

# Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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## Minutes of the July 28, 2011 Convention Meeting

President Primo Biscaro called the meeting to order at 900am. He pointed the fire exits out to the membership.

Sgt. at Arms Don Trezpacz led the membership in presentation of the colors by the American Legion followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Asst. Chaplin Robert Carncross led in the invocation

### Welcome and Greetings

President Primo Biscaro welcomed everyone to the 112<sup>th</sup> Western Convention.

Warsaw Mayor Joe Robinson welcomed everyone to Warsaw and Spoke on volunteerism

Town Supervisor Becky Ryan Congratulated on 112 years of service by Western

County Supervisor Doug Berwanger spoke on training and welcomed all.

Police Chief Bill Blyth spoke on open container law and hoped everyone a good time.

Sheriff Frank Hyman spoke on comradery of fire service.

State Representative Pat Gallivan thanked volunteers for service.

Assembly Representative Dan Berling spoke on his work for fire fighters.

Fire coordinator Bill Stryker reported Wyoming Co. has hosted The convention 12 times.

FASNY President David Jakobowicz spoke on fire service needs and Introduced FASNY officers present.

Trustee Norn Eberle reported on the home, 66 members are in the home and is open for new members. The home's budget is 8,697,873.00

Convention coordinator Judy Comfort welcomed all spoke on convention events.

Genesee County Fire Coordinator Tim Yeager reported on doing a study of costs in the county.

1<sup>st</sup> vice President Jerald Gehrig thanked everyone and looked forward for support in the coming year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tony Demarco welcomed all.

Recording Secretary Wendi Walker conducted roll call and announced times of secretary's office. Stueben County absent

Report of Treasurer Tom McLaughlin read account balances Savings acct. 3,134.98 checking acct. 4,267.77 scholarship acct. 4,705.60 total acct. balances 12,108.35 Motion to accept was made by Pete Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Sturges carried

**Nominations Committee:** Report by Forrest Skelton

Nomination for President Jerald Gehrig motion to accept by Ken fuller, carried  
1<sup>st</sup> vice president Anthony Demarco. Motion to accept by Dave Parker carried  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice president Wendi Walker Al Winder nominated Harrold Wollaber he declined  
motion to accept was made by Gary Hunt carried  
Secretary Timothy Tyrrell Motion to accept by Allan Way Norm Ebberly named Peter Casey  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Fuller carried

Assistant Secretary Greg Curry ken Curry. Motion to accept by Bruce Brown carried  
Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin Motion to accept by Allan Way carried  
Assistant Treasurer Jack Hurlburt motion to accept by Mark Kasperzak carried  
Trustee Allegheny County Wayne Butts, Erie County Robert Carncross, Cattaraugus County  
Larry Nagel, Chautauqua County Doug Wood, Genesee County Kathy Wright, Livingston  
County Donald Taber, Monroe County Kenneth Fuller, Niagara County Harold Wollaber,  
Orleans County none Steuben County Walter Drum, Wyoming County Terry Snyder. Motion to  
accept by Doug Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Trepacz

Secretary to cast one vote carried

**Bylaws Committee:** Report by Bill Kershner

Five proposals for amendments

Section 1 the regular business meetings of the association shall be denoted as the  
quarterly meetings of the executive committee in the months of January, April, June,  
And September as well as the November work shop. Meeting dates to be determined

Section 2 Any and all regular businesses may be conducted as set forth in Article 2  
section 1 G of the bylaws and the regular business meeting of association.

Article 1 Section 9 Officer Reimbursement All officers will be entitled reimbursement  
of allowable and reasonable expenses on a quarterly basis upon presentation of a duly  
Approved accounting of such expenditures including mileage, supplies, and other  
expenses that encompass the office.

Article 1 section 10 conflict of interest. All officers will be require to sign a  
standard "conflict of interest policy" annually

Article 1 section 4 The secretary shall send all life members a list of times, dates  
and location of all quarterly meetings and convention no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each  
year

Article 5 section 25 Children of the Western New York Volunteer Fireman's Auxiliary  
Will be deemed eligible for this scholarship.

these amendments will be voted on at the July 29,2011 meeting

**Parade Committee:** Report by Jack Hurlburt there are 12 entries for parade, starting at  
7pm on main street.

**Legislative Committee:** Report given by Ed Tase he talked on laws passed 3 were passed  
and are to be signed by governor, watch for capwiz notice  
November 4-6 legislative conference will be held in Albany. Ed thanked everyone.

**Steering Committee:** Report by Bill Nichols short meeting after regular meeting

**Bowling Committee:** Report Marc Kasprzak tournaments are to held in Lancaster in  
February

**Queens Committee:** Report by Sarah Eddy Bobo queens are here at meeting

**Presidents Participation Committee:** Report by Wayne Stanley please sign sheets clearly  
to get credit for awards

**Nozzle Practice Committee:** Report by Doug Wright all set

**Gerry Gerald took over meeting**

**Treasurer** Tom McLaughlin reported cash disbursements 4,733.90, scholarship account  
7,840.58, savings account 3,134.98, Oppemhimer account 00.00, total 7,840.38, CD's  
86060.15, total balance 98,168.50

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**Budget and Program book** Bob Walker please put in budgets requests for 2012.  
18493.50 profit from sales

**History** Frank Wilczak welcomed all to 112<sup>th</sup> convention 10 were held in Wyoming County 6 in Warsaw 4 in Perry, he read anniversaries of fire companies thanked Primo for having him on committee.

**Public Relations** Stanly MacWilliams enjoying convention will be taking pictures for FASNY magazine

**Jr. Explores** Forest Skelton compiling lists of fire companies. Jrs. will be at water ball. Tanked Primo for opportunity to serve

**Scholarship** Tim Wolfanger read reports of names of winners awarding 1500.00 in money 400.00 in donations were received thanked all for help.

**Topics committee** Harold Wollaber seminars to be at 2 pm and 3:30 Thursday

Introduction of guests was made by 2nd vice president Tony Demarco

Announcements

Memorial ceremony at 9:00 am at church

Voting 10:30 to 12:30 at fire hall

Jerry Gehrig thanked all and convention to be held in Mt. Morris 2012

Mark Kasprzak past presidents dinner tonight at 6 pm

Pete Casey hospitality room at legislative conference

Sgt at Arms Don Trepacz reported 100 at meeting

Invocation by Bob Carncross

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 was made by all

**Respectively submitted by**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

**SECRETARY**

Timothy Tyrrell

Wendi Walker