

# New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on June 26, 2022, at the **10:30 am at Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., 74 Holly Blvd., Southampton, NJ 08088**

## Minutes of the February 27, 2022, Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenbug at 10:35 am at the Manitou Park Vol. Fire Co., 110 3<sup>rd</sup>s. Ave. Toms River, NJ 08757 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

**Reading of the October 3, 2021, meeting** motion by Rich Dries & seconded by John Kerester as read by Eugene Enfield after correction with Trustee date plus they are on Website. Motion carried

**Treasurer Report:** Eugene Enfield gave the following report:

Columbia Stock 100 shares @ cost \$10.00 (unrealized Gain \$1155.00 )		\$ 1,000.00	
E-Trade SP 500 44 shares @ cost \$447.4163 (unrealized loss \$371.30)		20,000.00	
CD Columbia Savings 0.25% due 10/26/2022		\$ 5,002.29	
CD Columbia Savings 1.78% 12/16/21		5,490.39	
CD Columbia Savings 3.00% 3/11/2022		5,433.80	
TD Savings 9/27/21		<u>2,021.35</u>	<u>38,947.83</u>
CD 10/26/21 Transfer to checking \$5,957.79			
TD Checking 02/26/2022		\$9,187.83	
Disbursements:			
E-Trade	5,000.00		
Check # 219 Michael J. Brown Law Office	\$ 250.00		
Check # 220 NVFC REPLACE CK # 217 2022 Dues	500.00		
Check # 221 Charlies Siedenbug President Stipend	100.00		
Check # 222 Eugene Enfield, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer Stipend	200.00		
Check # 223 NJ State Exempt Association full page AD	200.00		
Check #224 Eugene Enfield Postage & Office Expenses	406.15		
Check #225 Charles Siedenbug NJ Fire Safety Meetings	119.25		
Check #226 Phoenix Ins. Group CAN Dishonesty Policy 3 yrs. \$50,000.00	<u>732.45</u>	\$ 7,507.85	<u>1,679.98</u>
Total Assets			\$40,597.81

Motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills made by George Heflich seconded by John Kerester. Motion carried.

## **Communication & Correspondence:**

- (1) Problem** with website change from “gov” to “COM.”
- (2)** Request from Benjamin Sparks from Pennsylvania Senate Republican Policy Development and Research Office. Requesting if Jr. Firefighters under eighteen can they train with live Fire or fight live fire. George will manage this , but answer is no including power equipment.
- (3)** MN Commissioner of Dept. of Public Safety has determined a firefighter who died from cancer last year has been deemed a LODD. It is the first in Minnesota.
- (4) Charitable Sales Promotion Agreement between Deutsch Family (Sponsor) and the New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen’s Association. (Charity). Sponsor will** donate one dollar (\$1.00) to Charity for each bottle of the limited-edition Josh Cellars Reserve Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon (the Product) from July 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2022. Permission to use our logo on bottles.
- (5) IRS Notice that filing of 990 must be online. Filed February 2022 as Post Card under \$50,000 in Gross Receipts.**
- (6) Sal Dealessandro from Moonachie Fire Dept. ask about Delegates to our meeting which we have three (3) meetings a year. Edison Plainfield area, Southampton, & Toms River area. We talked about the benefits of individual joining the NVFC, \$10,000.00 AD&D Insurance Policy, Free online training through the NVFC Virtual classroom, Educational Discounts on online universities and fire service training, and discounts on products and services. I call George to manage this matter. He will be going to their meeting.**
- (7) Princeton Junction Vol. Fire Co, Mercer Country drop membership where Brian Foley was trying to incorporate First Aid into the NJSVFA.**
- (8) CAN Insurance Dishonesty Policy renew 3 years \$25,000 cost \$532.95 & \$50,000 cost \$732.45.**

