

Tioga County Fireman's Association, Inc.

14 Main St., PO BOX 746, Wellsboro, PA 16901

Regular Meeting

July 19th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Host: Westfield Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The May meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's Association was called to order at 1904 by President Alex Kulish. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited – invocation and welcome address given by Gary Bisel.

*MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR DINNER
MEETING WAS RESUMED*

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Doug Syner from the PA State Fire Academy attended to speak about multiple things.

- Handouts for Beneficiary Information on LODD
- What is needed prior to have an acquire structural burn class
- SFA is do a new standard for NFPA1010
 - Fireground Support Certification
 - Firefighter 1 Certification
 - Firefighter 2 Certification

READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the previous TCFA meeting, held at the Galeton Fire Department on May 12th, 2026, were read by President Alex Kulish. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers' report was read by Treasurer TJ Riley.

JB made a motion to accept, JS seconded, all approved.

OFFICER ROLL CALL

President: Alex Kulish - Present

1st Vice President: Austin Cooper - Present

2nd Vice President: John Barnes - Present

Treasurer: TJ Riley - Present

Secretary: Rob Satterly - Excused
Trustee: Josh McCarthy - Present
Trustee: Sam Warren - Present
Trustee: John Andrus - Present
Fire Coordinator 1: Brian Davenport - Present
Fire Coordinator 2: Bill Goltz - Excused
Fire Coordinator 3: Lee Strange - Present
Fire Coordinator 4: Galen Martin - Excused
Fire Coordinator 5: Doyle Swetlan - Present

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

Westfield Fire Department would like to retire the designation of '5-28' and replace it with the new designation of UTV-5.

Department 51 would like the designation of 'Squad 51-18' for a pickup truck that was donated by Seneca Resources.

BO made a motion to accept both designation changes, MG seconded, All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - Lisa Rice spoke about the commissioners grant
- ❖ EXECUTIVE
- ❖ FORESTRY COMMITTEE
- ❖ STANDARDS COMMITTEE
- ❖ COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE
- ❖ TRAINING COMMITTEE
 - Westfield Water Rescue Class coming up
- ❖ FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
 - Golf Tournament is capped at 30 teams – everything for the tournament is reserved and secured.
- ❖ FIRE COORDINATOR REPORT
 - FC1 Davenport met again with Steuben County
 - FC2, Bill Goltz, is resigning
 - LS made the motion to accept Bill's resignation, BD seconded, all approved
 - FC1 appointed Matt Watkins as FC2

OLD BUSINESS

President Alex Kulish reported on communications with Department 50's Ron Warren.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief 1 McCarthy asked about UTV designations – assigned to the Standards Committee

Chief 1 McCarthy discussed talking on TC Response Channel vs. Assigned Fireground – assigned to the Standards Committee

Department 5 has asked to do the Golf Ball Drop for Westfield Days

Honor Guard Bell is in Hallway, BD taking.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Department 8 received a violation from DEP.

COMMITTEE ROSTERS:

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Doyle Swetland, John Barnes, Brian Davenport, Bret Mathers, Sam Warren

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Josh McCarthy, Lee Strange, Andrew O'Connors, Todd Bourdette, John Pagano

TRAINING COMMITTEE

Bret Mathers, Tyler Andrus, Jim Shepard, Rob Satterly, Bill Goltz, Kevin Kulish

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Kevin Kulish, Rob Satterly, TJ Riley, Jim Shepard, Alex Kulish

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Lacey Miles, Andrew O'Connors, Galen Martin, Alex Kulish, Brian Davenport

BRET MATHERS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY C2-30, @ 2045

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH AT THE LAWRENCEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT @ 1900.