



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association March 26, 2019 – Holbrook Fire Dept.

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.

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

John Stein of St. James made motion to accept the minutes from the January 2, 2019 meeting, seconded by Anthony Sullo of West Babylon, all in favor.

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

Past President William Murray
Past President Eugene Perry
Past President Peter Cincotta
Past President Chris DelVecchio
Past President Jerry Owenburg
FASNY Director Eugene Perry
FASNY Home Trustees Jerry Owenburg & Peter Cincotta
SNYVFA President Anthony Sullo
LAFASNY President Jean Christensen
Suffolk County EMS Meryl Montrose
V-Board – Gary Schaum
Suffolk County Emerald Society Don Gleason
Suffolk County Burn Center President Jeff Bailes
Suffolk County Ladies Aux past President Lori Zatorski
Firefighter's Cancer Support Network Jerry Owenburg
Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators Don Bracciodita
NYS Drill Team Captain's Association President Gary Schaum
Suffolk County Parade & Drill Officials Chris Del Vecchio
NYS Fire Police Association President Frank Guarino
North Fork Firemen's Association – Carleton Raab
Long Island Benevolent Vice President Doug Miller

Treasurers' Report: Bob McConville had a conflicting meeting –Secretary Jean Christensen read the following report:

General Fund Opening Balance \$2574.22 Deposits \$3120.00 Expenditures \$365.00 closing balance \$5329.22
Headquarters opening balance \$1344.00 Deposits \$225.00 no expenditures closing balance \$1569.01
Dinner Fund opening balance \$1076.55 Deposits \$130.00 no expenditures closing balance \$1206.55
Scholarship Fund opening balance \$2788.74 deposits \$0.04 no expenditures closing balance \$2788.78
Total all accounts \$10,893.56

Ways n Means opening balance \$3736.12 Deposits \$275.00 no expenditures closing balance \$4011.12
Campaign Fund opening balance \$4787.32 no deposits expenditures \$700.00 closing balance \$4087.32
Total both accounts \$8098.44

FASNY Ways N Means balance \$4274.78
FASNY Wildfire balance \$2237.92
Convention balance \$1927.40
President's Account balance \$372.89
Saving Account \$3232.62
Total all FASNY Accounts \$12,045.61
Total all Association account \$31,037.61

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read b Bill Moran of Center Moriches, seconded by Bill Mulay of Blue Point – all in favor

Bills:

President Guarino had a bill for three shirts for a total of \$95.05. Motion by Eugene Perry of Patchogue to pay the bill, seconded by Don Gleason of Centereach, all if favor.

Communications:

Invitation to attend the Chief Seaman Dedication in Selden on April 6th at 1pm
Invitation for President Guarino to attend the Smithtown FD Dinner on April 27
Thank you from Firefighter Cancer Support Network for the hole sponsor.
Minutes from Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association
Ad request from Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund –was noted at the meeting that this was cancelled.
Flyers on the table from

- Islip Town Museum stating you can send ad for event you are having, and they will put on their website and send to their emails
- Islip Town Fire/EMS Museum NASCAR Raffle Fundraiser May 30th
- Celebrating No Limits WWAST meet & greet fundraiser party for Wounded Warrior's May 17th at Katie's of Smithtown
- Letter from Jean Christensen asking for journal ad for the LAFASNY journal, she is running for President for second term
- Letter from President Steve Klein FASNY/President Jean Christensen LAFASNY regarding Butterfly Garden they are raising money to build at the Firemen's Home for the Residents.

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Frank Guarino: Attended various meetings and dinners where he gave out proclamations.

Report of 1st Vice President Bob Sutton: Attended various meetings – Hagerman Installation Dinner and Memorial Service meeting

Report of 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta: Is out and about –getting the word out there.

Report of 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati: Attended various meetings – wake, mega show

Steering Committee: Robert McConville is absent

Eugene Perry reported for Bob that they will meet prior to the Executive Board meeting in April to do Endorsements

Sickness: Peter Cincotta

Marybeth Asbell Vice President of Suffolk County ladies had surgery

Ex-Chief John Masem of Medford had surgery

Peter spoke about Ex-Chief Seaman and the dedication that Selden has coming up

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

- FASNY Award winners will be announced on April 15th
- FASNY Tuition Reimbursement amount has been increased to \$150 per semester
- FASNY Winter Games were a success -42 Departments/350 Firefighters from Buffalo to Hampton Bays participated. Congratulations to Hampton Bays, North Patchogue, Selden, Melville and St. James for placing in contests.
- Chapel at Firemen's Home will be dedicated to Chaplain Emeritus Wayne Jagow.
- RecruitNY is April 27 & 28, over 400 departments participating statewide.
- FASNY Convention August 9-11 in Syracuse. Housing/Registration/Training packages available on the FASNY website.

