

New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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Due to the Coronavirus Outbreak and Federal & State Executive Orders the Executive Board decided to cancel the June 28, 2020 10:30 am at Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., 74 Holly Blvd., Southamptn, NJ 08088.

The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on October 4, 2020 at 10:30 am at South Plainfield Fire House, 123 Main St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Minutes of February 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenburg at 10:35 am at the Manitou Park Vol Fire House Station 18 with the pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters. He identified the emergency exits.

Secretary Brian Foley took the roll call

Reading of the October 6, 2019 meeting was accepted as written on the website, with a motion by Eugene Enfield, Sr., and seconded Richard Dries. 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		\$10,755.00
CD Columbia Savings 1.5% 12/10/20		5,379.46
CD Columbia Savings 2.75% 7/2/2021		7,290.67
CD Columbia Savings 3.00% 3/11/2022		5,121.47
TD Savings		<u>2,017.73</u>
TD Checking	Disbursements:	\$4,528.03
Ck #199 Charles Siedenburg President Stipend	\$ 100.00	
Ck #200 Brian Foley Secretary Stipend	100.00	
Ck #201 Eugene Enfield Treasurer Stipend	100.00	
Ck#202 Eugene Enfield Filing 990 & postage	256.40	
Ck#203 George H. Heflich, Sr. Fall NVFC Meeting	1,028.77	
Ck#204 Charles Siedenburg NJ Fire Safety	284.08	
Ck#205 Brian Foley Postage 169.47 + NVFC Meet	520.08	
Ck#206 Brian Foley Bal. of NVFC Meeting	149.39	
	<u>\$2,538.72</u>	\$ 1,989.31

Total Assets

\$33,553.64

Motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills made by Richard Dries seconded by George Heflich, Sr. Motion carried.

On Oct. 15, 2019 the books were audited and found to be correct.

Special Guest: Joseph T. Hankins, VP/NJSFA mentioned that they are trying to change the law dealing with age for firefighters to get into relief from 45 to 57 years of age. Also, a change in Death Benefit Fund which results in lower coverage in the beginning until reaching 84 months in good standings.

Communication & Correspondence (1) Audit was completed and found good standings. (2) This organization received \$40.00 Grant check from Network for Good, which will be deposited.

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

(1) October NVFC Meeting in Georgia with 39 states and 61 Directors attended. To be appointed as a Director must be active Volunteer firefighter or paid on call for 5 or more years. NVFC amended bylaws article 6 **“No person who has been convicted of a felony or crime involving Fire or Explosives may be appointed as a Director to the NVFC”**

(2) **George mentioned that** Corporate Sponsorship, Josh Cellars donated \$163,000 to the Volunteer Support Fund and Jack Daniels held an event for Volunteers in Tennessee, Anheuser Bush donated 1.4 million cans of water, they committed to only 1 million cans.

(3)The NVFC received a 2-year Federal Grant to Fund a behavioral health project and another Federal Grant for the Forest Service with agreement to update the Recruitment and retention program. NVFC will be holding a recruitment and Retention Experience in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 25-26, 2020.

(4)It was mentioned that United States Fire Service is facing their biggest challenge, fighting and Stopping Cancer, 14% more deaths are expected, 9% more digamous, Skin Urinary, and oral Cancers. Out of the 65% of Volunteers, rural areas 48% 20% are minorities and 5 to 10% females. Health on the Fire Scene Monitor how long body temperature, Heart Rate. Check all old Foam.

(5)For the Seminar Dinner we were bused to Harlem, Georgia for supper, supper was Grots, Eggs, Bacon Sausage and Corn Bread. Harlem is the home of Laurel and Hardy. I met the Mayor who was a woman and I explained to her about the Real Harlem, NY. Their police department had five Vehicles. NFVC approved funds for a firefighter who lost their home due to fire. The Fall Meeting 2023 will be held at Cooperstown, NY hosted by the NY Firemen’s Association.

(6) I am on the Recruitment and Retention Committee, and at the meeting they are putting an ad that will run for one minute every flight with United airlines for the month of December at a cost of \$100,000.00. George explained to the committee a problem in Secaucus, NJ with a fighter’s son, who was one of twelve Junior Fighters and a member of the NVFC Junior Fighters Program. The Junior Fighter is Firefighter One Certified and has incident Management System 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800. Members of my fire company acted as idols towards him and as a result he left our company and went with another.

