

**Tioga County Fireman's Association, Inc.**  
**14 Main St. PO Box 746 Wellsboro PA,16901**

**Minutes of the September 10, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

**Hosted By Osceola Fire Department**

**Call to Order**

The September meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's association was called to order at 19:00 by President Kevin Kulish. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The address of welcome was given by Asst Chief Gleason, and the meeting briefly recessed for the serving of dinner.

**Reading of the Previous Minutes**

After the recess, the meeting was resumed at 19:15. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Alex Kulish. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Sam Warren. Report is on file. Treasurer's report accepted.

The following bills were read:

Flowers for Wayne Heck's Services \$156.95

Golf Balls for Tournament \$1090.86

Motion Made by Brian Davenport, Seconded By John Barnes. Carried

**Officers**

President: Kevin Kulish

Trustee: Jim Shepard

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Ben Phelps

Trustee: Gary Cooper

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Excused

Trustee: John Andrus

Secretary: Alex Kulish

FC1: Andrew O Connors

Treasurer: Sam Warren

FC2: Brian Davenport

FC3: Kevin Kulish

FC5: Doyle Swetland

FC4: Ben Phelps

## **Communication & Correspondence**

N/A

### **Committee**

#### **DES**

Lisa thanked everyone for their cooperation and hard work during the flooding on 9 August 2024. Doug Wicks will be officially retired on 27 September 2024, Grant left on 6 September for a new job. Denny Colegrove is back part time out of retirement. Hoping for the Presidential declaration of emergency. She noted that chiefs should reach out if they need anything, resources are available.

Marti Shabloski noted that if we do get the presidential declaration departments can get reimbursed. So please get your reporting caught up.

#### **Executive**

The newest bylaws are passed out please take them back to your department, an electronic version will be pushed out within the next couple days.

### **Forestry**

N/A

### **Standards**

None

### **Communications**

The proposed changes were voted on, See below in old business.

### **Training**

N/A

## Fundraising

Golf Tournament September 14<sup>th</sup>. Reg at 8 T off at 9. 23 teams registered; caterer is secured. We will start setting up Friday at 5. Will need help Saturday Morning at 7 to finish set-up and start registration.

## Coordinator Report

N/A

## Old Business

Sgt. Beckhart PSP will be sending a trooper out as a representative to talk about the red light laws, answer any questions we have.

The following changes to the Communications Manual were brought before the association by form of Motion and proper second then voted on my roll call vote:

Change of the weekly siren and Radio test to Monthly, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, Civil air defense on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at noon. **16 Yes, 1 Abstained**

Change a Helicopter assist to a non-emergency response: **13 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstained**

## New Business

Chief 5 Thank everyone for all the help on 9 August 2024 during the flood event. Westfield had an engine donated to them from downstate along with a fair amount of equipment. If anyone needs anything please reach out. There is another Engine available downstate that a department would like to donate if anyone has a need.

Lisa did say there would be an after action report coming eventually.

Many departments are already looking at upgrading water rescue equipment and training.

Rescue Company:

Dan Rumsey brought forth a presentation on a concept called the "Rescue Company"

- It would create a Task Force of TCFA departments for all disciplines of technical rescue.
- Members would be able to participate in one or many disciplines as long as they had the training,
- Workman's Comp would be covered by the organization that the member belongs too
- The documentation they would need is background checks, Training certifications etc.

The north central taskforce does have some funds available for this, currently Tioga County does not have anything to offer the counties that came to our assistance in the form of a task force. Where so many came to help us.

A committee was formed of Brian Davenport, Dan Rumsey, Dan Nauman, Bill Goltz, Jeremy Shieve, Pongo, and Gary Cooper.

Lisa Rice informed the association that the PADOH has suspended Nelson Ambulance's License.

A motion was made and seconded and voted on unanimously by role call vote. That a letter be mailed by certified mail to the administration of Nelson that their Ambulance chief designations are no longer recognized, and they should remove their red lights.

### **Good Of the Association**

9-11 Memorial in Tioga Coming up on Wednesday 11 September 2024, at 18:30. Participants are asked to be there by 17:30. Due to lack of attendance and participation this may be the last one.

Wellsboro to replace 1-2 with a Mini Pumper, 4-5 Will be out of service 2wks to a month.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:51 hrs.

Respectfully Alex Kulish Secretary, TCFA