

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Hammondsport Fire Department

8521 State Route 54

Hammondsport, New York 14840

September 11, 2022

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

Past President Christopher Curry called the meeting to order at 1307hr

Chris the turned the meeting over to President Gerald Dunst

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

Chaplain Royer Pfersick offered the Invocation.

President Curry welcomed everyone.

A motion by William Kershner Jr., seconded by Doug Wood 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 invite to the Northern Central VFA Annual Banquet.

A motion by Joe Montesano, seconded by Greg Horr to accept the Recording Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard:

From May 17th. 2002 through September 11th. 2002, we have collected dues from 83 members and 115 Fire Companies for a total of \$3,625.00

A motion by Doug Wright, seconded by Doug Wood to accept the Financial Secretary report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings: \$2,325.13

Checking: \$8,218.45

Scholarship:	\$1,713.20
Total:	\$12,256.78
Disbursements:	\$9,635.58
Balance:	\$12,256.78

Motion was made by William Kershner Jr, seconded by David Sweet to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

Communications:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Billy Boyd assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report – Doug Wood

No Report – 5 Trustees Present

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin:

Next year’s Tournament will be held March 4th & 5th, and March 11th & 12th. 2023 at Gates Bowl, Also the 2024 Tournament will also be at Gates.

Budget & Program Book.

Program Book: Ed Dysard

As of July 30th, 2022, we are at 99.8% of the budget goal, and we have received a total of \$11,941.40

August 1st through September 10th, 2022, we are at 5.93% of the budget goal, and we have received a total of \$2,020.40

Budget: Robert Walker

No Report

Bylaws Committee: William Kershner Jr:

The proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were voted on at the convention and passed. If anyone has anything that they would like to see changed, please let someone on the committee know.

Convention Committee, Greg Horr:

Greg reported that the convention was a great success, and everyone had enjoyed themselves. He gave thanks to the local committee as they had done a great job.

EMS Committee:

No Report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee:

No Report

Fireman of the Year Committee:

No Report

Fire Police Committee: Tony Caraco:

State Fire Police will be held in Niagara Falls on May 11-13, 2023

Fire Prevention Committee:

No Report

History Committee:

No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin:

Scholarship	\$1,713.20
Savings	\$2,325.13
Men's Bowling	\$150.00
Women's Bowling	\$150.00
Past Presidents	\$340.00
America Bonds	\$55,208.74
Balance 08/31/22	\$59,887.07
Scholarship savings	\$4,625.27
CD – 106	\$2,702.49

CD – 107	\$5,876.10
Balance 06/12/22	\$13,208.86
FASNY Checking	\$8,218.45
Total Association Assets	\$81,314.38

Started 2022 with h\$91,074.87, ended the year with \$81,314.38 for a loss of \$9,760.49.

Legislative Committee: David Sweet

Dave gave a short overview of the Legislative meeting that was held at 12:00pm today in Hammondsport.

Memorial Scholarship Committee:

No Report

Second Vice President Chris Snyder assumed the Chair.

Nominations Committee: Joe Montesano

Everyone needs to start getting in nomination letters for 2023.

Nozzle Practice: Doug Wright:

Due to local ordinance, there will be no competition in 2023, looking forward to 2024.

Parade Committee:

No Report

Past Presidents Committee: Chris Curry:

7 Past President in attendance.

President Participation: Penni Dysard

Hammondsport Fire Company came in 1st place and was presented the trophy for 2022.

The trophy needs updated as it has not been done since 2017, Penni said she would take care of getting it updated.

Public Relations:

No Report

Queen's Pageant:

No Report

Resolutions:

No Report

Topics:

No Report

2% Tax: Anthony Demarco:

Covered some of the items that were covered during the training session at the FASNY convention.

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:

Next meeting will be on Sunday September 25th, 2022, at the Wolcott Firehall 6162 Port Bay Rd. Wolcott, NY. Officers and Directors will meet at 1:00pm followed by general meeting at 2:00pm.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood

Meeting was being held today at 1:00pm. Oct 15th, 2022 will be the Banquet in Bolivar. Next meeting will be November 20th, 2022, in Erie County.

Steering:

No Report

President Dunst resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Primo Biscaro, seconded by Thomas McLaughlin to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Anthony Demarco:

75 members are in the home currently, we have 2 members from Western New York. The Trustees have started a committee for the long-range future of the Home.

FASNY Director: Diane Pfersick:

FASNY Training weekend in Oriskany September 23-25, 2022. Legislative Conference will held in Troy on November 4-6, 2022. Remember FASNY HELP is available, also make sure to submit applications for the different awards done each year. Next years Convention will be August 9-12, 2023 in Niagara Falls, NY.

Unfinished Business:

All officers that were not present at the Testimonial Dinner on Saturday night, were installed by FASNY Director Andrew Pilecki

New Business:

Mike Kislack brought up purchasing Gold Badges for Past Presidents that had not received one, at this point it is for PP Biscaro and PP DeMarco.

A motion by Andrew Pilecki, seconded by William Kershner Jr. to purchase the needed badges. Motion Carried.

Anthony DeMarco had brought up that is two years the WNYVFA will be celebrating the 125th Annual Convention, and do we want to do something special.

A motion by Andrew Pilecki, seconded by David Sweet to create an Ad-Hoc Committee for the 125th Anniversary. Motion Carried.

William Kershner brought up that WNYVFA should make a stand that we are opposed of any 100% paid Fire Company should not be able to get any (anymore) of the 2% money.

A motion by Billy Boyd, seconded by Diane Pfersick to accept to make that stand. Motion Carried.

Meetings for 2023 will stay at 1PM start time.

Good of the Organization:

No Report

The Guest list was read by Second Vice President Snyder.

Sergeant-at-Arms Doug Wright reported the Attendance: 37 People

The Excused List consisting of 8 members was read by Recording Secretary Michael Kislack.

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

The Benediction was offered by Royer Pfersick

Motion was made by Anthony Demarco seconded by Leslie Dunst to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 14:06hr.

Respectfully submitted Michael Kislack, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be Sunday November 13th, 2022, at the starting at 1300hr

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