

TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Meeting

Hosted by Nelson Volunteer Fire Department

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Ben Phelps at 1900 hours, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Welcome was given by Keith McLean, Chief of Nelson Volunteer Fire Department.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes were read and approved with the addition of the nominations.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report read by Andrew O'Connors, motion to accept and pay bills by Shawn Rice, 2nd by Doyle Swetland, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills for Payment

None

Roll Call of Officers

Absent 2nd Vice President, Doug Champaign; 2 yr Trustee, Harry Colegrove; Coordinator 1, Kevin Kulish, Excused; Coordinator 5, Gary Cooper.

Communication and Correspondence

None

Department of Emergency Services

The Collaboration meeting for Municipalities, Fire and EMS Companies has been rescheduled for January 17, 2019 at 1800. DES sent handouts. There was no attendance from DES at this meeting.

Fire Coordinators Report

Kevin Kulish is putting together questions and concerns for the Collaboration Meeting at DES on January 17, 2019.

The host department for the AFG Grant will be Mansfield Volunteer Department 2.

Training: An updated training list sent by Robert Kipferl.

Standards: None

Fundraising: Andrew O'Connors is looking to work with Endless Mountain for doing the t-shirts. He is asking for a department patch from every Fire Department.

Recruitment and Retention: It was brought up to the Commissioners to purchase a billboard. They suggested if we could come up with half of the money they would help. At this time we can not come up with that amount.

OLD BUSINESS

Mutual Aid Agreement is here.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew O'Connors brought a question from the Department 4 members regarding one of their own members. A Blossburg member who became Chaplain is questioning the standards for what color of helmet he is to wear. Ben Phelps stated that the most that he has seen have been red helmets. Shawn Rice brought up that "white" stands for Purity. It will be left up to the Standards committee to research it and get back with a qualified answer.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Ryan Rumsey is getting a quote from Titan Sports for the TCFA patch.

Tom Shaw, President of the Nelson Volunteer Fire Department, brought up that the Nelson Volunteer Fire Department is becoming a new Evacuation Place for Emergencies. The American Red Cross is also donating supplies.

Mark Goodrich, Elkland Fire Chief, told how Sabinsville's Alan Abbott and Larry Wood are no longer Ambulance Chiefs for Sabinsville.

Nominations

President - Ben Phelps; Closed, motion by Bill Preston, 2nd by Ryan Rumsey

Vice President - John Andrus; Closed, motion by Doyle Swetland, 2nd by Mark Goodrich

2nd Vice President - Doug Champaign; Closed, motion by John Andrus, 2nd by Shawn Rice

Secretary - Rose O'Connors; Closed, motion by Bill Preston, 2nd by Brian Davenport

Treasurer - Andrew O'Connors; Closed, motion by Brian Davenport, 2nd by Bill Preston

#3 Trustee - Jim Shepard; Closed, motion by Doyle Swetland, 2nd by Bill Preston

Fire Coordinator - Kevin Kulish; Close, motion by Doyle Swetland, 2nd by John Andrus

Motion by Bill Preston for the Secretary to cast one ballot for all unopposed nominations. 2nd by Brian Davenport.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next meeting will be January 8, 2019 at the Morris Volunteer Fire Department. Motion to adjourn by Shawn Rice, 2nd by Brian Davenport. Motion approved.

Rose O'Connors, Secretary

Ben Phelps, President