

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

123rd. ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES

Hammondsport Fire Department

8521 State Route 54

Hammondsport, New York 14840

July 22 & 23, 2022

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

Convention General Chairman: Bill Fritz called the meeting to order at 0900hr

Presentation of the Colors: Hammondsport Fire Department

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

Chaplain: Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President Curry welcomed everyone.

Roll Call of the County Members of the Association:

Allegany: No, **Cattaraugus:** No, **Chautauqua:** No, **Erie:** Yes, **Genesee:** Yes,

Livingston: Yes, **Monroe:** Yes, **Niagara:** Yes, **Orleans:** No, **Steuben:** Yes,

Wyoming: Yes

A motion by Alan Way, seconded by Edward Tase Jr. to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – Michael Kislack:

Informed the membership present that we had received an endorsement letter from Monroe County VFA for David Sweet for Trustee of the Home. We had also received a letter presenting Michael Lapinski for Trustee of the Home.

A motion by Neil Haseley, seconded by Anthony Demarco to accept the Recording Secretary report. Motion Carried

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard:

From May 17th. 2022 through July 21st. 2022, we have collected dues for a total of \$3,435.00

A motion by William Kershner Jr, seconded by James Miller to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin. Balance as of 6/30/2022

Savings:	\$4,155.09
Checking:	\$7,853.81
Scholarship:	\$1,586.17
Total:	\$13,595.07
Disbursements:	\$894.81
Balance:	\$13,595.07

Motion was made by Alan Way, seconded by Bruce Mack to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

Received a copy of 1st Responder newspaper and copies of The Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations: Joe Montesano

President - Gerald Dunst, Motion by Doug Wright, seconded by James Miller. Motion Carried.

1st. VP – Billy Boyd, Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Bruce Mack. Motion carried

2nd. VP – Walter Drum, Motion by Anthony Demarco, seconded by Tom McLaughlin. Motion Carried

Chris Snyder, Motion by Bruce Mack, seconded by Larry Henneberger. Motion Carried.

Recording Secretary – Michael Kislack, Motion by Doug Wright, seconded by Wendi Walker. Motion Carried

Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard, Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Neil Haseley. Motion Carried

William Kershner Jr – Motion by Bruce Mack, seconded by Chris Snyder, Mr. Kershner declined the nominations.

Treasurer – Thomas McLaughlin, Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Thaddeus Gilbride. Motion Carried.

Trustees Elected by their County Association:

Allegany – Wayne Butts

Cattaraugus – None

Chautauqua – None

Erie – None

Genesee – Kathleen Wright

Livingston – Joseph Montesano

Monroe – None

Niagara – Edward Dysard

Orleans – None

Steuben – Walter Drum

Wyoming Alice Biscaro

Recording Secretary casted one vote for all uncontested elections.

First Vice President Gerald Dunst assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report – Doug Wood

7 Trustees Present, talked about the program book, and the concerns with the solicitor.

Bylaws Committee – William Kershner Jr:

Did the final reading of the submitted proposed Bylaw changes.

Convention Committee: Gregory Horr

Over the past year the committee has been work with Hammondsport local committee to help plan and answer any questions that they may have had. Have worked with 1st. VP Dunst and the 2023 convention will be held at Barnard Exempts Club. The committee will also be meeting with them to help in anyway they can. Have talked with 2nd. VP Boyd and the 2024 convention will be hosted by the Caledonia Fire Co.

Local Convention Committee: Don Fredericy

Went over the members of the local committee and the plans for the weekend.

Legislative Committee: David Sweet

Report that FASNY Legislative Weekend will be held in Troy, NY on November 4,5,6, 2022.

Steering Committee: Wayne Butts

No Report

Presidents Participation Committee: Penni Dysard

Results will be announced at the Testimonial dinner.

Fire Prevention Committee: Brenda Kislack

No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin

Scholarship	\$1,586.17
Savings	\$4,155.09
Men's Bowling	\$150.00
Women's Bowling	\$150.00
Past Presidents	\$410.00
America Bonds	\$55,208.74
Balance 06/30/22	\$61,660.00
Scholarship savings	\$4,625.27
CD – 106	\$2,707.49
CD – 107	\$5,876.10
Balance 06/30/22	\$13,208.86
FASNY Checking	\$7,853.81
Total Association Assets	\$82,722.67

Second Vice President: Billy Boyd assumed the Chair.

Program Book Committee: Edward Dysard

As of July 21st. 2022, we are at 89.6% of the budget goal, and we have received \$10,759.80

Budget Committee:

No report

History Committee: Primo Biscaro

This year 2022 is only the second time in our 123-year history, that a convention has been held in Steuben County. The first one being in 1914 with Frank X Harter of Rochester as President. Chris Curry is the second volunteer firefighter from Steuben County to serve as President. The first being Frank W Fogarty, in 1917 with the convention held in Dansville, NY.

Public Relations Committee:

No Report

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Timothy Wolfanger – not present

The WNYVFA Memorial Scholarship Committee concluded the 2022 year in June by awarding two scholarships for a total of \$1,000.00.

David Pilecki – Starpoint High School, \$500.00

Colby Lawrence – Starpoint High School, \$500.00

Tim also thanks the committee for their assistance. Tim also is sorry to say that 2022 will be his last year on the Scholarship Committee.

