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The next quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Vol. Firemen's Association will convene on October 06, 2019 at 10:30 am at Edison Exempt Bldg., 850 New Dover Rd., Edison, NJ 08820

Minutes of the June 30th, 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 February 24, 2019 meeting was accepted as written on the website, with a motion by Eugene Enfield 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		\$10,661.14
CD Columbia Savings 1.4% 12/10/19		5,340.66
CD Columbia Savings 2.75% 7/2/2021		7,191.75
CD Columbia Savings 3.00% 3/11/2022		5,045.62
TD Savings		<u>2,014.79</u>
		\$31,253.96
TD Checking (\$ 10,096.19) plus dues collect \$ 1,635.00	\$11,731.19	
Disbursements:		
Check # 190 Columbia Savings Open 3% CD	\$ 5,000.00	
Transfer to saving to keep account active	6.19	
Check # 191 NJ Firemen Exempt Assoc. Ad-book	200.00	
Check # 192 Brian Foley, secretary postage & supplies	166.89	
Check # 193 George Heflich – Spring NVFC meeting	887.97	
Check # 194 Eugene Enfield, Treasure Postage & supplies Bus. Cards	119.26	
Check # 195 Charlies Siedenburg NJ fire Safety Meeting	128.53	
	<u>\$ 6,508.84</u>	<u>\$ 5,222.35</u>

Total Assets

\$36,476.31

From January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 the organization has a net operating loss of (- \$401.77).

Brian Foley left the written receipts for check #192 but will forward to treasurer Enfield.

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

Special Guest: Joseph Hankins Vice President NJSFA mentioned that new members physical will be good up to one year instead of 90 days. Death Benefit will be \$12,000 and Home care will go up from \$700 to \$1,000 per month. Only one copy of Pink sheet is required.

Communication & Correspondence: (1) Received phone call from wife of firefighter Galay of the Green Knoll Vol. Fire Co. of Bridgewater, NJ. Her husband on Nov. 21, 2018 was fighting fires, went home and passed away within 24 hours. Green Knoll made their report as Line of Duty Death. She asked about our Accidental death policy from American life Insurance Co. It was mention to her to get police and fire reports from Nov. 2018 and try to have Death Certificate changed to read accidental cause by fighting fires night before.

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

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Board of Directors held its Spring Meeting in Alexandria, VA April 25 thru April 27, 2019. The board meets twice a year to conduct Council business. Highlights if the meeting included election if officers and adoption of a drug and alcohol policy and honoring of the NVFC award recipients.

41 state associations attended. Committees met on a variety of topics including legislation, standard and codes, membership, wildland and health, safety, and training. Many directors participated in the Congressional Fire Service institute day of advocacy, seminars and annual fire service dinner.

The Board voted unanimously to support the **Protecting American's First Responders Act (S. 1208)** and the **9/11 Victims' Compensation Fund Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1327/S.546)**. The board made some amendments to the budget and adopted a drug and alcohol policy. The board received updates on the Programs and partnerships, including the lunch of a new partnership with Anheuser - Bush to provide clean drinking water to volunteer firefighters who battle wildland fires.

Director chief Jeff Cash from North Carolina presented a check for \$252,280 for the membership of over 14,000 indivial North Carolina Firefighths and EMS members through the North Carolina Firemen's Association.

Elections to the executive committee for 2019-2020 was a follow: Chair; Steve Hirsch (KS), 1st Vice Chair: Kevin D. Quinn (R), 2nd Vice Chair: Dallas Renfrew (TX), Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Cash (NC), Executive Committee Members: Dick Brown (CA), Bill Offerman (IL), Brian McQueen (NY), Bob Timko (PA), Reid Vaughn (AL) Bob Guthrie (CT) & EMS section Eric Quinney (WY).

Elected on the EMS/Rescue section are as follow: Chair: Eric Quinney (WY), Vice Chair: Jules Scadden (IA), Secretary: T.J. Nedrow (WA), NVFC Appointee: Ken Brown (VA) and Directors at large: Brian Foley (NJ), Ed Mund (WA), Ken Wettstein (CO).

NVFC thanks the following Sponsors; Anheuser-Busch, Cabot, California Casualty, Clarion UX, Columbia southern University, ESIP, Fire-Dex, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire, Lincoln Financial Group, National Fire Protection Association, Provident, Rosenbauer America, Verizon, VFIS, and Ward Diesel.

The Fall 2019 NVFC Board meeting is in Augusta, Georgia from October 22-October 25.

Committee Reports: Brian Foley, NJ 2nd Director NVFC Report: EMS No report

Eastern Div. International Fire Chiefs Conference May 9th -May 11th at East Windsor, NJ no report

Legislative Committee: of the 240+ bills tracking, with 152 fire & 35 Fire Districts & 53 Pensions the following is a brief summary.

- a. S3313 Health-Disease; Public Safety-Firefighters signed by governor 5/10/19 P.L. 2019, c113
- b. Fire Safety Standards for Residential Constriction:
 1. Fire Suppression Systems
- c. NJ State tax deductions for Volunteer Members
 1. Income Tax
 2. property Tax "Municipal Vol. Property Tax Reduction Act"
- d. No Charitable Registration Fee for Volunteer Companies
 1. Authorize Free admission to State Parks & Forests
- e. Establish Good Samaritan Law to provide immunity from Civil Liability
- f. Establish Forest Firefighters Death Benefit
- g. Establish Ethics training
- I. Change Fire District Elections to General election in November
- j. Sharing of services with other communities

NJ State Fire Safety Committee: Charles Siedenbug gave a report how ever Sec'y Foley didn't forward copy.

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Deferred Business:

1. **E**stablishing a scholarship & ways to fund said scholarship:
 - a. Eugene Enfield, Sr. mentioned that our organization can not get members out to our state meeting three times a year we wouldn't have the members to operate a fund raiser for the scholarship. A Motion made to Table for future study.
2. **NJ Fire & Emergency Medical Service Institute**- our \$200.00 dues money paid for annual dues should be refunded. No action for this organization and should return monies received from this organization and NJ Vol fire Chiefs;

New Business: (1) Eugene Enfield made a motion to reimburse Brian Foley up to \$500.00 for attending the NVFC meetings with the receipts and written report, second by Richard Dries. Motion carried.

(2) By-Laws -Brian Foley suggested a change in the Constitution and By-laws which would allow *NJ recognized town or municipal First Aid or Rescue Squad's to be members of this organization. These changes were sent to the By-Laws Committee for review and any other changes they recommend before 1st reading.*

Good & Welfare – Ludwig Roell, Delegate and Life member of Edison HK Vol. Fire Co is at JFK Hospital Room 3305. Lou had a stroke, so please keep him and his family in you prays.

Adjournment: motion made by Richard Dries seconded by Richard Moriarty to adjourns at 12:45. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian P. Foley, Secretary