



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
March 27, 2018 – Bohemia Fire Department**

Meeting Called to order by President Chris Del Vecchio at 8 pm
Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms Vincent Ammirati
Chaplain Fleishman gave the opening prayer.

Prior to the start of the meeting Joseph Monteleone of Colonial Voluntary Benefits and Bruce Cohn of Global Planning Corp talked about their products.

Ex-Chief Bill Fagan of the Bohemia Fire Dept. welcomed S.C.V.F.A. 3rd Vice President Bob Sutton thanked Bohemia for hosting the meeting and serving dinner this evening.

Treasurers' Report: Robert McConville sent email asking to be excused due to Commissioner's meeting. Eugene Perry gave report.

All were in agreement to just give the bottom number, which was \$27,660.79

Bills: Jean Christensen for Certificate holders, paper for certificates, postcards and postage for a total of \$84.50.
M/M/S/P to pay the bill, Eugene to take to Bob McConville.

Communications:

- Received signed receipt back from letter sent to former Secretary Diana Larkin
- Received Letter from Suffolk County Burn Center for dollar per man
- Received letters for Memorial Service, copies were given to Bob Sutton
- Flyer for Selden fundraiser for family in need on Sunday, April 22, cost \$20 per person
- Received Letters from Nassau County in reference to Endorsing Steve Klein for President of FASNY and Michael Krummenacker as Director of FASNY.
- Received letter from SNY about their dinner on June 29th \$75.00 per person. Also sent five chances for \$5.00 each.
- Received letter from Jean Christensen asking for letter of endorsement as President of LAFASNY.

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Chris DelVecchio:

Attended various meetings and dinners

Report of 1st Vice President Frank Guarino: EXCUSED

Report of 2nd Vice President Ryan Murphy:

Attended various meetings

Report of 3rd Vice President Robert Sutton:

Attended Suffolk Fire Chiefs meeting

Steering Committee: Eugene Perry read report from Bob McConville below

Southern New York endorsements:

President - Anthony Sullo

1st Vice President – Robert Ottaviano

2nd Vice President – Westchester/Rockland

Secretary – James Drohan

Treasurer – Roy Dahlen

Financial Secretary – William Rowse

Directors: Paul Van Arts Dalen

Jerry Owenburg

Peter Cincotta

Director – At- Large – Frank Guarino

M/M/S/P to endorse the above candidates. Bob and Eugene will do letters.

Sickness:

Billy Swander of the Bohemia Fire Dept. and Frank Guarino

F.A.S.N.Y.: Eugene Perry

- FASNY encourages members to join National Volunteer Fire Council, Annual dues is \$15.00.
- The Cancer Study is ongoing, and they need members of Volunteer Fire Depts. to participate. If you need additional handouts, please contact the FASNY Office. There is a cancer study data authorization form posted on the FASNY Website.
- Applications for Annual Awards are on the FASNY web page and the deadline for all award applications is March 15th
 1. Scholarships – 25 - \$1,500 scholarships – 160 received, 46 rejected
 2. Firefighter of the Year – 13 received – 5 individuals, 8-unit citations
 3. EMS Provider of the Year – 2 received.
 4. Educator of the Year – 7 received
 5. Teacher of the Year – 2 received
 6. Youth Group of the Year – 2 received
 7. Fire Service Achievement Award – none received
- Annual NYS Emergency Services Governmental Affairs Day” will be Tuesday, May 15th at the NYS Capitol starting at 9am.
- Recruit NY Weekend will be April 28th and 29th It’s never too early to start planning. Please go to WWW.recruitny.org and register your department.
- Annual FASNY Convention will be: Friday, August 10th – Youth Day, Memorial Service, Opening Session, 2 Educational Sessions, 2% tax, MDW Walk.
Saturday, August 11th – HOT, 2 Educational Sessions, Scholarship night, Business Session, Voting.
Sunday, August 12th – Closing Session, Hero’s Awards

Is at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool – Exit 37 off the NYS Thruway.

- FASNY Annual Dues notices are being sent out. Please fill in your email addresses on the dues statements. It assists FASNY in communicating with its membership.

