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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on June 30, 2019 10:30 am at Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., 74 Holly Blvd., Southampton, NJ 08088
Minutes of the February 24, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenburg at 10:35 am at the Manitou Park Vol. Fire Co., 110 3rd Ave, Toms River, NJ 08757 by President Siedenburg led the pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters. He then identified the emergency exits.

Secretary Brian Foley took the roll call

Reading of the October 7, 2018 meeting was accepted as written on the web-site, with a motion by Brian Foley, and seconded Lou Roell. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Eugene Enfield gave the following report:

Colombia Stock 100 shares @ cost \$10.00	\$ 1,000.00
CD Columbia Savings 1.5% due 10/25/2020	\$10,477.25
CD Columbia Savings 1.4% 12/10/19	5,303.11
CD Columbia Savings 2.75% 7/2/2021	7,000.00
TD Savings	2,007.76
TD Checking (\$ 6,761.13) plus dues collect \$4,590.00 =	\$11,351.63
Disbursements:	
Stop Payment from Milford Fire Co. \$25.00 + Fee \$20	45.00
e-check NJ Annual Report	25.50
Check # 185 Shelter Cove web-site 3/1/19 to 3/1/20	120.00
Check # 186 George Roell, secretary postage & supplies & 18.99 web name	118.99
Check # 187 Eugene Enfield, Treasure Postage & supplies & 990	256.00
Check # 188 Phoenix Insurance Bond 3/11/19 to 3/11/22	532.95
Check # 189 Charles Siedenburg NJ fire Safety Meeting A/C	156.50
	<u>\$1,254.94</u>
	<u>\$10,096.19</u>

Total Assets \$35,573.81

Motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills made by Michael Mocharski seconded by Michael Stein. Motion carried.

Special Guest: Joseph T. Hankins, VP/NJSFA mentioned Green Sheets due Feb.28, 2019 & Financial were due Feb. 20, 2019

Communication & Correspondence: (1) Woodbridge Fire Co. letter to Sec'y George Roell

(2) Letter to Garwood Liberty Hose Co. explaining invoice of \$40.00 which is the dues for 2019. Dues sheet with officers and delegates should have been mailed, which was not. (3) TD Bank stop Payment charge from Milford Fire Company \$45.00 (4) Invoice sent to West Caldwell Twp. Fire Dept. for back dues and dues for 2019. (5) Helmetta Vol. Fire Dept. back dues of \$165.00 (6) Kingwood Twp. Vol Fire Co Minutes and invoice return to sender & they paid dues for 2018 in March 2018 unable to forward.

(7) Bill from Phoenix Insurance (CAN) for renewal of Bond for officers of \$532.95 (8) NJ Annual Report (9) Federal 990 report is due (10) invoice from shelter cove for web-site (11) renewal of name for web-site

Committee Reports: (1) Director NVFC George H. Heflich, Sr gave the following report:

The main functions of the NVFC are funding to the Fire Service and E M S, Stop Cancer in the Fire Service, Suicides, Drugs and Alcohol abuses, PTSD, Stress and available to their Families. Free Confidential Assistance for help 24/7 # 1-888-731-3473 or visit www.nvfc.org. I am submitting copies of the following bills that have not changed due to all the problems in Washington, and copies of bills that changes were made and will be submitted when they are finalized and again be reintroduced before the 116th Congress.

- 1 Five of them are the AFG/Safer Program Appropriations {Provides funding for Fire Department and EMS, Assistance for the Hiring of career Firefighters and recruitment and retention of Volunteer Firefighters. In 2018 \$ 350 Million each for the AFG and Safer grants must be resubmitted.
- 2 The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act which extends an Income Tax for Volunteer Firefighters that lapsed at the end of 2010 and will raise the Tax benefit from \$360 Dollars to 600 Dollars, I spoke on that bill in June at Bergen County College on behalf of the Volunteers. Congressman Pascrell hosted the meeting, I have been dealing with his aid Dylan Sarod E mails attached.
- 3 The United States Fire Administration provides training to more than 80,000 Fire and Emergency services Personal each year, the long-term Health of the USFA and the National Fire Academy are critical to the Fire Service,
- 4 In 2018 Congress provided \$42.9 Million for USFA operations and \$1.5 for NFA. Bill # {H.R. 3918/S.2781} Fire Police Fairness Act Establishes "Fire Police Officers" for persons that are now serving in accordance with State or Local Laws.
- 5 The {VFA} Volunteer Fire Assistance, Provides funding for rural fire Departments on a 50/50 cost share basis. All these bills will must be reintroduced to the 116 Congress.
6. Copies of other Legislative Updates when they will be introduced from Dave Finger Chief of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
7. Suggested Guidelines for Cancer Reduction and Decontamination shows different types of cancers that Firefighters risk compared to the General Public, and In-Station Measures to take. Limit risk to Members from Exposure to carcinogens, have Cancer Deacon Kits, Procedures to Wet Deacon, Dry Deacon, Post incident Deacon at the Fire Station. CONTAMINATED GEAR SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE FIRE STATION IN AN EXTERNAL COMPARTMENT, NOT IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENTS
8. Joint Anti-Harassment and Bullying Statement, they are adding Discrimination. Copies that I have are changes being made and Corrections. What is Harassment and types, Sexual Harassment, Verbal, Nonverbal, Physical What is Bullying and types Verbal, Physical, Gesture, and Exclusion Typed in Red, what is Discrimination, Disparate Treatment, Disparate impact, Minimum height requirements Physical agility tests, Clean shaven requirements, Harassment, and Retaliation
9. In 2017 THERE WERE 280 FIRE FIGHTER SUICIDES. Copies of SYMPTOMS AND DANGER SIGNS, SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS, AND CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS INFORMATION SHEETS.
10. Copies of Board up-dates 11/28/18, 1/4/19 1/29/19 are available upon request.
11. Volunteer Responder Incentive VRIPA was reintroduced 2/15/19
12. NVFC Members takes courses for free. Visit the NVFC website.
13. Copies of Letter I sent on Junior Firefighter Ciecuch and rules for Junior Firefighters to help get funding for the Junior firefighter program
14. Copies of Membership to the NVFC \$18.00 per year, Beneficiary Designation, and 24 accidental death and Dismemberment form.
15. Thanks to Treasurer Enfield for up-dating our Membership Application, I added 4 pages to be handed out with the application, with information about our Association. Cost for a Fire Company to join is \$40.00, and every member in that Fire Company is covered for the \$4000.00 Accidental Death Policy.
16. I am asking for approval to attend the NVFC spring meeting 2019 in Alexandria, Virginia as a member and Director National Volunteer Fire Council for the State of New Jersey on April 25 thru April 27, and that my Expenses for Gas, Tolls and Hotel be paid to myself at our Association meeting on June 30, 2019.
17. I have supplied President Siedenbureg with copies of everything I spoke on so in the event any Officer or Member requests any of the information he can make a copy.
18. NVFC Spring Meeting Alexandria, VA April 25 thru April 27, 2019

