

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE YEAR END AUDIT,
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND REGULAR MEETING

ST. JOHNSBURG FIRE COMPANY
7165 WARD ROAD
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

The Trustees Audited the Treasurer's Books prior to the Regular Meeting and found everything in order. Present were: Ken Fuller, Doug Wood, Harold Wollaber, Darrin Harter, Tim Tyrrell, Kathy Wright, Terry Snyder and Edward Dysard.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At 12:10 p.m., Legislative Committee Chairman Robin Schott and FASNY Liaison Director David Sweet conducted the Legislative Update program: The FASNY Conference will be held in Albany, NY on November 1st and 2nd, 2014 to set the Legislative agenda for the next two years.

SCORE CARD

1. Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture. A.6557 & S.4780.A. Passed by Assembly, Died in Senate Finance Committee. Motion to keep on WNYVFA agenda.
2. Illegal Modifications to multi-family dwellings. A.5847-A & S.5041-A. Passed Assembly. Died in Senate Housing Committee. Motion to keep on WNYVFA agenda.
3. Amendments to the Municipal Consolidation Law passed in 2009. A.1874 & S.2229. No action in Assembly or Senate. It pretty much taken care of now. Motion to take off of the FASNY score card.
4. Prohibits registered sex offenders from becoming volunteer firefighters. A.2318-C & S.1885-D. Signed into Law by the Governor.
5. Requires the use of seatbelts by volunteer firefighters. A.5400-A & S.3733. Passed Assembly and Died in Senate Transportation Committee. Will continue to be supported by WNYVFA.
6. Allows EMS to bill for services. No action. Died in legislative session. Motion to keep on FASNY agenda.
7. LOSAP tax relief bill. Signed into Law by the Governor. Withdrawals taken after age 59-1/2 are not taxable.
8. VFBL/AWBL benefit increase. We will attempt to place this in the 2015-16 budget. Raise to \$400/week. Motion to leave on FASNY agenda.
9. VFBL expanded cancer coverage. A.1552-A & S.4936-B. No action this year. Motion to leave on FASNY agenda.
10. VFBL/AWBL coverage for non-jurisdictional response. A.8891 & S.7084. Passed Assembly and Senate. Being sent to the Governor for signature.
11. Requires long life batteries in smoke detectors. A.5200-C & S.7771. No action in Assembly or Senate. Motion to leave on FASNY agenda.
12. Job protection for volunteers in times of declared State of Emergencies. A.9849-A & S.7111-B. Passed Assembly and Senate. Sent to Governor.
13. Lung Cancer and Heart Bill are up for renewal. Motion to support.
14. Requiring budget to distribute funding from 9-1-1 surcharges.
15. Southern Association of Volunteer Firemen: Require Law Enforcement Officer to be in Ambulance with "excitable patient." A local issue.
16. Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association: Increase income tax credit from \$200/year to \$1000/year over a 10 year period for active firefighters. Motion to support.
17. Propane Safety Legislation. Motion by WNYVFA to support.