



Monroe County Volunteer Firefighter's Association
Board of Directors Zoom/Teleconference Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1903 hours by President Mike Lapinski.

Board members present were President Mike Lapinski, Jr. Past President Royer Pfersick, Directors Chris Dunn, Larry Ritz, Dale Nesbitt, Michael Marlowe, Secretary Diana Pfersick, Treasurer Jim Princehorn, Steve Gulack, and David Sweet.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Lapinski.

An opening prayer was offered by Royer Pfersick.

A motion was made by Larry Ritz, seconded by Michael Marlowe, and carried to approve the minutes of the November Board meeting. The December 19, 2024 meeting was cancelled by Chris Dunn and unable to be rescheduled.

Communications/Secretary Report: Secretary Pfersick reported mail received included a Northern Central dues and meeting notice and a dues notice from Western. The Western notice shows a past due amount of \$60.00. This needs to be investigated. Membership appeal letter will be sent to the Board in next few days.

Treasurer's Report: The report was emailed. A motion was made by Larry Ritz, seconded by Royer Pfersick, and carried to acknowledge the treasurer's report.

Appointment: A motion was made by Chris Dunn, seconded by Mike Marlowe and carried to appoint Steve Gulack as a Director effective immediately.

Investment Committee: Larry Ritz noted that the committee met with the advisor at Sage Rutty regarding potential changes to the portfolio. The advisor will review, and they will meet again. Larry also noted that Laurie Kingsley-Henry has been added to the Investment Committee.

Old Business: Some committees still need members. Need a transportation Committee or coordinator if planning on a bus to Chief's Show June 4-7. Discussion on whether we should have a bus to Main Transit and was decided not this year. Firefighter's Home open house date is yet to be determined.

The following dates were set for 2025 Board meetings: 2/13, 3/20, 4/24, 5/21 prior to the General meeting, 6/26, 7/17, 8/21, 9/18, 10/23, 11/20, 12/11. They will be via Zoom. The following dates for the general membership were set 3/12, 5/21, and the Annual meeting is 10/29 (Rush FD)

President Lapinski reported that 26 people attended the Holiday Party at Nick's Seabreeze Inn. The amount charged for meals was \$20 per person. He collected \$565.00 in cash and checks. The total bill was \$853 with \$147 for desserts and \$140 for tip. He paid the bill with his personal credit card. He noted he is not asking for repayment. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Holiday Party, and it was noted that the President should not have to pay the difference. Royer Pfersick made a motion to reimburse Mike Lapinski for \$287. No second was supplied, and the motion was withdrawn. A motion was made by Chris Dunn, seconded by Royer Pfersick and carried to table reimbursement until the next

meeting. Diana Pfersick will check with resources on proper way to show the expense since there was concern expressed that actions did not follow the adopted MCVFA Financial Protocol.

New Business: President Lapinski noted Ronald Rozinski from Barnard is interested in serving on the Board.

The following Resolutions were made for the year 2025:

- #1: To appoint M&T as the organization's bank of record. Motion by Chris Dunn, seconded by Steve Gulack. Carried
- #2: To appoint Sage Ruty as the organization's investment firm. Motion by Larry Ritz, seconded by Steve Gulack. Carried.
- #3 To appoint Joel Krane as general counsel of record for the organization. Motion by Chris Dunn, seconded by Larry Ritz. Carried.
- #4 To appoint Utica National as the Insurance Agency of record for the organization. Motion by Steve Gulack, seconded by Mike Marlowe. Carried
- #5 To appoint Churchville Agency as the local Insurance representative for Utica National. Motion by Steve Gulack, seconded by Mike Marlowe. Carried.
- #6 To appoint David Brasse as CPA of record for the organization. Motion by Steve Gulack, seconded by Larry Ritz. Carried.

Bills: Text'em All for \$120.00; Post Office Box rental in the amount up to \$400; Corporation Insurance for Officers and bonding in the amount up to \$1800; Dunn Studios for website in the amount of \$400. A motion was made by Steve Gulack, seconded by Larry Ritz, and carried to pay the bills.

A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Royer Pfersick.

A motion was made by Chris Dunn, seconded by Larry Ritz, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2100.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Pfersick
Secretary