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Committee Reports:

(2) Brian Foley, NJ 2nd Director NVFC Report:

- a. Stated he represented the NVFC in Washington, DC, at the press release of the new Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport (ET3) Model for insurance reimbursements. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Alex Azar, along with Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator, Seema Verma, announced the new model for reimbursing EMS providers through Medicare for services other than transport to an emergency department (ED) on February 14, 2019 at DC firehouse 13. CMS anticipates releasing a Request for Applications in Summer 2019 to solicit Medicare-enrolled ambulance supplies and providers. In Fall 2019, to implement the triage lines for low-acuity 9-1-1 calls, CMS anticipates issuing a Notice of Funding Opportunity for a limited number of two-year cooperative agreements, available to local governments, their designees, or other entities that operate or have authority over one or more 9-1-1 dispatches in geographic locations where ambulance supplies and providers have been selected to participate.
- b. After more than two years of stakeholder and public input, the Office of EMS at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and its federal partners released the “EMS Agenda 2050; A People-Centered Vision of the Future of Emergency medical services.” The document describes a vision for evidence-base, data-driven EMS that is integrated with the rest of the nation’s healthcare system. Please look at the document as it an interesting read.
- c. The Fall 2019 NVFC Board meeting is in Augusta, Georgia from October 22-October 25.

(3) **Legislative Committee: New Jersey Firemen’s Association-Legislative Committee** reported tracking a total of 248 bills with 57 from Fire 7 Emergency Service, 35 from Fire Districts, and 56 from Pensions. Three bills have been signed into law by the Governor; A1675, A1627, & S5 out of the 218 bills. The annual Legislative committee Meeting is on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 1711 Route 34 South, Wall Twp. NJ 07727 at 9 am.

(4) **NJ State Fire Safety Committee:** Charles Siedenburg gave a report on the bills which the governor signed into law **A3315, A4357, A594,A4285,S3313,& S1965 are bills** the committee was following

(5) Michael Stein reported Burlington Country problems with Volunteer EMT’s & Emergency Services. **No reports** from the NJ State Firemen’s Home, NJ State Exempt Association, or any other organization.

Deferred Business:

NJ Fire & Emergency Medical Service Institute- Charles Siedenburg mentioned that some of the officers of the institute are trying to re-establish, but no meetings was scheduled. We hope along with the NJVFC that we will receive our \$200.00 dues money paid for annual dues should be refunded.

New Business:

- (1) A motion made by Eugene Enfield, Sr. to reinstate the motion to reimburse Charles Siedenburger for up to \$175.00 for loss of pay to attend NJ Div. of Fire Safety meetings as this would not be legal. We will reimburse all travel, tolls, any other expenses related to attend meetings with the receipts and written report for the membership. Seconded by George Roell. motion carried by a unanimous vote of the membership.
- (2) Eugene Enfield made a motion to form a committee to investigate establishing a scholarship & ways to fund said scholarship. Second by Richard Dries. President Siedenburger mentioned everyone here should be on the committee and report back at next meeting in June.

Good & Welfare – With deep sympathy we regret the passing of President **Charles Siedenburger wife.**

Eugene Enfield wife Ada had a stroke on Jan 15, 2019 and has just come home with Therapy PT, PO, & Speech at home.

Adjournment: motion made by Michael Stein seconded by Lou Roell to adjourns at 11:45. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian P. Foley, Secretary