## **Special Guest: None**

### **New Jersey Firemen’s Association:**

**Home Care for members increased to \$6000.00 per month and Spouse went to \$2,000.00 per month starting Jan 1, 2022.**

## **Committee Reports: George H. Heflich, Sr.**

- 1. NVFC Fall 2021 Meeting Oct. 13 -15, 2021 at Jackson, Wyoming:** George mentioned it was very expensive in Jackson. Hometown Heroes Assistance Program was passed by the MN Legislation which provides \$4 million to cover Every firefighter in MN with an up \$20,000 critical illness policy covering cancer, cardiac issues, stroke, and mental health care. It also funds free training to firefighters for prevention of these issues.
- 2.** George sent letter to Honorable Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the Assembly requesting no fee for fire fighters auto plates.
- 3.** Survey to provide valuable information that volunteer experience and environment can be improved.
- 4. VFA Grant Program 50/50 cost share basis to pay for training, equipment, and protective clothing to help prepare for Wildland fires.**
- 5. Support Volunteer First Responder Housing Act (H.R. 4377/S 2316)**
- 6. Firemen’s Home – Family must pay executive charges for netting & etc. for firefighter in new wing.**
- 7. Joint Anti-Harassment, Bullying, and Discrimination**
- 8. NVFC Spring meeting April 7 to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Alexandria VA.**

## **Charlies Siedenbarg NJ Fire Safety Commission Report**

- (1)** Apparatus Driver/Operator not to allow for a “driver only” certification instead require that Chapter 5 of NFPA 1002 “Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump” be added.
- (2)** Junior Firefighter proposed regulation still must be submitted to the Governor’s office for approval.
- (3)** OEM Directive will mandate ICS-200 training for First Responders and Providers; on-line IS-200 can be taken to meet this requirement.
- (4)** A5075 make Fire Museum & Fallen Fire Memorial independent organization. passed both houses.
- (5)** Firefighter 1 and 2 no change (270 hours) US Supreme Court and ADA state that you cannot read HazMat exams to any student; the student must be able to read and comprehend the ERG without any assistance.

**NJ Exempt Firemen’s-Association: Iselin #9 June 11 hosts Convention, 2022.**

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**Legislative Committee: HR 1241/S1210 Exempts \$600.00 paid to a firefighter from Federal Income tax per year.**

## Deferred Business:

## New Business:

- (1) Eugene Enfield, Sr. said we had help from Debra Coleman, dealing with **Charitable Sales Promotion Agreement between Deutsch Family (Sponsor) and the New Jersey State Volunteer Firemen's Association. (Charity). Ms. Coleman will help with trademark with our LOGO.** A Graphtec artist was needed to format the logo, a Lawyer to help us, and a CPA, friend of Debra's, Mary filed the 2021 990 post card.
- (2) Under the Charitable agreement we must donate funds to help firefighters whom the fire company are members to the NJSVFA. Ms. Coleman suggested to pay for one member going to fire school, upon completing Firefighter I & II. A committee must be started with details and rules for this donation to happen. This organization needs new young people to take over, so the organization can and will continue for years to come.
- (3) **CAN Insurance Dishonesty Policy renew 3 years \$25,000 cost is \$532.95 & \$50,000 cost is \$732.45.**  
We took this policy out when \$500.00 petty cash was missing from Karl E. Buckish III from Millville, NJ. I do not see a need any longer. Eugene Enfield, Sr. made a motion not to continue with this policy seconded by George Heflich. Vote was taken and turn down.
- (4) Richard Dries made a motion to have all members on policy and increase the amount to \$50,000. For \$732.45 for three (3) year term. Second by Dan DeCross III. Vote taken and passed.
- (5) Eugene Enfield made a motion to take a full-page AD in the NJSEA 2022 Convention Book for \$200. Second by Richard Dries. Motion carried.

## Good & Welfare – none

**Adjournment:** motion made by Dan DeCross seconded by Rich Dries to adjourns at 12.05 pm. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

*Eugene A. Enfield, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer*