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# TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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## Minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Harrison Valley Fire Department

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeffrey Quick at 1900 hours, followed by prayer by Duane Burdick

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Dean Kreger, Fire Chief of the Morris Fire department.

### READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Account	Beg. Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
General Fund Checking	\$4107.96	\$337.5	\$	\$4421.51
Insured Money Fund	0	\$	\$	\$
Carson's Investment	\$10000.00	--	--	\$10000.00
CD – Northwest Savings Bank	0	--	--	0

### BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The following bills were presented for payment: Motion to pay the bills made by Red Androus 2<sup>nd</sup> By Kevin Kulish roll call Vote was taken with unanimous yes to pay the bills.

Payable to:	Description	Amount Due
US Postal Service	PO Box	84.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$84.00</b>

### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE IS LISTED BY: Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)

P	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 <sup>st</sup> VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
P	SECRETARY – Dan Rice
P	TREASURER – Cale Mead
E	TRUSTEE - Lee Strange
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

E	TRUSTEE – Byron Wright
P	FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper
A	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Louis Bloom
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Bill Preston
E	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Buster Philips
E	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Robert B. McCarthy

There were 28 members present representing 17 departments

### COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Keith – New Dispatch Frequency is ours and a reprogramming will begin once the committee sets a date. The Committee is also going to review and update the current radio procedures manual, and he asks if anyone has any suggestions to get those to him.

Dave – Spoke about the frequency for the new dispatch and how quiet it been. He also stated before the reprogramming some minor work will have to be done at the tower sites. Since March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Vendors have been working on the simulcast and he feels that it's a little better quality.

The new sight in Ansonia is installed and ready to go and there just waiting for telephone service to that sight.

Lonnie Campbell asked Dave if simulcast is going to be the primary method of dispatch for all departments once it's up and running 100%, Dave stated that not all sights are simulcast capable so it will still be at the chiefs discretion on which tower is better. Lonnie also asked about why there is no PL on the frequencies and that it seemed all channels had them years ago, Dave replied that Dispatch did not nor do not due to technical difficulties with programming. Dave also said that we are hearing Lackawanna County on response and may change one of the other frequencies to a response channel with this next reprogramming.

Jeff Abbot had asked about another tower sight in the Westfield area and Dave said there is no plans at this time but he is not opposed to putting in a repeater system in Westfield like they are in Morris.

Dave brought up that 911 text messaging will be available soon and will be announced when it is.

Dave stated that the new 911 center is being built and bids will be opened soon.

Lisa – Stated that box alarm updates will be sent out soon and need to be updated, if no updates are needed just let her know and she will date them for this year. Officer updates are needed by the com Center ASAP as well as the county association needs them as well.

IAR – for those who have not been signed up yet please do so ASAP.

Denny Colegrove – Training calendar is being updated and passed out copies. There will be some pipeline training coming to our area soon.

Denny Announced that Ian Durreto as the new training coordinator.

None

#### **Coordinator Report**

Gary Cooper did bring up the Wildfire training FI-110 that was held in Chatham and highly recommended having this class in anyone's department contact Brian Plume.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

It was suggested at the last meeting that the by-laws be reviewed by the trustees, Jeff Quick would like to have Lisa Rice, Mark Goodrich, Jeff Quick and Bill Preston. Jeff would like to set that meeting up to have them reviewed and updated and it was set up for April 15<sup>th</sup> in Middlebury @1900.

Red asked if there was any word from CAFCA about our meeting we had with them and he stated there was not.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff Quick asked about purchasing more smoke Detectors to hand out to those who need them. No discussion came of this topic.

Lonnie asked Denny what CPR is recognized in our county, and if the county would supply the manikins to do the class, and Denny said yes he would and in fact he had already replied via email. Denny Stated they recognize American Red Cross.

#### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Jeff Abott stated a thank you for all who have been around and helped with mutual Aide with their slew of fires.

Next meeting will be in Osceola in May

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Goodrich, seconded by Keith Mcklean and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2030Hours.

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Dan Rice – Secretary

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Jeffrey Quick - President