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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on Feb. 27, 2022, 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 third 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 3, 2021, Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenbug at 10:40 am at the **Edison Exempt Bldg. 850 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ 08820**, by President Siedenbug led the pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a moment of silence for our fallen firefighters. He then identified the emergency exits.

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 10/26/2021	\$10,942.03
CD Columbia Savings 1.78% 12/16/21	5,480.03
CD Columbia Savings 3.00% 3/11/2022	5,353.32
E*TRADE Securities	15,000.00
TD Savings 9/27/21	2,022.11
TD Checking (\$9,684.01 +CD 7593.00 = 17,277.01+ Dues \$435.00 +\$donation \$5.30 =17,717.31 - 35-266.45 =)	\$17,717.31
Disbursements:	
Check #214 Charlies NJ Safety meeting	35.00
Check # 215 Minutes mailing	266.45
Check #216 Charles Seidenburg NJ Safety Meetings	144.76
Check # 217 E-Trade Establish Financial Account	\$ 15,000.00
NJ Annual Report Dec 2021	30.50
Check # 218 NVFC Annual Dues from New Jersey	<u>500.00</u>
	1,680.60

Total Assets \$41,478.09

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

Communication & Correspondence: NJ Annual Report

Special Guest: Andrew Mazzarella, Executive Committeeman, Middlesex County New Jersey Firemen’s Association:

Andy mentioned the following (1) There are 538 Relief Associations in NJ. (2) Red Book will be online, which will save money for printing and disturbing to association. (3) Death notice goes from June to June of each year for memorial service online. (4) It would be a good practice to have a completed IRS 1040 with a relief application, regardless of person age. (5) “Need” if an applicate has money than no need is present.(6) HR 1054 use of force can relate to Fire Companies and not just Police. (7) Question concerning the Firemen’s Home passed by substantial number. Now up to changing the law. (8) Home can hold 96 + 4 extra beds + 10 Beds in memory section. (9) Five line of duty deaths this year. (10) **College Students** who are members of a fire company and respond to fires should have a **line number with NJSFA.**

Committee Reports:

NVFC Fall 2021 Meeting Oct. 13 -15, 2021 at Jackson, Wyoming

George Report: NVFC follows: (1) NVFC Received grant of \$125,000 from General Motors. These funds will be used for training on electric vehicle in response with NFPA. (2) Charlie Kludt (ND) authored an excellent article on behalf of the NVFC entitled **”The Wildland Firefighter: Where are you from? Article** was published in Fire Engineering. (3) Tell Congress to Pass the **Volunteer First Responder Housing Act (H.R. 4377/S. 2316** would establish exclusive access for volunteer fighters and EMS personnel to two existing federal housing assistance programs. (4) Senator Van Hollen;s office notified NVFC that they were awarded 2-year FY20 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant of \$1.4 million. (5) NVFC is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interest of all volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as a voice of all volunteers in the national arena and provides critical resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. **Individual membership for \$18.00 + year gives you free training, Accidental Death of \$10,000 plus many more benefits.**

Charlies Siedenburg NJ Fire Safety Commission Report (1) New Executive Order 248 from Gov .Murphy placing **OEM** in charge of all **ICS/MINS training** for first responders. Order 248 supersedes Executive Order 50 (Act. Gov. Cody) OEM will develop guidance documents for ICS/NIMS courses and requirements. I-200 and I-300 training for most first responders with I-400, being reserved for OEM operations and personnel. Documents will be e-mailed to all Council members when it is available. Lengthy discussions held. (2) Changes are being made to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. NFA has updated security, food, classroom sizes and more. NJ is looking at dates in June 2022 for the NJ Weekend, dates with the highest student counts available. NJ also can take the NFA courses offered and run them in-state, either in-person or a Zoom platform. Discussions held. (3) Fire fighter I & 2 programs moving forward with 270 hours +. A proposal to purchase additional books for the Firefighter 2 programs. It was mentioned that with the counterpart in PA, and they have a document that states the PA model should emulate the NJ DFS model. Discussions held.

NJ Exempt Firemen’s-June 11, 2022, Exempt Convention at Iselin #9.

Legislative Committee: Good policy to have a committee of organizations and meet and pick a few Laws that might make it to the governor’s desk

Deferred Business: Firefighter 1 & 2 takes 270 hours to complete.

New Business:

Election of Officers & Two Directors to NVFC

President	Charles Siedenburg:	Trustee 3 yrs. 2021	John M. Kerester, jr.
1 st Vice President & Treasurer	Richard Dries	Trustee 2 yrs. 2023	George Heflich, Sr.
2 nd Vice President	John M. Kerester	Trustee 1 Yr. 2022	Richard Dries
Secretary/Treasurer	Eugene A. Enfield, Sr.		
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Andrew Mazzarella made a motion to nominate the following officers from all names above , Second by John Kerester. 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, secretary/ Treasurer. Motion carried

Good & Welfare – none reported.

Adjournment: motion made by George Heflich seconded by Andrew Mazzarella to adjourns at 12.40 pm. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Eugene A. Enfield, Sr., Acting Secretary