

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
UNION HOSE COMPANY CLUBROOM
66 ELIZABETH STREET DOUG WRIGHT
DANVILLE, NEW YORK 14437
JULY 24, 2021

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

President William Kershner Jr. called the meeting to order at 1400hr

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

Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President William Kershner Jr. welcomed everyone.

Roll call of the County Members of the Association:

Allegany YES , Cattaraugus , Chautauqua YES , Erie , Genesee YES ,
Livingston YES, Monroe , Niagara YES , Orleans , Steuben YES ,
Wyoming YES.

A motion by David Schmidt, seconded by Michael Kislack to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Bruce Geschwender

Thanked all who have assisted him during his time as Recording Secretary, and stated that it is with regrets that due to his health that he is not running for reelection.

The membership present proceeded to give him a rising vote of thanks for his service.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Dues received as of July 11, 2021 is \$3,730.00. From 88 Members and 137 Fire Companies.

Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Tony Demarco III to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 564.98
Checking:	\$ 5,839.38
Scholarship:	\$ 1,386.68
Total:	\$ 7,791.04
Disbursements:	\$ 200.00

Motion was made by Wayne Stanley, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

1st Responder Newspaper

Letter from David Evans resigning from the Scholarship Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Chris Curry assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report - Doug Wood

Six Trustees present. Books were Audited this Afternoon.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin

This year's Bowling Tournament was canceled. Next year's Tournament will be held in Hornell, the First and Second weekends in March.

Budget & Program Book.

Budget: Robert Walker:

It was decided that due to the current situation to keep the budget for next year the same as this years.

Program Book: Ed Dysard reported as of week ending July 23, 2021 we reached 81.0% of our budget goal and received \$12,159.48.

The situation with the Solicitor was discussed, the new contract for the Solicitor will be brought up under new business.

Bylaws Committee: David Sweet

It was decided to hold over the proposed amendment to the Constitution until next year and resubmit.

Convention Committee, - Wendi Walker No Report

Local Convention Committee – Thanked all who attended the Memorial Service, the Firemen of the Year Awards and this Meeting.

Ems Committee: no report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Service Awards for 2021:

The winners of the awards are:

Heroism:

Explorer/Junior Firefighter:	Johnathon N. Tuttle	North Java Fire Co.
1 – 5 years	Kevin Stone	Caledonia
6 – 20 years	Meghan George Baker	North Java Fire Co.
21 – 35 years		
36 – 50 years	Michael Churchill	Caledonia
50 + years	Primo Biscaro	Warsaw Fire
Dept.		

Fire Officers Committee: No Report

Fire Police Committee: Alan Way

The winner of the Fire Police for the Year 2021 is Elmer Walter, Wendelville Fire Company, He will receive his award at their 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Fire Prevention Committee: No Report

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship	\$ 1,386.68
Savings	\$ 564.98
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 390.00
America Bonds	\$72,081.06
Balance 01/12/20	\$74,722.72
Scholarship savings	\$ 4,622.96
CD – 106	\$ 2,690.50

CD – 107 \$ 5,840.97

Total: \$ 13,154.43

FASNY Checking \$ 5,839.38

Total Association Assets \$ 93,716.53

Legislative Committee: David Sweet no change from last Meeting.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: No Report

The Annual Memorial Service was held this morning officiated by Chaplain Alan Way, and Assistant Chaplain Roger King.

Second Vice President Gerald Dunst assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Wendi Walker

The following Officers were Nominated and Elected for 2021 – 2022:

President: Christopher Curry

First Vice President: Gerald Dunst

Second Vice President: Billy Boyd

Recording Secretary:

Financial Secretary: Penni Dysard

Treasurer: Thomas McLaughlin

Jr. Past President: William Kershner Jr.

Trustees:

Allegany County	Wayne Butts	Cattaraugus County	
Chautauqua County	Douglas Wood	Erie County	David Nedell
Genesee County	Kathy Wright	Livingston County	
Monroe County	Michael Lapinski	Niagara County	Edward Dysard
Orleans County		Steuben County	Walter Drum Jr.
Wyoming County	Alice Biscaro		

Nozzle Practice – No Report

Parade Committee – Looking forward to next year.

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Nine Past Presidents present.

President Participation: No Report

Public Relations: Stanley MacWilliams

Would like everyone to continue to send him information and pictures on the Convention and Meetings.

Queen's Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: Tony Demarco III – set up for the FASNY convention.

Website: New Website is up and running.

Northern Central Liaison:

Next meeting is at the Rush Fire Hall September 19th, 2021.

Southwestern Liaison: Convention is August 7, 2021 at the Beaver Club in Fredonia..

Steering: Primo Biscaro: There will be a Hospitality Room at the FASNY Convention in August.

Delegates to Southwestern: No Report

President William Kershner Jr. resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Wayne Butts Five Trustees present

72 members are in the home. NO residents of the home have tested positive for Covid-19. Have hired a new Administrator.

FASNY Director: Director Diana Pfersick reported:

FASNY Convention will be at the Sonsta Hotel in White Plains, August 5-7, 2021.

Plan now for the 2022 convention in Terrytown, will be celebrating FASNY's 150 years.

Legislative Conference will be November 6th & 7th.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, Seconded by Wayne Butts to approve the Budget for 2022. Motion Carried.

Ed Dysard brought up the Contract with the Solicitor. The Solicitor has signed the new Contract.

Good of the Organization

Testimonial Dinner for David Schmidt will be held Saturday October 16, 2021 at the Frontier fire Hall, Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls, NY. 14304.

Eight Names were presented to the Association to become 20 Year Life Members.

Motion was made by Alan Way, Seconded by Doug Wood to accept the proposed Life Members. Motion Carried.

Guest list was read by Second Vice President Gerald Dunst

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: Persons present at the Memorial Service and the Awards Presentation was 56. Attendance at the Annual Meeting 51 members.

The Excused List was read by Recording Secretary Bruce Geschwender.

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Michael Kislack to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1500hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be September 12th 2021 at the Union Hose Company Clubrooms, 66 Elizabeth Street, Dansville, New York 14437 at 1400hr. Legislative workshop will be at 1300hr.