

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

## **LEGISLATIVE CLEARING HOUSE MINUTES**

**ST. JOHNSBURG FIRE COMPANY HALL**

**7165 WARD ROAD**

**NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

President William Kershner Jr. called the Legislative Clearing House to order at 1300hr.

He turned the session over to David Sweet.

David went over the FASNY Scorecard:

Those that passed both Houses and waiting to be sent to the Governor for approval or veto year to date are:

Cancer Chapter Amendment, Determination of LOSAP Points During COVID19, PFAS Ban in Firefighter Foam, Chief Standards, 5 – Year Extension of VFBL Heart and Lung. Also Increase in Maximum Contribution for LOSAP from \$700.00 to \$1200.00, and Moderization of School Fire Inspections.

A motion was made by Tony Demarco III, seconded by Alan Way that if the Governor vetoes any of the passed bills that Western supports that the bill(s) be resubmitted. Motion carried.

Bills that passed one House:

EMS Cost Recovery, VFBL/VAWBL Temporary Total Disability Increase, Prohibition on Use of Chemical Flame Retardants, Endagering the Welfare of a Firefighter by Making Illegal Modifications.

Motion was made by Harold Wollaber Jr., seconded by Alan Way that the above bills be submitted to the State Caucus by Western. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Alan Way, Seconded by David Evans to support the formation of a Recruitment and Retention Task Force. Motion Carried.

The FASNY Legislative Conference will be on Zoom for each sectional on November 7, 2020.

Session was adjourned at 1340hr.

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright pointed out the exits.

Past President Michael Kislack called the meeting to order at 1400hr and turned the meeting over to President William Kershner Jr.

Sergeant-at Arms Doug Wright the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation. The Membership Observed a Moment of Silence for Donald Trzepacz.

President William Kershner Jr. welcomed everyone.

A motion by Alan Way, seconded by Harold Wollaber Jr. to accept the minutes of the previous session as corrected. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Reminded Committee Chairmen that they should submit their reports in writing to the Secretary to insure accuracy.

Motion made by Alan Way, Seconded by David Sweet to accept. Motion carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that the total dues collected for the year as of August 26, 2020 are:  
From 122 Fire Companies and 80 Members: \$3,810.00

Motion by Harold Wollaber Jr., seconded by Doug Wood to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 1,714.77
Checking:	\$14,967.51
Scholarship:	\$ 1,256.22
Total:	\$17,938.50
Disbursements:	\$ 6,458.72

Motion was made by Dan Evans, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Chris Curry assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report - Doug Wood reported

There are Four Trustees present for the meeting

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin reported:

The list of Prize Winners was received and the checks have been sent out.

Had a profit of \$2,599.00. Next year’s Tournament will be at the same place.

Budget & Program Book.

Budget: No Report.

Program Book: Ed Dysard reported:

As of July 31, 2020 we have received \$9,759.80 of our 2019/2020 goal.

As of September 12, 2020 we have received 0.01% of the 2020/2021 goal or \$194.80.

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner Jr.

Will resubmit last years amendments for consideration

Convention Committee:

Working on next year.

Ems Committee: Award will be given out in North Java on September 21,2020

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: Dave Evans

Have given out several awards, Three awards still to be given out.

Fire Officers Committee: No Report

Fire Police Committee: The award will be given out.

Fire Prevention Committee: No Report

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship	\$ 1,256.22
Savings	\$ 1,714.77
Men’s Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women’s Bowling	\$ 150.00

Past Presidents	\$ 490.00
America Bonds	\$56,800.68
BALANCE 08/31/18	\$60,561.67
Scholarship savings	\$ 4,620.65
CD – 106	\$ 2,674.06
CD – 107	\$ 5,808.35
TOTAL	\$13,103.06
FASNY Checking	\$14,967.51
Total Association Assets	\$88,632.24

Legislative Committee: David Sweet

Had the Workshop earlier.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: No Report.

Second Vice President Gerald Dunst, assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker reported:

Received Two Endorsement Letters for Gerald Dunst.

Need to have endorsements in before the Convention in July.

Nozzle Practice – No Report

Parade Committee: No Report

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

President Participation: No Report

Public Relations: No Report

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco: New book is out.

Website: Up to date. The Situation with GO DADDY has been resolved.

Northern Central Liaison: Next meeting is at Rush on 9/20/2020, the Banquet is up in the air in October.

Southwestern Liaison: Will be holding a reorganization meeting soon.

Steering: No Report

Delegates to Southwestern: No Report

President William Kershner Jr. resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Harold Wollaber Jr. to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

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

There are 73 residents to date, we had a new member last week, also should be two more members in the next couple of weeks. The Home is still COVID FREE.

FASNY Director: Diana Pfersick;

The election of officers will be by mail-in, paper ballot only.

Unfinished Business:

The Bowling Committee equipment has not been turned over to the Chairman as of this date. The Bowling Tournament was discussed.

A Motion was made by Bruce Mack, Seconded by Tony Demarco III to spend up to \$1600.00 for new equipment and program for the Bowling Tournament.

Motion Carried.

New Business: None

Good of the Organization:

The Officers that were not in attendance at the Installation on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> were installed.

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Gerald Dunst

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance:

Legislative Workshop Twenty Two (22) members and guests.

This meeting Forty nine (49) Members.

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

Motion was made by Tom McLaughlin, seconded by Harold Wollaber Jr. to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Alan Way

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Harold Wollaber Jr. to adjourn.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1500hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Union Hose Company Clubrooms, 66  
Elizabeth Street, Dansville, NY 14437.