

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FRONTIER FIRE COMPANY HALL  
2176 LIBERTY DRIVE  
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 13, 2016

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

President Bruce Mack called the meeting to order at 1400hr

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

Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President Bruce Mack welcomed everyone.

A motion by Forrest Skelton, seconded by Bill Kershner to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Since the last meeting, needed pocket badges were ordered and received. Also Badges for the Recording and Financial Secretaries.

Past Presidents badges for the next four years were ordered and received.

Motion was made by Charles Stafford and seconded by Ken Fuller to accept the Recording Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that the total dues collected to date are:

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| From 145 Fire Departments     | \$3,465.00 |
| From 289 members              | \$1,500.00 |
| For a Total dues collected of | \$4,965.00 |

Motion by Charles Stafford, seconded by Ken Fuller to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

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| Savings: | \$ 1,833.22 |
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| Checking:      | \$ 6,709.61 |
| Scholarship:   | \$ 1,935.05 |
| Total:         | \$10,477.88 |
| Disbursements: | \$ 5,856.61 |

Motion was made by Forrest Skelton, seconded by Norm Eberle to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

#### Communications:

Received newsletter from VFIS.

Received a letter and Lottery tickets from the Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center.

Received a thank you for our donation to the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

Received a letter from the Southwestern Association Volunteer Firemen, announcing their new Officers for 2017 and stating that their Convention for 2017 will be in Westfield on August 2 – 6, 2017.

President Bruce Mack declared a break at 1415hr. for Committee workshops, and caucuses.

President Bruce Mack recalled the Meeting to order at 1515hr.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Bruce Mack started the Committee Reports.

Trustees Report - Ken Fuller reported

There are Eight Trustees present for the meeting

Doug Wood is the new Chairman of the Trustees.

Looking into the problems encountered from the 2016 convention.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin

Tournament will be held in Niagara Falls at the Rapids Lanes the last two Weekends in February 2017.

Envelopes are ready to be sent.

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: no report.

Budget: Ed Dysard reported as of November 13, 2016 we reached 15.1% of our 2017 goal and received \$2,257.38.

Bylaws Committee: William KershnerTop

Look into amending Article IV, Section II of the Constitution pertaining to the Trustees, since there are now two Counties without a Firemen's Association.

Also look into amending Article VI, Section I of the By Laws concerning a Quorum for Meetings. Looking into reducing it from the present number of 50 members to possibly 35.

Convention Committee, Mike Kislack

The 2017 Convention will again be held at the Town of Wheatfield Town Hall property. The meetings will be held at the St. Johnsbury Fire Hall.

Ems Committee: Wendi Walker

The Committee met today.

The EMS Provider of the Year has received his proclamation.

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Dave Evans

The request for Applications will go out after the January Meeting. The awards will be given out again on Saturday Morning of the Convention.

Fire Officers Committee: Tony Demarco

Will report at the January meeting what the Topics will be.

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz

Made changes in the Committee. Applications for Fire Police of Year will be due in in March. Applications for the Training Session should be in by July 1. The Seminar at the Convention will be Friday at 1700hr. (5:00pm)

Fire Prevention Committee: Alan Way

Working on the contest.

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

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| Scholarship     | \$ 1,935.05 |
| Savings         | \$ 1,833.22 |
| Men's Bowling   | \$ 150.00   |
| Women's Bowling | \$ 150.00   |
| Past Presidents | \$ 540.00   |

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| America Bonds            | \$20,054.36 |
| Balance 11/13/16         | \$24,662.63 |
| Scholarship savings      | \$14,558.20 |
| CD – 102                 | \$20,328.36 |
| CD – 106                 | \$ 2,619.50 |
| CD – 107                 | \$ 5,689.84 |
| CD – 109                 | \$ 9,593.14 |
| FASNY Checking           | \$ 6,709.61 |
| Total Association Assets | \$84,161.28 |

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott

Reported 5 of 6 committee members are present today.

243 attended the Legislative Conference in Albany.

Golden Trumpet award to Senator Grufo from Rome NY.

40 in attendance at Western/Southwestern Caucus.

Speaker Ed Ruff on Workers Comp / VFBL.

Increase from \$400 to \$600 passed for Permanently Disabled VFF/EMS.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Same procedure as last year.

Second Vice President Chris Pettit assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Forrest Skelton

Accepting nominations for offices.

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported

Going to run three events at the 2017 Convention.

Parade Committee James Dermody

Going to meet with the local committee.

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Eleven Past Presidents present.

President Participation: no report

Public Relations: Stan MacWilliams reported

Keep sending in information for the FASNY Magazine.

Queen's Pageant: Barbara Eddy

The 2016 Queen Hallie Dworzanski and Princess Hallee Mack were introduced to the members present.

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco

State is revamping the Books.

The Committee members are always available to come to your County or Fire Company for a Seminar.

Website: no report

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet

reported their next meeting is January 15 at Forestville

Legislative update will be March 4 at the Ontario County Training Center.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood

reported iNext years Convention will be in Westfield.

Steering: Mark Kasprzak

Reported Wayne Butts is the new Chairman, Primo Biscaro is Vice-Chairman, Dave Sweet is Secretary, and Mike Wutz is Treasurer.

Delegates to Southwestern: Report was read.

President Bruce Mack resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Ken Fuller, seconded by Bill Kershner to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

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

88 members are in the home.

Softball Tournament is back on for September.

The therapy pool is back in operation.

The old Pavillion is gone, the administration building will be gone shortly.

There is a new video on "Firemen's Home" website.

Trustees present: David Wolf, Alan Way, Wayne Butts – Vice President and David Schmidt – President.

FASNY Director: Diana Pfersick

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

FASNY EMS Conference in Selden Jan 28, 2017

FASNY EMS Seminar in Montour Falls March 4 & 5, 2017

Nominations are being accepted for: Fire Police of the Year, EMS Provider of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Fire Safety Educator of the Year, Youth Group of the Year, and Fire Service Community Achievement

The Winter Games are February 4 – 5, 2017 Hosted by the Cortland County Firemen's Association.

Unfinished Business: The Bill from the Hemlock Convention for the Portable Toilets was brought before the membership. The Amount of the bill is \$3,1125.11. This was discussed.

Motion was made by Alan Way, Seconded by Charlie Stafford to pay the Bill.

Motion Carried.

New Business: None

Good of the Organization:

Committee Chairmen were reminded to give a written copy of their report to the Recording Secretary.

Daniel Evans gave a report on the Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center.

A Motion was made by Gerald Dunst, seconded by James Dermody to set aside a page in these minutes in memory of past FASNY President Carl Veltri. Motion Carried

The Guest list was read by second Vice President Chris Pettit.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance: as 75 Members, Delegates and Guests

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

Motion was made by Doug Wright, seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

THIS PAGE IS IN MEMORY  
OF  
PAST FASNY PRESIDENT  
CARL VELTRI

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Alan Way

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED INMEMORY OF CARL VELTRI

Motion was made by Ken Fuller, seconded by Charles Stafford to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1630hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Frontier Fire Hall 2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304