



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
July 23, 2019 – Hauppauge FD**

Meeting Called to order by President Frank Guarino at 7:58 PM

Salute to the flag led by Sgt. at Arms Meryl Montrose

Bruce Daly from Islip gave the opening prayer.

Ex-Chief G Warren Holtgy of the Hauppauge FD welcomed S.C.V.F.A. to Hauppauge.

First Vice President Robert Sutton thanked Ex-Chief Holtgy and the officers/members of the Hauppauge FD for hosting us tonight and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Bill Moran of Center Moriches made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting seconded by Gary Stecher from West Islip, all in favor.

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

Past President Eugene Perry

Past President Peter Cincotta

Past President Chris DeVecchio

Past President Jerry Owenburg

Past President Bob McConville

FASNY Director Eugene Perry

FASNY Home Trustees Jerry Owenburg & Peter Cincotta

FASNY Past President Bob McConville

SNYVFA President Anthony Sullo

Suffolk County Fire Chief's Association – 1st Vice President Tom Kriklava

Suffolk County EMS – Meryl Montrose

Suffolk County Emerald Society – Don Gleason

Suffolk County Burn Center Secretary Don Gleason

Suffolk County Ladies Aux Vice President Marybeth Asbell

Firefighter's Cancer Support Network Jerry Owenburg

NYS Fire Police Association President Frank Guarino

Brookhaven Safety Officers 1st Vice President Ted Kern

Brookhaven Safety Officer Bob Davidson

Brookhaven Chiefs 1st Vice President Jeff Bailes

President Guarino thanked them all for attending tonight.

Treasurers' Report: Bob McConville read the following balances

General fund \$5383.81

Headquarters Fund - \$3319.01

Dinner Fund - \$2751.55

Scholarship Fund \$2788.98

Ways N Means Fund \$2220.37

Campaign Fund \$3729.72

FASNY Ways N Means account \$4322.55
FASNY Wildfire Account \$2239.08
FASNY Convention Account \$1927.40
FASNY President Account \$372.89
FASNY Savings Account \$3235.03
Total in all Association Accounts \$32,290.39

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Jeff Bailes seconded by Bill Rowse, all in favor.

Bills:

None

Communications:

- Request from Hagerman FD to take ad in journal they have for the NYS Drill & Parade
- Flyers for Safety Officer Training and Education Forum September 21-22 – at Coram Fire Dept. \$65 per person for one day and \$100 per person for two days. Cost is higher after August 15 and more at the door.
- Letter from Chuck Schumer on the Bill regarding Chief's regulations and Blue Light, advising us he forwarded them to our NYS Representative.
- Suffolk County Burn Center Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Vanderbilt Museum August 24th
- Suffolk County Burn Center Golf Outing August 5th

Report of Presidents:

Report of 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati: Attended Long Island Day Committee meeting at Wantagh Fire District building; Walt Whitman HS for FASNY scholarship award presentation, Medford FD presentation at their June department meeting, Suffolk County Ladies June meeting, Southern NY reorganization meeting at Glen Cove Fire dept., Suffolk VOLLIES executive board meeting in Greenlawn, Southern New York Installation Dinner at Great Neck, Suffolk County Parade in Lindenhurst.

Report of 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta: Out & about – Firemen's Home meeting – Ladies Meeting.

Report of 1st Vice President Bob Sutton: Attended Long Island Day meeting, Executive Board meeting, SNY Installation Dinner, NYS Chiefs Convention and Burn Meeting.

Report of President Frank Guarino: SNY Convention and Dinner/ First tournament of the year in Lindenhurst; NYS Chief's convention; met with FASNY and Fire Districts; Suffolk County Parade; Presented 50-year certificate at Holtsville; Huntington Manor Parade; Nassau County Fire Police meeting.

Motion to accept the President's reports by Anthony Sullo and Joe Nofi.

Steering Committee: Robert McConville

Bob read the recommendations of the committee as follows:

President Frank Gaurino
1st Vice President – Bob Sutton
2nd Vice President – Peter Cincotta
3rd Vice President – Vinny Ammirati
Sgt at Arms Meryl Montrose
Financial Secretary Bill Rowse
Treasurer Bob McConville

Bob McConville stated that also with us tonight is Ann LaFountain Past President of LAFASNY and President of LAFASNY Jean Christensen.

Sickness: Peter Cincotta

Jean Sent card to Peter's Mom and to Keith Vella.