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

- There are 70 brothers and sisters at the Home – three from Suffolk County.
- They have new Director of Activities, he is from Troy NY
- If you know of anyone looking to go into the Home contact Jerry or Peter for an application.

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo

- March 9, 2019 was legislation update at the Albertson Fire House – was well attended.
- Next meeting is March 30, 2019 in Baldwin
- Convention is May 18, 2019 in West Babylon – Will start with Memorial Service at 5pm

Suffolk County Chiefs: No Report

Suffolk County Ladies: Past President Lori Zatorski reported that they are doing another Lottery Fundraiser – she has tickets with her tonight.

Commissioner Jordan's Report: President Guarino went to the Legislative meeting today where Commissioner Jordan was approved. Commission Jordan apologized that he could not make the meeting tonight.

Father Halpin Memorial Service: 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton

May 5, 2019 at 5pm in Medford. Please have names in by April 15th. Be sure to invite the family of the names being submitted.

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

Parade and Drill will be July 13th – Parade at 10am followed by the Drill

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

Long Island Day is September 15th – 1pm parade with BBQ to follow.

May 29th is next meeting at 7:30 at the Wantagh District Building – they are working on gift ideas.

FRES - - Anthony Sullo/Bob McConville

- FRES Committee members to tour training center grounds to observe the improvements that have been completed or are still in progress.
- County Executive Bellone attended meeting to discuss his position on filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Commissioner Williams. After a lengthy dialogue the members present went into executive session to discuss the replacement for the position of FRES Commissioner. After coming out of executive session, the members present interviewed current Deputy Commission John Jordan. After another discussion, chairman Silverman called for a voice vote to recommend John Jordan to the County Executive stating the result of the vote.
- Fire Officer/Program to include an active shooter for training.
- Active shooter training for departments is in the works.
- A report on improvements made on the training field will be made at our next meeting.
- 3 New ESD1 hires are in their practical training till June, progress started for one new ESD1 hire to fill a vacancy.
- 2 Helicopters available 24/7 east and west, 2 helicopters OOS for maintenance.

- Medal Day September 22, 2019, site to be determined.
- Fire Service training is looking to go nationally certified, no more state certificates.

VEEB: Gary Schaum

- Field opens on April 1st.
- Modifications have been made to the Class A Building, which will enhance the training at that facility.
- One of the Intro to Fire Officer Course scheduled for the Academy in October has been moved to the Huntington Fire Dept.
- Reminder that open enrollment stats approximately 60 days prior to the start of the class.
- Tower building is being modified and repairs.
- September 22 is Medal Day.

Radio: Anthony Sullo:

TBand Give Back – HR 451 Introduced on January 10, 2019. This bill is in the first stage of the legislative process. It was introduced into Congress on January 10, 2019. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. There is still no complimentary bill in the Senate at this time. Gov. Track 3% chance of passing this legislative year.

- The FCC was directed to conduct the auction nine years from enactment of the Act – or approximately February 2021.
- Public Safety Licenses are required to vacate the channels within two years from the conclusion of the auction, or about 2023 (at the latest, licenses start to expire in 2021)
- FRES Commission, FRES advocating each agency to contact their representatives through their departments and councils. Keep the pressure on. Suggested letter provided on FRES website.

UHF Paging – West End

- First agency went on line for paging – Dix Hills Fire Department
- 1st PCT Site 95 up – optimization in progress
- Cohalan Court/Ocean Beach work in progress still on schedule to be in production use by May 1st. Electrical work is done, microwave work week of 3/25 followed by the RF work of Motorola in April.

East End – Signal strength testing ongoing for the 1st 3 sites that are on the air, Yaphank, Riverhead, Rocky Point.

- Waiting on Verizon Tower for Hampton Park Site.
- Working with Suffolk County Water Authority on building out microwave link, UHF paging and county trunked system on the Greenport Water Tower.
- Other sites dependent upon effectiveness of those and working in cooperation with Southampton and East Hampton Towns on CO Location.

Trunked Radio Upgrade

- Eastport and East Moriches Fire are utilizing an existing trunked talk group. (FRESOPS3)_as they are ready to utilize the system and we have not yet rolled out the new talk groups on the P25 system.
- SCPD Shop is currently upgrading the hospital radio infrastructure ahead of the ambulances.
- Ambulances installs will start on March 28th. Agencies will be contacted within the next week to set up appoint.
- Buses are up and running on the new p25 system with positive results.

ASAP TO PSAP

- Work in Progress-expected to be up around Memorial Day
- The automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP) program is a computer-aided dispatch system designed by the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA) and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO Int'l). The protocol reduces the two-to three-minute relay currently in place by allowing a computer at the dispatch center to process data.
- Instantly receive via Inform CAD the basic information previously relayed during a voice call, in addition to helpful first responder information that the alarm monitoring services have on file such as building floor plans, cautionary notes (i.e. hazardous materials, animals on-premise, etc) the business or residence contact information and bi-directional instant messaging updates on the incident.
- Reduce the potential for clerical errors that can delay response.
- Reduce radio traffic and sensitive information being communicated over public airwaves.

- Provide instant information and updates via Inform Mobile to first responders and additional aide units.
- Reduce the time that their Public Safety Tele communicators are on the phone answering alarm calls.

NYS Fire Police: President Guarino reported that 192 attended the Tom With seminar. April 17 if the Fire Police refresher in Medford. The Convention is May 2, 3, 4 in Watertown

Legislative: Eugene Perry

They are busy going over budget – working on bills. Senator Brooks adjusting vets bill to include fire and EMS (renovate homes to give to vets). Designing headquarters for Canine dogs.

Firefighter of the Year: Roger Putnam was absent –

Roger sent information to the Officers – they will score the sheet and get it back to Roger. They had 7 applicants.

Audit – Jerry Owenburg – Books were audited – all is good. Thank you to Bob for keeping good records.

EMS: Meryl Montrose:

- Meeting started with both the Central Islip-Hauppauge Volunteer Ambulance and Huntington Community First Aid Squad being presented with CPR Lifesaving Awards.
- May 19-25 is EMS week, this year's theme is "EMS on Tour", feeling being that the community doesn't really know what EMS does. State BOEMS will be sending out tool kits to agencies helping to promote.
- EMS Memorial is Tuesday, May 21st at the State Plaza in Albany. Seven names will be added this year, all 9-11 related illnesses.
- Deadline for Suffolk REMSCO Awards has been extended to April 1, 2019. They are due back to the State by 5/1.
- Change that has been spoken about in the past. An EMT Student may take the class as long as they turn 17 the month of the written exam.
- Changes to CME recertification's, hope to be 100% on line by January 2020.
- Bridge Program from EMT-CC to Medic Program started this January with 20 students enrolled. Next class will be starting in June.
- Next State Council Meeting will be held on May 7 & 8. Topics I expect to be sharing about are the proposed changes to the CME Refresher Program and Electronics PCR's.

Resolutions: Eugene Perry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Holbrook Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion to accept by Don Gleason seconded by Anthony Sullo, all in favor.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extent its sincere thanks to the North Babylon Fire Dept. for hosing the February Executive Board meeting. Motion to accept by Keith Vella seconded by Mike Mulay, all in favor.

Burn Center Stony Brook: Vice President Don Gleason gave the following report

- Last meeting was held on March 18, 2019
- Burn Recognition Day is being held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 2pm. The event is being held at Stony Brook Medicine; Health and Science Building; 3rd floor, Lecture Hall 6/Galleria. Please RSVP by May 6th to mdolan.suffolkburncenter@gmail.com
- Pancake breakfast fundraiser – Applebee's 1935 North Ocean Ave in Farmingville 8am to 10am – tickets will be available that day.
- The Fire Marshalls Association of Suffolk County will be sponsoring a Shot Gun Competition and BBQ May 18, 2019 at 8am – Long Island Shooting Range in Ridge. A portion of the proceeds will benefit both the Burn Center Fund and the Cancer Support Network.

- Next meeting will be on April 15th

Annual Dinner: Vice President Peter Cincotta/President Frank Guarino

Journal Ad and Dinner Applications are up front as well as Hospitality letter and meeting schedule

Journal profit goes to the scholarship fund.

Thank you to Bob Sutton for getting the tickets printed.

William Reilly Annual Journal: Jeff Bresler:

Jeff is absent – but letters are on front table

Publicity: 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati

Facebook is going – President's and Vice Presidents are getting the word out and attending meetings and functions. Roger does the website, but Vinny stays in touch with him

By-Laws: Peter Cincotta

Tonight, we will read the proposed changes and vote -

- **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.

No Discussion at this time. Gary Stecher from West Islip made a motion to accept the proposed by-law changes seconded by Anthony Sullo from West Babylon – all in favor.

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville

Bob McConville came in during the meeting so was able to report on this. Peter Cincotta will be running for his Second Five-year term in August– Peter you are doing a great job!

