

# **TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Elections Meeting**

Hosted by the Goodyear Hose Company

#### **Call to Order**

The regular yearly Elections Meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President John Andrus at 1900 hours, followed by the Pledge to the Flag and moment of silence for two recently deceased fellow firefighters. Welcome was given by Goodyear Hose Chief, Joe Cimino.

#### **Reading of Minutes**

Minutes were read and approved as written.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report read by Ty Miller, motion to accept and pay bills by Doyle Swetland, 2nd by Andrew O'Connors. Ending balance for Regular Account \$5375.71; ending balance for Training Account \$4748.54

#### **Bills for Payment**

None stated.

#### **Roll Call of Officers**

All present with the exception of 2nd Vice President - Robert McCarthy

#### **Communication and Correspondence**

#### **Dept of Emergency Services**

Lisa Rice stated that we need to get an updated list of officers of all companies. We need new officers, emails and phone numbers. We would like to have that as soon as possible so we are getting information to the correct people. Also, new box alarms coming out soon.

Benton Best gave us three handouts for the Rolls of Tioga County Emergency Management, Tioga County Department of Emergency Services Organizational Chart and Tioga County Emergency

Management Coordinator (EMC) Update. All handouts attached. Benton also stated that he is a person who likes to have issues and concerns out in the open and discussed before a blowup happens. So if you have any questions or comments regarding Tioga County Emergency Management please get ahold of him to discuss them. Discussed next was the ID Tags, some departments have not returned them back in yet.

## Fire Coordinators Report

A huge thank you to Joe Thompson of Mansfield for his years of service and to Richard Patterson from Clymer, who was an Assistant Chief for 10 years and a Chief for 35 years. Both of who recently passed away.

It was discussed to have a follow up class from the Art of Reading Smoke, called Fire Dynamics Tactics. Ed Mann, a prior Fire Commissioner, and also a Representative of Provident Insurance, has offered to come and do the class. He will be paid by Provident. Possibility of using the Annex building on March 31, 2018. Charging a fee of \$10 per person to cover food.

Kevin Kulish brought up that the 1st Simulator in in County's Garage and on December 30, 2017 he with other volunteers will be going to get the 2nd Simulator in NYC. Kevin has written up a Forcible Entry Simulator Props User Agreement he handed out and had everyone look over and give suggestions. Kevin motioned to have this voted on , 2nd by Doyle Swetland.

Motion to adopt the Forcible Entry Simulator Props User Agreement by Gary Cooper, 2nd by Andrew O'Connors. All in favor. Adopted.

## Old Business

Need to Elect officers

## New Business

Elections: President - Ben Phelps; motion to close by Gary Cooper

1st Vice President - John Andrus; motion to close by Gary Cooper

2nd Vice President - Doug Champaign and Matt Watkins; motion to close by Gary Cooper

Closed Vote counted, Doug Champaign voted in.

Secretary - Rose O'Connors; motion to close by Doyle Swetland

Treasurer - Andrew O'Connors; motion to close by Kevin Kulish

Trustee - Jim Shepard; motion to close by Bob Brooks

Fire Coordinator 1 - Kevin Kulish; motion to close by Bob Brooks

Kevin Kulish gave his resignation as trustee of the Tioga County Firemen's Association as of December 31, 2017 in order to take over as Fire Coordinator 1 on January 1, 2018. John Barnes 2nd that motion for resignation.

Motion by Kevin Kulish to have a special election to fill the trustee position. 2nd by Andrew O'Connors.

A single ballot was cast for unopposed nominees by Secretary Rose O'Connors.

Trustees are to Audit the books after the end of the year and before the next meeting in order for a new Treasurer to take over.

## **Good of the Association**

Election Results:

President - Ben Phelps

1st Vice President - John Andrus

2nd Vice President - Doug Champaign

Secretary - Rose O'Connors

Treasurer - Andrew O'Connors

Trustee - Jim Shepard

Fire Coordinator 1 - Kevin Kulish

Kevin Kulish called a meeting for all Fire Chiefs and EMS Chiefs on January 3, 2018 @ 7PM in Middlebury Center Fire Department.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Next meeting will be January 9, 2018 at Department of Emergency Services. March meeting will be in Blossburg Fire Department. Motion to adjourn by Andrew O'Connors 2nd by Bob Brooks; Motion approved.

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Rose O'Connors, Secretary

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John Andrus, President