



**Monroe County Volunteer Firefighter's Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Public Safety Training Facility
1190 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY
March 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Lapinski at 1907.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led By Mike Lapinski. An opening prayer was offered by Royer Pfersick.

Requested to be excused was Alan Way.

There was a quorum.

Before his presentation, County Fire Coordinator Steve Schalabba congratulated Tom Klein on 31 years of fire service.

He then presented the group with a program to show the status of the volunteer fire service in Monroe County. He cited that Monroe County is the home of mutual aid with 3 career departments, 22 volunteer departments and 9 combination departments. He offered statistics in the fire service. Key points he made to encourage volunteer recruitment and retention included: Don't meet just to meet, all meetings should have value; need to keep the human element; stay connected; duty crews add to camaraderie; look to veterans for volunteers; need to team build; put up signs that volunteers are needed. He allowed for questions and comments.

A break for refreshments was taken at 2015. The meeting resumed at 2026.

A motion was made by Royer Pfersick, seconded by Stew Bell and carried to approve the last general membership meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Princehorn emailed his reports. A motion was made by Larry Ritz, seconded by David Coon, and carried to acknowledge his report.

Committee Reports – Only Committees with reports are listed

Fire Prevention Essay Contest

Mike Lapinski reported there were three awards for essay contest. Mike stated he visited school superintendents to increase participation.

Investments

Larry Ritz reported that Sage Ritty was visited so that the portfolio could be reviewed and realigned. Amount is holding close to the same as last year.

Legislation

Dave Sweet noted that FASNY is following the budget. Training stipend has been approved.

Membership

Diana Pfersick reported that membership applications are still coming in.

Monroe County Ladies Auxiliary

Bonnie Sweet announced that the Ladies voted to join this organization. Members of MCVFA are welcome to their meetings.

Firefighter's Home

Mike Lapinski reported that the Home is at capacity and there are some on the wait list. They will be holding Big Bucks Bingo in a week.

FASNY

Diana Pfersick reported on all upcoming events. They can be viewed on the FASNY web page. Deadline for all awards in March 15th.

Western NYVFA

Dale Nesbitt noted the next meeting will be held at the Avon Village Hall on April 14 with a Legislative Program at noon and meeting at 1 PM. The next meeting will then be June 9th. The Convention will be at Jones Hall in Caledonia July 25th through the 27th.

Northern Central NYVFA

Dave Sweet reported the next meeting is April 21st in Penfield. The Convention is May 31st and June 1st at Del Lago.

Fire Advisory Board

Jim Princehorn reported the next meeting is March 18th.

Fire Police

Dale Nesbitt reported that the banquet is April 13th. The seminar is on hold due to lack of help.

Old Business

Mike Lapinski relayed that Hamlin won't be able to host water ball as the grounds are all booked up. He checked with Hilton and they are also not able to do.

New Business

Royer Pfersick noted that Tunnels to Towers have expanded their outreach and suggested people check them out. A motion was made by Dave Coon, seconded by Larry Ritz, and carried to approve a check request not to exceed \$1600 to pay the insurance so that it can get paid when the bill is issued. A motion was made by Dave Sweet, seconded by David Coon and carried to approve purchase of an ad for the Northern Central Yearbook at a cost of \$75 from account # 403.

Bills

As noted above in motions under new business plus three checks for \$100 each for Essay Contest winners from account 803; and from account 204, \$150 payment for cookies and desserts supplied for this meeting. A motion was made by Royer Pfersick, seconded by Stew Bell and carried to pay the bills.

Member drawing winner was Bonnie Sweet.

Adjournment

After a closing prayer by Chaplain Royer Pfersick, a motion was made by Bonnie Sweet, seconded by Stew Bell and carried to adjourn at 2108.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Pfersick
Secretary