Eugene will be running for FASNY 2nd Vice President in August 2020

Safety Officer: Larry Montrose –

- May 8, 2019 – Brookhaven meeting to be held at Miller Place Main House.
- March 28, 2019 was Suffolk- Nassau County at Uniondale
- September 21, 2019 – in Coram will be a two-day Course for ISO Class \$495.00. Also, you will be able to sit and take the FBSOA test
- Signal 14's is a big deal – Electric cars
- Fires in rear trunk area could be lithium battery – these burn hotter and longer. Be on the lookout for lithium battery sticker – should be affixed to window.
- Never cut any power cables.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Don Braccioldieta

- There are flyers on the table for Clothes Dryer Fire Safety.
- Educator CME Program on July 13 at Bay Shore Brightwaters – starts 7am Cost is \$45 per person includes lunch. This is a 7-hour credit and the speakers will be Dr. Sandavol from Stony Brook, Long Island Railroad and National Grid.
- Next meeting is Friday, April 26th at 7pm in Mastic Beach.

Headquarters: Vice President Ammirati

- Hospitality room at convention –they are looking to move to 2 suites will be open from 6:30pm till midnight or 1am.
- Donations are coming in – Vinny read list to date – Vinny thanked all who have donated.
- Was noted that North Fork Volunteers were the first donation and it was given directly to Bob McConville.

Ways and Means: Meryl Montrose

- Meryl collected \$233 – half will go to the winner \$115.00

Credentials: William Rowse reported:

- There are 50 present this evening

Membership: William Rowse reported:

- The following have been dropped due to non-payment of dues - Kate Kuntz Deegan – Halesite FD; Henry F. Leibrandy – Great River FD; James A. Newcomb Jr, Port Jefferson FD; Town of Babylon Fire Police; Euclid Hose Co#2 Patchogue FD; Patrol & Salvage Co#4 Port Jefferson
- Two new members – Joan Munro of the Holbrook Fire Department and Richard S. Miller of the Riverhead Fire Dept. Bill Rowse moved to accept Joan and Richard as new members seconded by Bob McConville, all in favor.

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

- June 1st is the Deadline – they have received one to date.
- Reminder it is open to the Grandchild, child, brother, sister of a member of Suffolk County – must be a senior in high school. The committee is discussing opening to non-high school seniors but need to work out details.

Youth in the Fire Service: Keith Vella:

They have two contracts for this year – June 2nd in Niagara and July 13 in Cortland. They are trying to get one on the Island next year.

Drill Team donated hose for the house races – thank you!

There is no housing

Bob McConville made a motion for Suffolk Vollies to write letter to host a youth day seminar in Suffolk County, seconded by Eugene Perry – all in favor.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Jerry Owenburg:

- May 6th is the gold outing at the Wind Watch.
- Make sure your depts. Signed up for the FASNY study – please be sure to do this, they need the numbers.
- When FASNY asks for support please send letters you can sign up on the FASNY website to send the letters – is very easy.
- Eugene stated he delivered packets to departments who didn't respond. To date there are only 28 department participating and only 11 are complete. This must be done by April 30th.
- Senator Brookes is looking for change in chapter amendment – that the Board of Fire commissioner would determine the fit test and physical.

Website: Roger Putnam: absent

Unfinished Business

None

New Business –

- Frank asked their pleasure on journal ad for LAFASNY - Eugene Perry, Patchogue, made a motion to take a full-page ad in support of Jean – seconded by Bill Mulay, Blue Point.
- Motion by Gary Stecher, West Islip to send \$100 donation seconded by Jerry Owenburg, West Babylon – all in favor.
- North Fork Association meetings are April 24 in Jamesport and July 24 in Riverhead. The Installation Dinner is May 18th at Birchwood in Riverhead
- Long Island Benevolent Doug Miller, Blue Point, announced that their next meeting is April 25th at Great Neck Alerts – bus leaving Blue Point at 6pm is anyone needs ride. They are trying to get the comptroller to come.
- Motion by Eugen Perry, Patchogue, to purchase \$50 in LAFASNY Scratch off Lottery tickets seconded by Jerry Owenburg, West Babylon – all in favor.
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Good & Welfare –

Islip Town Fire Museum – Warren reported that they have chances still for the Nascar Race tickets - \$5.00 a chance. September 24 is the Chili Cook-off at the Sayville Fire Dept - \$20 per person.

Dark horse was drawn

Winner of the 50/50 was Doug Miller from Blue Point and the bottle was won by Jerry Owenburg, West Babylon who donated it to the hospitality room at Convention.

Future meetings – Executive Board meeting Tuesday,
Membership meeting

Closing Prayer by Vice President Peter Cincotta

Motion to adjourn at 9:17pm by Anthony Sullo from West Babylon and seconded by Eugene Perry from Patchogue.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen
Secretary