



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association January 22, 2019 – Medford Fire Department

Meeting Called to order by President Frank Guarino at 8 pm
Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms Meryl Montrose
2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta gave the opening prayer.

Second Assistant Chief Kevin Hoffman of the Medford Fire Dept. welcomed Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association to Medford. First Vice President Bob Sutton thanked the chief and department for hosting the meeting and serving dinner and presented certificate of thanks.

Bill Mullane of Center Moriches made motion to accept the minutes from the September 25, 2018 meeting, seconded by Bill Dietz from Terryville, all in favor.

Third Vice President Vinny Ammirati introduced the guests with us tonight:

Past President Robert McConville,
Past President William Murray,
Past President and FASNY Director Eugene Perry
Past President and FASNY Home Trustee (Vice President) Jerry Owenburg
Past President and FASNY Home Trustee Peter Cincotta.
FASNY Past President Robert McConville
Southern New York VFA President Anthony Sullo
Suffolk County EMS – Meryl Montrose
Suffolk County Emerald Society – Don Gleason and Bill Theis
Suffolk County Burn Center – President Jeff Bailes
Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary – Vice President Marybeth Asbell
Firefighter's Cancer Support Network – Jerry Owenburg
Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators Don Bracciodita
NYS Drill team Captain's Association – President Gary Schaum
Town of Babylon President John Welter
Brookhaven Fire Police – Bill Theis
Brookhaven Chief's Jeff Bailes
V-Board – Gary Schaum
Islip Town Vollies - Robert Kuehn President

Treasurers' Report: Robert McConville read the total of all accounts, \$25,774.64

Bob reported that he gave the November, December and January reports to the Secretary. All bills on hand have been paid. Bob said we are in good shape, about the same as last year.

Jeff Bailes from Selden made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report seconded by Patrick Perry from Brookhaven, all in favor.

Bills:

Jean has a bill from Staples for certificate covers for \$42.33. Floyd Tyska from Riverhead made a motion to pay the bill seconded by Don Gleason, all in favor.

Communications:

Thank you From Ken Pienkowski, FASNY Past President

Brookhaven Museum Dues notice

Suffolk County Burn Center letter for dollar per man campaign

Islip Town Museum with NASCAR Raffles

Flyer and 10 tickets to Suffolk County Burn Center fundraising breakfast on April 14h

Letter from Burn Center – they are looking for a representative from Suffolk County VFA to attend meetings.

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Frank Guarino:

Attended wake and various meetings

Report of 1st Vice President Bob Sutton:

Attended various meetings

Report of 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta:

Attended wakes, meetings and retirement dinner

Report of 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati:

There is a letter on front table for the hospitality room at FASNY Convention please bring it back to your departments. No Donation is too small. There are Memorial candles up front, please check to see if any for your department and take them back. Attended Wake for Harry Pro and James Drohan – attended various meetings and the retirement dinner for Karl Klug and Bob Delagi

Motion to accept Presidents reports by Bob McConville, Selden and Floyd Tyska, Riverhead, all in favor.

Steering Committee: Robert McConville

No Report

Sickness: Peter Cincotta reported that Larry Montrose had been ill.

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

- The FASNY Northwell Health Cancer study is ongoing. Please encourage our department to take part. Having factual data will help them to improve the cancer insurance law.
- The Governor signed the Fire Apparatus Lemon Bill into Law.
- Applications for all FASNY awards are on the website. Deadline is March 15th. Scholarship applications are also on the website and must be filed electronically.
- The FASNY Tuition Reimbursement program has been changed. Those firefighters who have received their degree can now take additional courses, at the Community College and receive reimbursement.
- January 25-26 EMS Seminar at Selden FD
- February 9-10 FASNY Winter Games at Greek Peak, Cortland. Thank you to NYS Drill Teams for the use of the scoreboard.
- March 1-3 EMS Conference at State Fire Academy, Montour Falls
- April 23-28 Recruit NY annual recruitment weekend. There are 137 departments registered
- The Volunteer Chief's section, of the IAFC has two webinars available. One is on Officer Training and the other on Recruitment and Retention.
- The Theme for the 2019 is Focus on Recruitment & Retention "We Teach, We Train, We Serve Together."
- FASNY Convention is August 8-10 2019
- Convention ad forms went out to last year's purchasers.
- Convention packages will be available soon for purchase. Packages must be purchased by July 1, 2019. After that all purchases are a la carte.
- Phase 2 Capital project at the Firemen's Home is nearly completed.

