

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 Feb. 25, 2018 at the Manitowish 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 1, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Siedenburger at 10:35 am at the Edison HK Vol. Fire Co., Exempt Bldg. 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.

Secretary George Roell took the roll call

Reading of the June 25, 2017 meeting was accepted as written, with a motion by Andrew Mazzarella, seconded by Richard Dries. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Eugene Enfield gave the following report:

CD Colombia Savings 1.5% due 10/25/2020		\$10,296.52
CD Colombia Savings 1.4% 12/10/19		5,194.23
CD Wells Fargo 0.45% June 18, 2018		7,225.27
TD Savings		2,006.76
TD Checking		\$ 9,460.76
Disbursements:		
Check # 160 United States Treasury 501C determination	400.00	
Check # 157 Eugene Enfield, Treasurer Supplies & Postage	53.45	
Check # 161 reissues lost ck #157		
Check # 162 George Roell - Postage & stationary	185.08	
Check # 163 George Roell Sec'y 2017 stipend	100.00	
Check # 164 Charles Siedenburger, President 2017 stipend	100.00	
Check # 165 Eugene Enfield, Treasurer stipend	100.00	
Check # 166 NVFC 2018 Annual Dues	500.00	
E-check NJ State Treasury Annual Report	25.50	
Check # 167 Joseph Wutkowski, Public Account, 990 & audit	400.00	
		<u>\$1,864.03</u> <u>\$ 7,596.73</u>

Total Assets \$32,319.51

Motion to accept treasurer report and pay all bills made by Richard Dries seconded by Lou Roell. Motion carried.

Special Guest: Andrew Mazzarella, Avenel FC & Middlesex County Executive Committeeman. -

Communication & Correspondence: (1) IRS is reviewing application for 401C and will get back to our organization. (2) Web Site problems with formatting (3) Dates for NJSVFA 2018 meetings was fax over to New Jersey Firemen's Magazine.

Committee Reports:

NVFC Fall Meeting Sept. 27 thru Sept 30th, 2017 at Kearney, Nebraska: **No report**

As Director Joseph Jubert resigned as Director from NJ for the NVFC.

1. NJ Fire & Emergency Medical Service Institute- Charles Siedenburg mentioned he hasn't heard and we should ask for our \$200.00 dues money paid for annual dues should be refunded.
2. Firemen's Home – report that this is a long term care unit instead of what was originally set up back many years ago. It was reported that 67 guest out of 96 beds available.
3. New Jersey Firemen's Association – (a) January 1, 2017 a special relief change every association can give \$5,000.00. Give max first than file yellow copy for additional amount for **need up to the \$5,000.00**. This special need is paid out of the state office. An association can submit applications for Special & Supplemental Relief at the same time if the **need** is there. (b) Any member with a line number can request application for relief. Required **Need** and prove supporting documentation including the latest federal 1040. Former members with a qualifying number and widows/widowers (non-remarried) are eligible for relief if there is a **need**. (c) Feb 1st Officers listing report due; Feb. 20th Financial Reports are due; Feb. 28th Membership Reports; May 1st Convention Delegates and Alternates form are due; June 14th copy of 990 filing. (d) Delegates & Life Members Convention Expenses reimbursements have been increased. Base on the local treasury, the representative can vote to pay less than the maximum allowed for your County. (e) New State Office in Wall Twp.; Legacy Construction Management, Inc. from Brick, NJ has been selected. Final approval from Wall Twp. has been approved. After all bids were reviewed by the architect and attorney Woodward Construction from Matawan was accepted. (f) May 1st, 2017 the New Jersey Firemen's Home received a check from the Firemen's Association of \$8,348,900.00. (g) There have been three incidents of families receiving notification that a deceased New Jersey firefighter has been classified by the POSB as being a line of Duty Death. The claims have been reclassified by the NJSFA as LODD and additional payments to the families have been made. **Make sure you document fire ground & fire station illness & injuries no matter how minor they may seem.** (h) Changes are being made to the State web site that should provide more information and make it more users friendly. The Compendium and 2016 Convention minutes (Red Book) are now online.
4. Legislative Committee. (1) Aug. 07, 2017 the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that municipal fire districts are subject to the requirements of the state's Open Public Record Act (**OPRA**); volunteer fire departments are public agencies and have to follow **OPRA**. (<http://www.njoprallaw.com/?p=1407>). (2) **OPRA** privacy exemption of the NJ State Firemen's Assn **Obligation to provide relief applications**. Supreme Court ruled Aug. 5, 2017 on the side of privacy and denied request for disclosure. (<http://www.njoprallaw.com/?p=1396>). (3) Aug. 03, 2017 Supreme Court held that records showing financial relief awards made to needy firefighters are confidential under OPRA'S privacy provision (<http://njoprallaw.com/?p=1391>).
5. **NJ Exempt Firemen's – 2018 Convention at Wildwood, NJ.**
7. **Web-Site –Justin Brown web-Master** is having problems reported as of Sept. 16, 2017.

Deferred Business:

- (1) 501C filing for Non Profit Organization went to Federal Gov't for approval. IRS is reviewing application and will get back to our organization.
- (2) 2nd Reading By-Laws update –changes made review final reading next meeting February 25th, 2018
- (3) Web-Site –Web-Master
- (4) The June meeting will be the last Sunday in June and will be hosted by Hampton Lakes Vol. Fire Co., 74 Holly Blvd., Southampton, NJ 08088.
- (5) February meeting will be the last Sunday of February and hosted by Manitou Park Vol Fire Co., 54 Third Ave., and Toms River, NJ 08757.
- (6) October meeting will be the 1st Sunday hosted by either South Plainfield or HK Edison. SP 123 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and HK is 1250 New Dover Rd, Edison, NJ 08820 Exempt Bldg.

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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. 2020	George Heflich, Sr.
2 nd Vice President	Richard Dries	Trustee 1 Yr. 2019	Richard Dries
Secretary	George Roell		
1 st Director to NVFC	George Heflich, Sr.		
2 nd Director to NVFC	Eugene A. Enfield, Sr.		

Lou Roell made a motion to nominate the following officers from all names above except himself for all officers above, Second by Andy Mazzarella. Motioned carried. There were no other nominations. President Siedenbug closed nomination and ask Sec'y Roell to cast one vote for all office except Secretary. Eugene Enfield, Sr. made a motion to have President cast one vote for Secretary, second by Rich Dries. President Siedenbug cast one vote for George, Secy. Motion carried

- (1) Eugene Enfield made a motion to look into the cost and purchase Directors Emblem with our logo for Pocket. Andy Mazzarella mentioned he would look into it with prices. Eugene Enfield will also follow up. If not too expense order will be placed.
- (2) Eugene Enfield made a motion to try to have the NVFC at the 2018 Firemen's Convention on Sept. 14th and 15th, 2018. Trying for a table inside convention hall to let all members know about NVFC and NJSVFA. For \$15.00 a year each member would be covered for \$10,000 AD&D insurance through Provident plus many other benefits. It was suggested to write to NJSFA President Frank and ask permission.

Good & Welfare – None reported

Adjournment: motion made by Eugene Enfield seconded by Rich Dries to adjourns at 12.20. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted:

George Roell, Secretary