mailers will be going out shortly and the hands on training is all set.

Ems Committee: no report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Anthony DeMarco III

Letters have been sent to the committee members for voting.

Fire Officers Committee: Anthony DeMarco III

Hands on training for the Convention was reported on earlier.

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz

Seven members of the committee were present to go over the Fire Police of the year.

Fire Prevention Committee: Mike Lapinsk

Had fewer participants than usual.

History Committee: No Report

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

Scholarship	\$ 939.01
Savings	\$ 4,754.09
Men's Bowling	\$ 7,560.40
Women's Bowling	\$ 660.00
Past Presidents	\$ 520.00
America Bonds	\$ 43,062.34
Balance 04/02/17	\$ 57,495.84
Scholarship savings	\$14,594.65
CD – 106	\$ 2,637.58
CD – 107	\$ 5,729.13
FASNY Checking	\$ 7,259.50
Total Association Assets	\$87,716.74

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott reported

Robin thanked all those who attended the Legislative Outreach session.

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

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Tim Wolfanger

Eight applications received this year.

Second Vice President Michael Kislack assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker

Received four endorsement letters for offices so far:

Christopher Pettit for President

Michael Kislack for First Vice President

Bruce Geschwender for Recording Secretary

Kathy Wright for Trustee for Genesee County.

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported

Everything coming along. Will be Saturday at Noon of Convention.

Parade Committee James Dermody reported,

Parade looks good to go, Route length is 1.2 miles

Parade Prizes for the 2017 Convention were as Follows:

Best Fire Dept. Color Guard: 1st Bergholz 2nd St. Johnsburg

Best nonfiremen's Color Guard: 1st Gordon Highlanders

Best Firemen's Band: 1st Sanborn

Best Continental Pipes: 1st Gordon Highlanders

Best Ladies Auxiliary: 1st St. Johnsburg

Best Explorer/ Jr. FF: 1st Shawnee 2nd Adams

Best Firemen's Marching Unit:

(8-15) 1st Shawnee 2nd Wrights Corners

(16-24) 1st Bergholz 2nd Adams

(25 and over) 1st St. Johnsburg 2nd SanbornBest

Best Appearing Fire Truck:

(1-5yrs) 1st Adams

(6-20yrs) 1st Wrights Corners

Best Motorized Antique: 1st Gratwick Hose

Furthest Distance: North Collins

Daniel J. Miller Memorial Trophy: St. Johnsburg

Past Presidents Committee: Bruce Mack

Reported Ten Past Presidents present.

President Participation: No report

Public Relations: Stan MacWilliams

Everything going well, keep sending in information.

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: Mike Delamere Read the Resolution:

WHEREAS, The 119th Annual Convention will be held in the Town of North Collins, New York on July 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th 2018; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, through its officers, Board of Trustees, delegates, and members at the April 8th Quarterly Meeting being held at the North Collins Fire Training Center in North Collins, New York, will not condone any improper conduct, malicious mischief, damage to property or irresponsible acts of any persons or groups attending the 119th Convention and will not intercede in behalf of anyone doing so, but will support the law enforcement agencies of the County of Niagara, and the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That members and delegates attending this Convention will do everything in their power to uphold the reputation of the Western New York Volunteer Fire Service, their own organizations, and themselves and that no improper incidents shall mar the 119th Annual Convention.

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Anthony DeMarco III

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

Website: Bruce Geschwender reported

The website is up to date.

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet reported

their next meeting is April 15 at Fairville

The Convention is June 8th & 9th at Penfield, NY

Southwestern Liaison: Their meeting is Today in Fredonia, the next meeting is June 3 in Belmont.

Steering: Michael Wutz reported

One room at the FASNY Convention for Hospitality

Will act on the Endorsements at the June Meeting.

Delegates to Southwestern: no report

President James Miller resumed the Chair.

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

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

80 members are in the home.

The new multipurpose building is complete, will be dedicated May 4th.

One Past Trustee and two Trustees present today

FASNY Director: Edward Tase Jr.

Reported the FASNY Convention will be August 9-12 in Syracuse. Will be in Syracuse for the next three years.

Recruit NY weekend is April 29 & 30.

Reported that it is very important for Fire Companies and members to participate in the Cancer Survey so that changes can be made to the Bill. Need 50,000 participants. The release is on the FASNY Website.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Edward Tase Jr., seconded by Wendi Walker to adopt the Resolution and post copies at all convention activity sites.

Motion Carried.

The President and Vice Presidents have been invited to the dedication of the new multipurpose building at the Firemen's Home. Only the First Vice President is able to attend.

Motion was made by Robin Schott, Seconded by Doug Wood to cover the expenses of the First Vice President to attend the dedication of the new Multipurpose building at the Firemen's Home. Motion Carried.

Good of the Organization:

Due to a conflict the dates of the Installation dinner and the September meeting need to be changed.

The dinner will be September 15th at the West End Inn in Hamburg, and the September meeting date will be September 16th.

Motion was made by Primo Biscaro, seconded by Anthony DeMarco to accept the change in dates for the dinner and meeting in September.

Motion Carried.

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Michael Kislck.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance: as 69 Members, Delegates and Guests

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

Motion was made by James Dermody, seconded by Robin Schott to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Robert Carncross

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Bruce Mack to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1500hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be June 10th 2018 at the starting at 1400hr

Legislative Update

North Collin Fire Training Center

April 8, 2018

President James Miller called the Session to order at 1225pm and turned the Chair to Legislative Chairman Robin Schott.

Robin Started the Legislative update by introducing Assemblyman David Delpeatro, and a representative from Senator Galivins office, who each gave a short statement.

Robin started the session by doing a review of 2017 legislation, then went over the 2018 Legislative Scorecard as of 04/03/2018

ISSUES OF UNITED CONCERNS:

1. "Fair Play" cost recovery for fire department ambulance service
In Committee in both the Senate and Assembly
2. Endangering the welfare of a first responder by making illegal modifications
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly
3. VFBL/VAWBL Temporary Total Disability Increase
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly.
4. Fire Apparatus Lemon Law – Has not been introduced in either House
5. Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered Furniture.
In Committee in both the Senate and the Assembly

6. Training for Fire Chiefs – Has not been introduced in either Hou

OTHER FASNY ITEMS:

7. Prompt payment of VFBL Death Benefit – Passed the Senate – In Assembly Committee.
8. Sales Tax Exemption for home life safety products – In Committee in both Houses.
9. Modernizing school Fire Inspections – in Senate Committee, Passed Assembly

Listed below are the Bill Numbers:

1. Senate – S363-B Assembly – A7717-B
2. Senate – S773 Assembly – A7717
3. Senate – S3904-A Assembly – A6367-A
4. No Senate or Assembly bill numbers at this time
5. Senate – S742-A Assembly – A3368-A
6. No Senate or Assembly Bill numbers at this time
7. Senate – S1195 Assembly – A145
8. Senate – S7566 Assembly – A9653
9. Senate – S4495-A Assembly – A2985-A

Also included is inclusion in the 2017/2018 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.