Richard Adams of Middle Island passed this week at the Firemen's Home. Peter has wake information.

Please if you know of anyone that needs to go to the Firemen's Home to live, please let Jerry, Bob, Eugene or himself know they will go and speak to them and the family.

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

- The 147th Convention of FASNY will be held Friday thru Sunday, August 9-11 in Syracuse at the Holiday Inn Liverpool. The Convention will open on Friday, August 9th with our Annual Memorial Service. This will be followed by the Convention Opening Ceremonies. The Keynote Speaker for the Convention will be Tonya Hoover, the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy in Washington D.C. She will speak on the demands and challenges on today's and more importantly the future of the Volunteer Fire & EMS, Breaking through Recruitment Challenges, The Responsibilities of the Company Officer, A Post-Traumatic Stress Panel Discussion & Every Fire is a Hazmat which will be taught by one of our own Ex-Chief Robert Fling from the Dix Hills FD. The 2% Forum will be held on Friday at 1:30pm along with an Attorney Panel Discussion moderated by our FASNY attorneys, The Hannigan Law Firm. Also, on Friday at 4pm will be the 5th Annual Michael D. Whelan Walk for Cancer. On Saturday evening at 6pm will be the Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Raffle Night. This supports the FASNY Volunteer Scholarship Program which awards 24 \$1500 scholarships each June. If you have not registered for any of these and other convention activities go to fasny.com/convention or see me later for copies of the registration form. The deadline to purchase Convention Package has passed, now all Convention Activities will be purchased individually.
- Keith Vella will report on our two FASNY Youth Days this summer.
- The FASNY Tuition Reimbursement Program has been modified by the Board of Directors. Effective immediately any Volunteer Firefighter attending ANY New York State School will be eligible for the Program. \$1,500 per Semester and its Grade Based. Information is on the FASNY website or call the FASNY office.
- FASNY along with the NY Yankees are having a night for FASN members at Yankee Stadium. The game will be on Saturday, September 21st vs the Toronto Blue Jays @ 1:05pm. Tickets range from 84.50 to 54.50 per ticket and will be purchased through a web link www.fasny.com/yankees. The first 200 tickets sold will receive a co-branded hat with the Yankee Logo on the front and FASNY logo on the side, there are several hundred tickets available.

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

- 69 Brothers/Sisters living at the home. One is coming in tomorrow.
- If you have anything to donate get it to Jerry or Peter and they will take up.
- Train Club is doing good.
- If you know someone that could benefit from living at the Home, Please let Peter or Jerry know, they will talk to them.
- Peter is stopping at the Home the Weds before Convention so if you have anything to go up get in touch with him.

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo

- Dinner was June 28, 2019 at Leonard's in Great Neck, all went well.
- Window dedication is September 15, 2019 at the Firemen's Home.
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- Next meeting is October 25, 2019 at Hillcrest in Rockland County.

Suffolk County Chiefs: Tom Kriklava

President apologizes that he cannot be here tonight, but he is stuck at work.

- Suffolk Chiefs scholarship applications for 2019 have been reviewed. All that applied are properly formatted and will be awarded \$500 each for a total of 19. Applicants are reminded they MUST submit their transcript to receive the award.
- Thanks to all who helped out to move Tony LaFerrara and Bob Klopffer into office, both men were elected into their positions in NYS Chiefs.
- Thanks to all who supported the Suffolk/Nassau hospitality room. Attendance was larger than ever and all attending had a great time.
- Suffolk Chief's golf outing will be September 23 at Smithtown Landing Country club, returning to St. James FD for festivities afterward \$140 per person.
- Chief's qualification Bill has passed at this time. Without the knowledge or input from Suffolk Chiefs during the elections for officers at NYS Chiefs a meeting was held by representatives and or lobbyists from NYS Chiefs, FASNY and the Professional Paid Firefighters Association. Deals were made on behalf of the Fire Service. Our President was conference called after the deal were made and was told the ambulance recovery bill would go

through if the Chiefs qualification bill went through. The ambulance recovery bill was not even entertained. Suffolk Chiefs was in communication as previously reported on this subject with FASNY and NYS Chiefs and there were working with us, until the day of the meeting with these three organizations. As reported by our President at our last general meeting Suffolk Chiefs will continue to lobby and support or fight items, we feel are not in the benefit of Volunteer Firefighters in Suffolk.

