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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on Feb. 28, 2021 at the Manitou Park Vol. Fire Co. Station 18 at 110 3rd Ave. Toms River, NJ 08757. Directions: GSP south Exit #80, keep left at stop sign turn right pass traffic light to 3rd Ave. turn left 3rd block on left side. Coming from south GSP Exit #81. Turn left over GSP Bridge back onto GSP South follow above directions.

Minutes of the October 4, 2020 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenburger at 10:40 am at the **South Plainfield, 123 Maple Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080**, by President Siedenburger led the pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters. He then identified the emergency exits.

Acting Secretary took the roll call

No Reading of the June 28, 2020 meeting because of Covert.

Treasurer Report: Eugene Enfield gave the following report:

Columbia Stock 100 shares @ cost \$10.00	\$ 1,000.00
CD Columbia Savings 1.5% due 10/25/2020	\$10,896.07
CD Columbia Savings 1.78% 12/10/20	5,451.78
CD Columbia Savings 2.75% 7/2/2021	7,440.09
CD Columbia Savings 3.00% 3/11/2022	5,236.22
TD Savings	2,018.32
TD Checking (\$1,989.31) + Dues \$ 3,030.00 + Grant \$40.00, Refund \$200.00 NJ Exempts Ad Book	\$5,459.31

Disbursements:

NJ Annual Report	30.50
Check # 207 George Helfich, Sr. Ad Book NJ Exempt	200.00
Check # 208 Eugene Enfield Postage & Supplies By-laws & Minutes	\$ 302.00
Check # 209 Charles Siedenburger Presidents Stipend	100.00
Check # 210 Brian Foley Secretary Stipend	100.00
Check # 211 Eugene Enfield, Sr. Treasurer Stipend	100.00
Check # 212 NVFC Annual 2021 Dues	500.00

1,332.50 4,126.81

Total Assets \$36,169.29

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

Special Guest: Stephen Gulla from S.G Insurance Agency, Inc, Disability Loss of Income. Coverage is for 18 years to 70 years at the same rate of \$18 to \$40 depending what options persons takes per month, 1-973-610-1708

Communication & Correspondence: CD Due 10/25/2020 Rates are under 1% It was suggested to take 1-year CD.

Committee Reports:

NVFC Spring Meeting no meeting due to Covert

- (1) George Report: NVFC:
 - (a) Junior Firefighter Program, Bob Timko from Hudson County, NJ has been selected through a nationwide nomination process as the recipient of the 2020 NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. October 16, 2020 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Wilmington, North Carolina with a celebration lunch
 - (b) Japan donated \$10,000 to American wildfires
 - (c) NVFC expressing opposition to section 10402 of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solution (HEROES) Act, which waives statutory protections ensuring that volunteer and smaller fire departments receive an equitable share of funding under the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program for the \$355 million appropriated for AFG in FY 2020. Volunteer fire departments are struggling with the impact of COVID-19 just as their big-city counterparts. Social distancing has disrupted fundraising efforts for thousands of smaller fire departments, even as the economic downturn is reducing local tax support. NVFC urge the House & Senator to remove the above-mentioned waivers of statutory protections in the HEROES Act before the bill is voted on by the House of Representatives.
 - (d) Volunteer Retention Research Report: Two thirds of respondents feel their department have (or had) a problem with volunteer retention, which includes nearly 70% of current department leadership. Reason for Leaving (1) groups that exclude others; (2) Leadership that doesn't focus on or support the needs of members. (3) Different generations do not get along; (4) Lack of camaraderie or sense of community among everyone in the department.
 - (e) **Individual membership of \$18.00 eighteen dollars a year gives 410,000 ACCIDENTAL & DISMANTABLE COVERAGE plus schooling and discounts plus much more.**
 - (f) A message from NVFC Chairman Steve Hirsch March 19, 2020, dealing with 911; *“So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself...nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and of vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory. And I am convinced that you will again give that support to leadership in these critical days.”*
- (2) **Charlies Siedenbug NJ Fire Safety Commission Report:** S 1634 Raises the Maxime age from 45 to 60 for eligibility for exempt firemen's certificate. NJS40A:14-56 & RS 43:17-9 this must be voted on and if passed signed by the governor to become law.
- (3) **New Jersey Firemen's Association:** July 1, 2020 home care benefits are \$5,000.00 per month & starting January 1st, 2021 Spouses are covered for \$600.00 per month for licensed health care firm.
- (4) Firemen's Home: No Report
- (5) **NJ Exempt Firemen's-No report**
- (6) **Legislative Committee:** S 1634 Raises the Maxime age from 45 to 60 for eligibility for exempt firemen's certificate. NJS40A:14-56 & RS 43:17-9 this must be voted on and if passed signed by the governor to become law.

Deferred Business: Web-Site Problems

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New Business:

Election of Officers & Two Directors to NVFC

President	Charles Siedenbug:	Trustee 3 yrs. 2021	Lou Roell
1 st Vice President & Treasurer	Eugene Enfield, Sr.	Trustee 2 yrs. 2023	George Heflich, Sr.
2 nd Vice President	Richard Dries	Trustee 1 Yr. 2022	Richard Dries
Secretary	Brian Foley		
1 st Director to NVFC	George Heflich, Sr.		
2 nd Director to NVFC	Brian Foley		

Richard Dries. made a motion to nominate the following officers from all names above , Second by John Kerester Jr. Motioned carried. There were no other nominations. President Siedenbug closed nomination and ask Acting Sec'y to cast one vote for all office except himself. President Siedenbug cast one vote for Eugene Enfield, 1st Vice-President & Treasurer. Motion carried

Good & Welfare – Lou Roell recovery at home

Adjournment: motion made by John Kerester seconded by Richard Dries to adjourns at 12 pm. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Eugene A. Enfield, Sr., Acting Secretary