- New Multi-Purpose Building on the property at the Firemen's Home is complete. This new and modern facility will be enjoyed by many organizations starting in spring 2018 for their events for the members of the Firemen's Home. Dedication of the New Multi-Purpose Building at the FASNY Firemen's Home will be on Sunday, May 6th at Noon. Refreshments will be served.
- FASNY "HELP Program" will start again with the spring 2018 semester. FASNY received 1.5-million-dollar SAFER Grant and each single semester ward will not exceed \$1250.00. Please note that this program will only be accepting 100 participants and if more than 100 applications are received the finalists will be chosen by a random lottery. More information is available on the FASNY Web page. Applications are slow coming in, to date only 33 applied.
- FASNY's Annual Legislative Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy – November 3rd & 4th.
- FASNY Recruitment vehicle has been delivered. It was displayed at the FASNY Winter Games and got a lot of positive comments. If you would like it at a local event, contact FASNY Secretary John D'Alessandro. Received Grant from State Senator Kathleen Marchione, (Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren Counties)
- There will be a dedication at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial on Weds May 9th and they will be sending a few to represent FASNY.
- Request for proposals have come back from the Capital Region and Hudson Valley Markets for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 FASNY Conventions. The convention committee recommended, and the BOD approved the Marriot Westchester Hotel in Tarrytown.
- National request for proposal for Cancer Benefit Coverage for New York Firefighters, that goes into effect on January 1, 2019 has been sent out to insurance carriers for submission.
- 2017 Fire Department census forms have been mailed to all fire departments. (Officers and members were mailed a copy from Secretary D'Alessandro).

Home Trustees: Jerry Owenburg/Peter Cincotta:

September 16, 2018 is Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home. Parade starts at 1pm.

They are at 74 members, but have 4 more coming in.

If anyone has donations, please give to Jerry or Peter.

Suffolk County Chiefs: Scott Theobolt - Absent

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo was absent. Eugene reported

April 14 is meeting in Oceanside

Convention is May 19 in South Farmingdale

Suffolk County Ladies: Marybeth Asbell

Installation Dinner is May 9th. They are selling money tree raffles to be raffled at the dinner \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00

Working on getting boosters for LAFASNY journal they are \$1.00 each. Each county that gets 100 boosters will get their own page.

Motion by Eugene Perry to purchase 100 boosters seconded by Merrill Montrose, A/I/F

President Del Vecchio advised the membership that Jean Christensen is the new Secretary. They still have not heard from Diana Larkin about the County belongings she still has in her possession.

Commissioner Williams's Report:

No Report

Father Halpin Memorial Service: 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton

May 6th in Coram at 5pm. Letter on table, please bring back to your departments. Please be sure to notify the families of the departed members.

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill: Gary Schaum

Reported it is July 14, 2018 – drill is at 10am and the parade is at 6pm.

Day at the Home: Past President Owenburg:

-Sunday, September 16, 2018

FRES - - Ryan Murphy

Biggest thing talked about are the radio conversions, to give back frequencies. There is a Bill by Zeldin to hold on to frequencies.

VEEB: Gary Schaum:

- Field will be opening on April 1st.
- Fire police refresher training schedule
 - April 18th – Riverhead 1900 hours
 - June 13th – Medford 1900 hours
 - Sept. 8th – Field Day at the Academy 0900 hours
 - November (TBD) East Farmingdale
- The schedule for the entire year, for all courses is on the website. www.scfa-li.org
- A reminder on-line registration for all open enrollment classes (including firefighter 1) begins 60 days prior to the first class.
- Railroad cars will be moved from Yaphank RR yard to training grounds for training.
- Please let Chiefs know that we are having a lot of no-shows from people who sign up on open enrollment. Please have the student's call the office ahead of time if they know they can't attend.

Jerry asked Gary about the Junior Fire Fighters being able to take the classroom portion of the Fire Fighter 1 for Juniors. Gary is waiting on response and will get back to Jerry once he hears.

Radio: Anthony Sullo:

Absent

Fire Police: Vice President Guarino:

Absent

Legislative: Bill Wieck:

Few bills coming up.

- The Fair Play cost recovery for fire dept. ambulance service
- Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential furniture. When shopping watch labels to be sure it is made in the USA.
- Endangering the welfare of a first responder by making illegal modifications.
- Lemon Law for Fire Apparatus
- Training for Chiefs

Legislative Conference is in November, please be there if you can.

Eugene Perry reported that he testified last week for the sparkler law that has been introduced – Resolution 1190-2018. Please contact your Legislators and ask them to support this bill. There is a vote on April 24th at the County Legislative Building. Blast fax to go out asking members to come in uniform.

Firefighter of the Year: Roger Putnam:

Committee is working on it.

Audit: Jerry Owenburg reported:
Audit was done – all is good.