- New FASNY Webinar series
- NYS Fire Coordinators Association, Fire Chief & Firefighter survey for Recruitment & Retention. Go to NYFCA.org and fill out your respective survey

Home Trustees: Vice President of FASNY Firemen's Home Jerry Owenburg and Peter Cincotta

- Taking care of 71 Brothers & Sisters
- If you know of anyone who needs a nursing home please contact Jerry or Peter and they can sit and talk to them.
- They have meetings next week.

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo

- Met January 5, 2019 in Hewlett.
- March 9, 2019 – Legislative update in Albertson 8am breakfast meeting 9am
- March 1, 2019 – Deadline for Firefighter of the Year.
- James Drohan Sr past away in October. The Steering Committee approved for Kevin McElynn from Baldwin to fill in as Secretary
- Next meeting is March 30, 2019 in Baldwin.

Suffolk County Chiefs: Bob Kranz Secretary

Their 2019 Scholarship seminar is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Westhampton Beach Fire Department. The Seminar will cover in-depth discussion of the Parkland Florida High School shooting and the issues experienced with this shooting. The cost is \$65 per person – starts at 7pm. Application is on their web site.

Suffolk County Ladies: Marybeth Asbell

- The February meeting has been cancelled.
- March meeting will be in Holbrook
- Having another Lottery Scratch off Raffle – drawing to be held in June. The proceeds with help pay for Jean Christensen's reception in August after the LAFASNY Installation and her testimonial dinner in the future.

Long Island Firemen's Benevolent Assoc. – No one present

Acting Commissioner Jordan's Report: None

Father Halpin Memorial Service: 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton

Will be May 5th at the Medford Fire Department at 5pm. Please take flyer back to your department. Be sure to send in names of your deceased members since last May and notify the family members of this service.

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill: Chris DeVecchio was absent.

Gary Schaum reported it is on July 13 in Lindenhurst this year. They have meeting on Friday where they will determine if the parade will be in the morning or at night.

West Sayville will be holding the drill next year.

Long Island Day at the Home: Jerry Owenburg/Peter Cincotta

It is September 15, 2019 – 1pm parade.

Please bring your department, juniors, and flags. It is a nice day – if your department is not going and you would like a ride let them Jerry know and he will find you a ride.

FRES - - Anthony Sullo/Bob McConville

Anthony could not attend.

VEEB: Gary Schaum

- Please submit all applications for the Medal of Valor (for meritorious actions performed in 2018) to the Academy office by March 1st.
- Haz-Mat and Blood borne Pathogens online refresher courses will be up and running by the end of January.

- Intro to Fire Officer and Fire Officer 1 courses have been redeveloped to the hybrid format (combination of online and classroom training) This is the format we use for Firefighter 1 & 2
- Robert Donnelly was appointed Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Rudy Sunderman was appointed a member of the public safety committee. They are both firefighters.
- Gary gave information to Jerry Owenburg that he had asked for.

Radio: Anthony Sullo:

Anthony brought a form letter they are asking be sent out for T-Band (this will be included with your minutes)

Brookhaven Fire Police – President Bill Theiss

NYS Fire Police: Vice President Guarino:

- March 16 in Montour Falls
- April 5-6 Quarterly meeting
- Fire Police Refresher will be Tuesday night Feb 19, 2019 at Centereach FD

Islip Vollies – Robert Kuehn President – no report.