Fire Officers Committee: Anthony Demarco

A drone demonstration will be held today 7/22/22, and a water rescue demonstration will be done tomorrow 7/23/22.

Topics Committee:

Code 3 Seminar to be held after today's meeting 7/22/22

Nozzle Practice: Doug Wright:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the WNYVFA Nozzle Practice will be cancelled this year, and in 2023. The local committee this year is going to hold a competition on their own on Saturday 7/23/22

President Chris Curry assumed the Chair.

Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Bonnie Sweet to accept the committee reports.
Motion Carried

Sergeant at arms: Doug Wright reported attendance at 46.

Nominations Committee: Joe Montesano

Joe had read off the Nominations letters that he had received to this point. If you are looking to run for office, please get your letter in to him ASAP.

FASNY Officers: 1st. VP Edward Tase Jr, President of the Board of Trustees of the Home, Gerard Owenburg, addressed the convention.

Motion was made by Neil Haseley, seconded by Doug Wood to recess the meeting until Saturday 7/23/22 following the Memorial Service, and Service Award presentation.
Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:08hr.

July 23rd. 2022

Sergeant at Arms: Doug Wright pointed out the exits.

President: Chris Curry called the meeting to order at 11:46hr.

Sergeant at Arms: Doug Wright lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Committee Reports

1st. VP: Gerald Dunst assumed the chair.

Motion by Primo Biscaro, seconded by Michael Delamere to take coats off for the meeting. Motion carried.

Bowling Committee:

No Report

Local Committee:

No Report

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee:

No Report

EMS Committee:

No Report

Fireman of the year Committee: / Fire Police Committee:

Awards were given to the winners immediately following the Memorial Service this morning 7/23/22

Past President Committee: William Kershner Jr.

Twelve Past President, one Probationary, and one Matilda were present for the PP Dinner on 7/22/22. \$150.00 to be donated to the FASNY Home Small Change fund, and \$150.00 donated to FASNY Scholarship.

2nd. VP: Billy Boyd assumed the chair

Queens Pageant Committee:

No Report

Resolutions: Michael Delamere:

Michael had read off the Resolution for the 123rd Annual Convention. A total of six resolutions.

Resolution 1, Motion by Anthony Demarco, seconded by Wendi Walker. Motion carried

Resolution 2, Motion by Edward Tase Jr, seconded by Primo Biscaro. Motion carried.

Resolution 3, Motion by Alan Way, seconded by James Dermody. Motion carried.

Resolution 4, Motion by William Kershner Jr, seconded by Bill Montesano. Motion carried.

Resolution 5, Motion by Wendi Walker, seconded by Bonnie Sweet. Motion carried.

Resolution 6, Motion by Ken Curry, seconded by Thad Gilbride. Motion carried.

2% Tax: Anthony Demarco

On Thursday at the FASNY convention the 2% Tax forum will be held.

Website: Mike Kislack:

All is going good with the website, if anyone has anything they would like to have listed, please let Mike Kislack know.

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet:

Meeting 9/18/22 in Wolcott, NY, Wayne County

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood

Convention will be August 4,5,6 2022, in Bolivar, NY

President Curry resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Michael Delamere to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Alan Way:

74 members are in the home currently, with several more applications in process. August will be the last meeting for Alan Way as his 10-year term is up.

President of the Trustees – Gerard Owenburg

Trustee – Anthony Demarco

Trustee – Michael Kislack

FASNY Director: Andrew Pilecki

Andrew turned the floor over to 1st. VO Edward Tase Jr. Ed gave a report on his experience of the PP dinner on Friday night. He also talked about the upcoming FASNY 150th Anniversary Convention in Tarrytown, NY.

Unfinished Business:

William Kershner Jr brought to the floor, the five proposed By-Law changes.

Change 1, Motion by Bruce Mack, seconded by Alan Way. Motion carried.

Change 2, Motion by Michel Delamere, seconded by Andrew Pilecki. Motion carried

Change 3, Motion by Edward Tase Jr, seconded by Bonnie Sweet. Motion carried.

Change 4, Motion by Doug Wright, seconded by Primo Biscaro. Motion carried.

Change5, Motion by Primo Biscaro, seconded by Michael Delamere. Motion carried.

Bruce Mack brought up what we should do about the solicitor for the program book.

Motion by Michael Kislack, seconded Harold Wollaber II to take the three-year contract at \$12,000.00 per year guarantee. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendi Walker, seconded by Alan Way to accept approve the list of 21 Life Members. Motion carried.

New Business:

Election results for 2nd. VP were given with Chris Snyder of Dansville becoming the new 2nd. VP.

Motion by William Kershner Jr, seconded by Harold Wollaber to destroy the ballots in 30 days. Motion was Carried.

Good of the Organization:

Monroe County will be hosting a waterball event.

The Guest list read by 2nd. VP Billy Boyd.

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: 45 people at the meeting, and 76 at the Church for the memorial Service / Firefighter Awards.

The Excused List consisting of 9 members was read by Recording Secretary Michael Kislack.

Motion was made by Bruce Mack, seconded by James Dermody. to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Alan Way

Motion was made by Wendi Walker, seconded by Bonnie Sweet to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:53hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be Sunday September 11th., 2022, in Hammondsport at 13:00hr.