EMS: Meryl Montrose:

- CPR Life Saving Award was presented to the Wading River FD
- Donation was made to SC Firefighters Burn Center “Dollar Per Member” in amount of \$250.00
- The ePCR discussion continues. A “Transfer Summary Sheet” is under development that will help ambulance services in complying with NYS DOH requirement that information be left with the patient at the time of the transfer to Emergency Department. Although it’s preferable to finish the ePCR and leave a written copy at the hospital, it is not always possible. State Policy allows it be finished and transmitted within a specific time frame.
- There have been ongoing discussions within the REMAC regarding Hospital destination policy for Patients suffering from a stroke. No policy changes have been made, discussion will continue.
- REMSCO award applications have been received. Executive Committee will meet on April 10th to review.
- New Addition to the EMS Office Staff is James Deutsch. He is filling the vacancy created when Mike Masterson was promoted. Two vacancies still remain, one created with the retirement of Marty Matuza and a clerk/typist position.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th.

Resolutions: Eugene Perry/Larry Montrose

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Bohemia FD for hosting tonight’s meeting. M/M/S/P
- BE IT RESOVLED that the Association extend it’s sincere thanks to the West Sayville FD for hosting the February 2018 Executive Board Meeting. M/M/S/P
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Association purchase tickets for the FASNY Past Presidents BBQ at the FASNY Convention. M/M/S/P

Burn Center Stony Brook: Jerry Owenburg:

Motion was made to send \$100 for the dollar per member. M/M/S/P

Annual Dinner: 2nd Vice President Ryan Murphy reported progress
10/20/18 at Mills Pond Golf Course – cost is same as last year \$65.00 per person.

William Reilly Annual Journal: Jeff Bresler:

Vinny Ammirati rescinded the motion he made last month and made a new motion, that the cost for pages in journal be \$100 full page; \$75.00 for half page and \$50.00 for quarter page, seconded by Jerry Owenburg. M/M/S/P

Jeff reported he has new printer with better prices.

Homeland Security – John Pedneault
Gave report.

Publicity: Vice President Murphy:
No report

By-Laws: Eugene Perry:

Copies were handed out – everyone is to go over for next meeting. Changes will need to be voted on.

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville:
Absent

Safety Officer: Vinny Ammirati

There was class in Sayville. He does not have date or place for next meeting but will report back.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Don Bracciodieta

Next meeting is April 27 in Sound Beach 8pm

May 4-6 is conference in Montour Falls.

NFPA: Paul Van Arts Dalen:

None - Absent

Recruitment and Retention: Vice President Murphy:

Scholarship is still available, it is a reimbursement. Spring deadline just passed.

They are trying to secure more funding and look into adding Tech Schools as well.

Recruit NY is April 28 & 29th.

Headquarters: Vice President Sutton:

Received six donations to date – (five departments & one organization)

Ways and Means: Vincent Ammirati:

Collected \$170.00 for 50/50 and bottles

Credentials: Vincent Ammirati reported:

45 people signed in tonight.

Membership: William Rowse reported:

Two new members tonight –Suffolk Firefighters Emerald Society and Riders of Fire Motorcycle Club

John A. Masem, Sr. Scholarship: Keith Vella:

Deadline 6/1/18 to date only one received and no good. You must be related to a member of Suffolk County VFA.

Bill Murray suggested charging departments more for their membership to that all their members are members in Suffolk County VFA.

Youth in the Fire Service: Keith Vella:

Will be August 10th in Fayetteville. Mattydale is doing housing for 2 days. Barbara is taking over housing.

Keith went over the training for that day. Applications are on the FASNY website.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Jerry Owenburg:

Golf Outing is May 7th – let him know if you want to golf.

Website: Roger Putnam:

None - Absent

New York State Fire Service Alliance – Eugene Perry/Bob McConville

No report

Old Business

None

New Business –

- Request from Jean for Letter of Endorsement for LAFASNY President M/M/S/P to do letter. Jean to type up and President Del Vecchio will sign.
- Southern NY – Motion by Eugene to send all SNY Officers to dinner, take full page ad and take the five tickets M/M/S/P. Jean to hold paperwork and bring to executive board meeting in April.
- Doug Miller announced that the Long Island Firemen's Benevolent Association meeting is April 26 7pm in Selden.

Good & Welfare

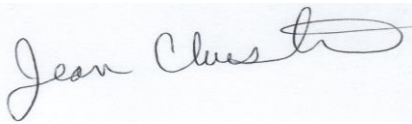
- Remember the Selden Pasta & meatballs fundraiser on April 22, 2018 - \$20 pp
- Ryan discussed the many no shows at County. You need to take advantage of what is offered at the training academy in order to ask for more.
- Contact our Legislators to support the Sparkler Bill – keep in mind who supports us and remember them when it comes time to vote.

Dark horse was drawn \$85 to winner of the 50/50 and two bottles were also raffled.

Next meeting is May 22 in Orient

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Fleishman
Motion to adjourn at 9:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Christensen", written in dark ink on a light blue background.

Jean Christensen
Secretary