- If any Chief or Ex-Chief passes and the family wishes us to honor the Chief with a Memorial Bible, please reach out to us.
- Our Website and Facebook page is available for viewing and posting positive things about member or departments. Will post fundraiser but will not post anything negative or political.
- Next meeting will be at Sayville FD Station 2 on Broadway Avenue on September 13th.

Suffolk County Ladies: Marybeth Asbell

- Ladies are doing another scratch off lottery – tickets are \$10, and drawing will be at December Christmas Party.
- Having Jeffrey Wands Fundraiser on January 11th in Holbrook
- There will be a reception for Jean Christensen following the LAFASNY Installation in Syracuse, all are invited.
- Our next meeting will be in Central Islip.

Commissioner Jordan's Report: Absent

Father Halpin Memorial Service: 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton

Sent letters to Commack, Dix Hills, Greenlawn and Huntington Manor to host 2020. Huntington Manor said no. We will be sending follow up letters this week to the others. Holtsville has shown interest in hosting.

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill: PP Chris DelVecchio reported State Parade is next month. There was poor attendance at the Suffolk County parade in Lindenhurst.

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

September 15 1pm parade –BBQ to follow. Monument and tree ceremony at 12:15. Gift this year is an end table organizer, there was a sample here tonight. They just need to have stickers put on it. The cost is \$1321.49 plus the approx. 125 stickers. Peter Cincotta made a motion to pay the bill 2nd by Gary Stecher from West Islip – all in favor.

Parade & Drill Officials:

Was reported above

FRES - -

September 22nd is Medal Day at 1pm in Melville.
They are accepting resume's for Deputy Commissioner

VEEB: Gary Schaum was absent - no report sent.

Radio: Anthony Sullo:

- T-band give back
- SCPD programming or radios
 - continue to accept new for programming, and good turnaround time right now.
 - Finishing up ambulance installs
 - will be coordinating with departments to reprogram/flash existing equipment
- UHF paging west – 7 agencies operational
Operational no problems, Selden fire latest department to go – end of the month.
- UHF Paging east – 1 agency operational
Mastic Beach Fire is 1st east agency

Other sites:

-Greenport-waiting on tank drawings from SCPD and working with Verizon to transfer ownership of Their abandoned shelter.

-ITT/Hampton Park – waiting on Verizon tower to go up.
-Montauk (GATR) – forward movement, MOT working on the project
-other sites still TBD

- June 30th Storm
-Very heavy event volume moved through the area. There were no problems with the County radio systems, nor any reported agency failure.

NYS Fire Police: President Guarino

- Oct 11-12 meeting in Brockport
- May 14, 15, 16 – 2020 Convention in Niagara Falls.

Legislative: Jerry Owenburg

- There was change overnight on bill – state fire will write
- Hearing we might get a second dog in Suffolk County.

Firefighter of the Year: Roger Putnam was absent –
Firefighter of the Year is from Melville.

Audit – Jerry Owenburg –.progress

EMS: Meryl Montrose:

- New York State's new BLS Protocols maybe used starting 8/1/19. Suffolk County will be starting to rollout training, but no EMS Agency in Suffolk County can start using them until this training is complete.
- 2nd Annual Tom Lateulere Educational Conference is being planned for Sept 21, 2109. Still trying to determine the location.
- Still waiting for the NYS DOH to release changes to the CME Refresher Program. (original was supposed to be released last October)
- Vital Signs is in Buffalo this year, October 24-27th.
- Save the Dates!!! FASNY's Annual EMS Conferences are set; January 24-25, 2020 in Selden and February 28-March 1 at Montour Falls. More information will be available at the Convention.

Resolutions: Eugene Perry

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Hauppauge FD for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion by Bill Rowse seconded by Chris Del Vecchio – all in favor.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Greenlawn FD for hosting the June 2019 Executive Board meeting. Motion by Vinny Ammirati seconded by Keith Vella – all in favor.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the association purchase tickets for the FASNY Past Presidents Dinner on August 8, 2019 at Holiday Inn Liverpool. Motion by Jeff Bailes seconded by Gary Stecher – all in favor
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association appoint Jean Christensen as Association Secretary for the coming year. Motion by Bob McConville – seconded by Chris Del Vecchio all in favor.

Burn Center Stony Brook: Don Gleason reported

- The Riders of Fire have presented a check to the Burn Center on Sunday July 21st.
- Red Knights will be presenting a check to the Burn Center on August 11 at 10AM
- Golf Outing at Brentwood Country Club August 5th 8am
- Wine Tasting-Taste of Summer at Vanderbilt Museum August 24 at 6pm

Help is needed at both fundraisers. Please contact Mary Catherine Dolan if you can help out.