Committee Reports: Brian Foley, NJ 2nd Director NVFC Report:

- (1) Training Summit: registration is now open for the NVFC Training Summit, which will take place June 26, 2020 in Orlando, FL.
- (2) Membership Meeting: The NVFC is hosting its annual membership meeting by webinar on March 14, 2020 at 3 pm.
- (3) Membership Announcement: streamlined membership into one individual member level at one amazing low rate. Now all NVFC members will get all our membership benefits – including the \$10,000 AD^D policy, free training in the Virtual Classroom, and access to the Volunteer Voice member Forum-Just \$18 a year.
- (4) Call for Presentations: NVFC is hosting the inaugural Recruitment & Retention Experience on September 25-26, 2020, in Cleveland, OH. This interactive educational and networking conference will focus on classroom sessions, best practices, and idea exchange regarding recruiting and retraining fire service volunteers. The call for presentations is now open. Qualified instructors and speakers can submit their proposals by February 1.
- (5) Award Nominations: The nomination period is now open for the NVFC’s annual achievement award. Submit your nominations for the Lifetime Achievement award, Chief James P. Seavey, Sr., Health and Wellness Leadership Award, Junior Firefighter of the Year award, and Junior Firefighter Program of the Year Award at www.nvfc.org/award.

Committee Reports: Brian Foley, NJ 2nd Director NVFC Report:

- (6) SAFER Work Group – Brian is one the NVFC;s Recruitment and Retention Committee: report is in progress and we are in year 2 to 4 of the grant.
- (7) Board Updates: Conflict of interest – Board of Directors, New Strategic Plan
- (8) 2023 Fall Meeting in Cooperstown NY – FASNY
- (9) I am on the Communication and Technology, Hazmat Response and EMS/Rescue Committee.
- (10) NVFC board reps are on 26 national org working groups or standard committees.
- (11) NVFC continues to get more corporate sponsors.
- (12) INTERSCHUTZ USA is in Philadelphia, PA from October 13 – 17, 2020.

NJ State Fire Safety Committee: Charles Siedenbug gave a report on bills schedule for committee or legislative session:

1. S238: regulation pertaining to training and duties of Junior Firefighter members.
2. A516: provides reciprocity for certain out of state EMT certifications.
3. S592: Allows certain members of PFRS to serve until age 70 upon approval of municipal governing body.
4. A491: Enhances PFRS accidental death pension to surviving spouse by providing for a minimum of \$50,000 annually.
5. A306: Immunizes from civil liability first responders who forcibly enter property to provide emergency assistance.

Legislative Committee: New Jersey Firemen's Association-Legislative Committee reported tracking a total of 10 bills pending.

Deferred Business:

1. scholarship & ways to fund said scholarship.
2. Brian Foley postage receipts from June 2019
- 3 2nd Reading of the By-Law changes.

New Business: (1) Scholarship was dropped lack of participation. (2) Receipts from June Postage was given to the Treasurer. (3) motion by Richard Dries to have the 2nd Delegate to the NVFC be compensated for expenses not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars seconded by Eugene Enfield, Sr., Motion carried. (4) Richard Dries made a motion to take a full-page ad in the NJ Exempt Convention with changes to try to get members to join the NVFC for \$18.00 year with many benefits. 2nd by Eugene Enfield. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare – Eugene Enfield wife Ada had a Pacemaker in Jan. 2020 and is weak and doing Therapy PT, PO, & Speech.
Lou Roell still home

Adjournment: motion made by Richard Dries seconded by Eugene Enfield, Sr. to adjourns at 12.05. Motioned carried.

A Motion to reopen the meeting for the 3rd reading of the By-Laws and to Vote made by Eugene Enfield, Sr. and seconded by Richard Dries. Motion carried. After the 3rd reading a motion by Brian Foley to forget about the changes in the by-laws and go back to the 2018 by-laws Motion 2nd by Richard Dries. Motion carries.

Adjournment made be George Heflich at 12:30 2nd by Eugene Enfield. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian P. Foley, Secretary