Legislative: Eugene Perry

Items on the FASNY Scorecard are:

- Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety Standards
- Amend Penal Code to add endangering the welfare of occupants, fire and emergency personnel
- VFBL/VAWBL Increase
- The Fair Play Ambulance Cost Recovery for Fire Departments
- Safety Inspections of Schools
- Amending the Cancer Legislation
- Promote Legislation for the creation of Career and Technical Education Pathways by NYSED in the areas of Fire Protection and EMS

Budget Issues to be pursued during the budget process but will not appear on the FASNY Scorecard

- Increase tax credit
- Sales Tax Exemption for Home Life Safety Products
- Monitoring

The Governor's Office met on the issue of move over and there is some interest to explore new technology that would assist with move over. A study was recently conducted in Suffolk County in which there were over 700 violations with stops within the County. A similar study will likely be done in Westchester and Orange County with the data being provided to the Governor's Office.

Firefighter of the Year: Roger Putnam was absent –

Audit – Jerry Owenburg

Jerry reported that the books were audited this past Sunday in Selden and all was found to be in order.

EMS: Meryl Montrose:

- The following agencies were recognized and presented with CPR Life Saving Awards: Southampton Volunteer Ambulance, Fire Department and Police Department; Deer Park Fire Department; Terryville Fire Department and Community Ambulance Company (Sayville).
- The New York State EMT-CC to Paramedic Bridge Program started accepting applications in January for the class starting February 15, 2019, testing in February 2020. The Program will be administered by Northwell Health and is 100% on line. The plan is to start another class in the spring, eventually running 3 simultaneously. The tuition is \$1500 (check payable to Northwell Health), books running between \$480-790.
- Most of the discussion centered on Stony Brook Hospital's planned Mobil Stroke Units (MSU). The plan is to place 2 ambulances, 1 at exit 57 of the LIE with the 2nd staged at exit 68, between the hours of 8AM and 8PM seven days a week. They are only to respond to those areas where the agencies have entered into a written agreement and only on calls where the patient presents with signs and/or symptoms of a possible Stroke. The local agency and the MSU will be dispatched simultaneously. They can be requested or canceled by the first responding unit. The response area is a

10-mile radius form both exit 57 and 68. They hope to be working with 47 agencies, 3 or 4 reportedly have opted out. Discussions continues between the Hospital and the local agencies.

- National Bialek was named Director of EMS and Public Health Emergency Preparedness, replacing Bob Delagi.

Resolutions: Eugene Perry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Medford Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion to accept by Bill Mullane seconded by Patrick Perry, all in favor.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extent its sincere thanks to the West Babylon Fire Dept. for hosing the October Executive Board meeting. Motion to accept by Anthony Sullo seconded by Floyd Tyska, all in favor.

Burn Center Stony Brook: President Jeff Bailes

- Thank you for your donations. They have In Memory of (IMO) Cards
- Web site is www.suffolkburncenter.com
- They had elections.
- The dollar per man campaign is currently active.
- Upcoming events: Next meeting Monday February 18th,
Mega Show is February 16 & 17
Applebee's breakfast fundraiser is April 14 at the Applebee's in Farmingville
Recognition day May 19, 2019

Annual Dinner: Vice President Peter Cincotta/President Frank Guarino

Dinner is October 19, 2019 – cost if \$65 per person applications are up front. Please support the organization.

William Reilly Annual Journal: Jeff Bresler:

Last year made approximately \$2500 for the Scholarship fund. Jeff hopes to make even more this year. He has working with him this year 3rd VP Vinny Ammirati and Giovanni Chiarelli.

Publicity: 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati

He has created a Facebook page for the organization let him know if you have any information to put on this page.

By-Laws: Peter Cincotta

Proposed changes were emailed out to those we have emails for. There are also copies on the back table. Peter at this time read the proposed changes for the first reading

- **Pages were not numbered – they would now be numbered 1 through 8**
- **Article II – Officers – Section 3**

Now reads – The above elected officers shall comprise the Executive Board of the Corporation.

Proposed change – Delete Section 3

- **Article III – Meetings – Section 1**

Now Reads – There shall be six (6) regular meetings each year, to be held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November and the September meeting shall be the Annual Meeting.

Proposed Change – There shall be five (5) regular meetings each year, to be held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of January, March, May, July and September. The September meeting shall be the Annual Meeting.

- Section 7

Now Reads – Robert's Rules of Order shall be the official parliamentary guide in the conduct of meetings.