Annual Dinner: Vice President Peter Cincotta/President Frank Guarino

Dinner is October 19, 2019 at Mill Pond. East Northport took table of 10 as did Medford FD – if here see Peter for tickets. Total collected as of tonight for dinner tickets is \$3510.00. If you need tickets, see Peter or send him a check.

William Reilly Annual Journal: Giovanna Chiarelli

Giovanni is on vacation but is handling the journal.

Publicity: 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati

Working with Kevin from Nassau County and getting pictures in Volunteer Fireman. Also sending information to Roger to put on website and Vinny maintains our Facebook page.

By-Laws: Peter Cincotta

No report

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville

Peter Cincotta is running – for second five-year term as Firemen’s Home Trustee – he is all set with signs, giveaways.

Gene Perry will be running in August 2020 for 2nd Vice President in Tarrytown. Important that you join FASNY if you are not a member so you can go vote for Gene.

Safety Officer: Larry Montrose

- Bob Davidson from Brookhaven Town Safety Officers Association gave information on their Safety Officer Training and Education form on September 21-22.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Don Braccioldieta

ABSENT This year’s slogan is “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape”

Headquarters: Vice President Ammirati

- Read list of those who volunteered to help at convention.
- There are 5 associations at this time it is on the first floor this year in 2 suites. The room is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6:30pm to 11 or midnight.
- St. James is bringing their pizza oven to be used at the Whelan Walk and one hospitality night.
- Vinny is bringing a frozen drink machine.
- Vinny read list of those who made donations – sign to be made and hung up in room
- To date \$2600 was received in donations for the room.

Ways and Means: Meryl Montrose – absent

- Vinny reported that \$190 total was collected – winner to receive \$95

Credentials: William Rowse reported: 42 present

Membership: William Rowse reported:

- None – slow this time of the year.

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

- Received total of (9) applications
- Committee met and picked Mallory Vannani from Ocean Bay Park (presentation August 4th); Emily Owenburg and Savannah Navas from West Babylon (Presentation August 6th) and Christopher Newman from Patchogue (Presentation August 6th)

Youth in the Fire Service: Keith Vella:

- Due to Health reasons he couldn’t make the trainings. They were June 29th in Niagara – he heard it went well and July 13th in Cortland – week prior to training they had one signed up but ended up with 13 in attendance.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Jerry Owenburg:

- Lost FF from Long Beach that he was mentoring.
- Give them a call if you need someone to talk to or if your caregiver or kids need a mentor. It does help.

Website: Roger Putnam: absent

North Fork –

- Meeting this Thursday in Riverhead – Dinner at 7pm meeting at 8pm.

Long Island Benevolent – Vinny Ammirati reported 2% meeting this Thursday in Inwood. Dinner 7pm/meeting 8p,

Unfinished Business - None

New Business –

- Bill Rowse made a motion to take full page ad for \$250 in the Hagerman journal seconded by Gene Perry, all in favor.
- Peter Cincotta stated we usually support the Burn Center Fundraiser. Don Gleason made a motion to purchase two tickets for the president to attend the wine fundraiser seconded by Gary Stecher.
- Motion by Gene Perry to take a \$50-hole sponsor for the Suffolk County Chief's Golf Outing seconded by Jim Murphy.
- Tunnel for Towers Foundation is having a golf outing on Monday August 26th – Jeff has brochures if interested. Tee Sponsor is \$300 - Chris Del Vecchio made a motion to send them a \$100 donation seconded by Jeff Bailes.

Good & Welfare –

Thank you for the card and well wishes from Keith Vella.

Peter Cincotta said his Mom appreciated the card – thank you.

Terri Rosko's house burnt down – she is the wife of Ted. A donation was sent – please keep her in your prayers.

Dark horse was drawn

Winner of the 50/50 was Ted Kearn – Vice President of Brookhaven Town Safety Officer's.

Future meetings – August Executive Board meeting has been cancelled – Jean to Notify Smithtown. Next membership meeting is Tuesday September 24, 2019 in Hagerman.

There are forms up front for the dinner and journal.

Closing Prayer by Vice President Peter Cincotta

Motion to adjourn by Eugene Perry – seconded by Vinny Ammirati – all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen
Secretary