Proposed change – Roberts Rules of Order shall be the official parliamentary guide to conduct meetings.

- **Article V- Dues – Section 1**

Now Reads – The annual dues of member units shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the annual dues of individual members shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

Proposed Change – The annual dues of member units and individual members shall be set annually by the Executive Board.

Suggestion on the floor to move September meeting to October so we don't have four months without a meeting. Peter said that this can be addressed at a later date.

March will be the 2nd reading and vote.

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville:

Peter Cincotta will be running next year for five-year term as Trustee of the Firemen's Home in Syracuse. Eugene Perry will be running for 2nd Vice President of FASNY in 2020.

Safety Officer: Larry Montrose –

Jeff Bailes reported that there is an Incident Safety Officer Class in Sayville January 26 and February 3 Health & Safety Officer class also in Sayville.

Brookhaven meets March 13 7pm in Port Jefferson – Seminar Sept 21-22 in Coram.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Don Bracciadieta

- Be careful with road flares – they can start fire if not stored properly
- Use safety – beware of frozen pipes – CO alarms – Fireplaces
- Next meeting is January 25 in Central Islip.
- They will be at the Mega Show.

Headquarters: Vice Ammirati

- Thank you to committee
- There are flyers up front to bring back to your department. No donation is too small.
- This room will be closed during meetings and trainings
- We will once again be sharing the room with other sectionals.

Ways and Means: Meryl Montrose

Collected 185 dollars - \$93 will go to the winner.

Credentials: William Rowse reported:

48 people signed in tonight.

Membership: William Rowse reported:

One new member – Yolando Vannoni Jr of the Ocean Bay Park Fire Department Motion by Bill Rowse to accept as member seconded by Keith Vella, all in favor.

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

Due by June 1st. He has applications with him, or you can get it off the website. Please don't wait for till the last minute to submit. Must be a member for one year.

Youth in the Fire Service: Keith Vella:

Moved youth day away from the convention this year. There will be two June 29th in Niagara and July 13 in Cortland. They are looking for Department in Suffolk that qualifies to host – if your department is interested please speak to Keith.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Jerry Owenburg:

Golf Outing is May 6th

Website: Roger Putnam: absent

Emerald Society – Don Gleason

Celtic Kickoff is Saturday March 2 1-5pm t Brody McKay's Tavern in Selden. Free Admission – 50/50, Live Music, Chinese Auctions – Irish Tattoo Specials.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business –

Gary Steffen made a motion to purchase the NASCAR Raffle tickets for the Islip Museum seconded by John Stein – all in favor

Gary Steffen made a motion to purchase the 10 tickets for the Burn Center Breakfast seconded by Floyd Tyska – all in favor

Gene Perry made a motion to pay the \$25 dues to the Brookhaven Fire Museum, seconded by Jeff Bailes – all in favor

Larry Montrose made a motion to donate \$100 to the Dollar per man for the Suffolk County Burn Center seconded by Floyd Tyska – all in favor

Jerry Owenburg made a motion to purchase 10 of the Suffolk Ladies Scratch off lottery tickets for a total of \$100 seconded by Don Gleason – all in favor

Jerry Owenburg made a motion to take a \$50-hole sponsor for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network golf outing seconded by Patrick Perry – all in favor

Meryl Montrose will be the Associations representative to the Burn Center

Good & Welfare –

- April 14 – Palm Sunday the Motorcycle Club is having their Bike Blessing it starts at the Applebee's in Farmingville.
- Eugene Perry – told us to mark the calendar – today Bill Rowse has gotten an I Phone.
- Saturday there is a benefit for Jeff "Jocko" Kempf in West Islip – 3pm to 8pm \$25.00 admission.

Dark horse was drawn

Winner of \$93.00 was Anthony Sullo

Future meetings – Executive Board meeting Tuesday, February 26 in North Babylon

Membership meeting March 26 in Holbrook

Closing Prayer by Vice President Peter Cincotta

Motion to adjourn at 9:40pm by Patrick Perry seconded by Bill Rowse at 9:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen
Secretary