

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

Minutes of the November 12, 2024

Regular Meeting

Hosted By Middlebury Fire Department

Call to Order

The November meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's association was called to order at 19:00 by 1st Vice President Ben Phelps. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The address of welcome was given by Chief Cooper, and the meeting was recessed for the serving of dinner. PSP presented on blue lights laws and other emergency lights and audible warning devices.

Reading of the Previous Minutes

After the recess, the meeting was resumed at 19:45. 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. By motion from Brian Davenport, seconded by TJ, unanimously approved

Bill from Wilkinson Dunn for \$2335 Motion made by Byron Wright, Seconded by Gary Cooper. Unanimously approved.

Officers

President: Excused

Trustee: John Andrus

1st VP: Ben Phelps

FC1: Andrew O Connors

2nd VP: Excused

FC2: Brian Davenport

Secretary: Alex Kulish

FC3: Excused

Treasurer: Sam Warren

FC4: Ben Phelps

Trustee: Jim Shepard

FC5: Doyle Swetland

Trustee: Gary Cooper

Communication & Correspondence

A letter was received from Wellsboro Fire department asking for a unit designation of 1-12.

A letter was received from Crary Hose requesting unit designation 5-2 for an engine they received.

A letter was received from Goodyear Hose regarding the new rescue truck replacing the old 10-8 keeping the same designation.

A letter was received from Department 51 requesting a Unit designation for a pick-up truck.

A letter was read from Northern Tier K-9 requesting membership to the Tioga County Fireman's association.

Committee

DES

Lisa reported that we did receive the FEMA public assistance declaration. There will be a FEMA/PEMA online meeting that is a requirement for departments seeking to be reimbursed for their equipment and members on August 9th.

After action report for the county is complete, Department level after action is coming

911 center is working on connecting consoles with PSP.

Verizon has approached TC911 about tower site use. An independent consultant has been hired to check harmonics and ensure no interference.

New CAD is hoping to be online in Mid-January

Civil Defense siren tests are a ways out.

Marti noted that a smoke machine is missing, and they are also trying to build an inventory of who has Q-ray meters.

Jeff reported that there will be an EMT class sponsored by Northern Tier Regional College at Mansfield.

LEPC is trying to get an inventory of Hazmat Training, also Westfields Hazmat trailer is being repaired.

Executive

N/A

Forestry

N/A

Standards

None

Communications

N/A

Training

N/A

Fundraising

Reported on profit, asked for more help for next year.

Coordinator Report

N/A

Old Business

Rescue Company has had two meetings. First was to get organized and get on the same page.

The second meeting discussed Joining Task force 80 which is a task force made up of 7 counties, with a dispatch structure, and leadership already in place.

Shane Ubine a rep from task force 80 would be willing to meet and present info.

Workers' comp would be left up to individual departments for their members involved.

New Business

Chief Goltz announced Westfield has ordered their training facility with hopes that it will be delivered by the end of 2025.

Brief discussion was had about the in county mutual aid agreement between departments.

Which led to further discussion, Byron asked the association to pursue a mutual aid agreement with Bradford County. Also discussed creating mutual aid agreements with the other surrounding counties.

The Nominating Committee of Gary Cooper, Jim Shepard and Duane Marbaker Brought forward the following nominations for officers for 2025

Pres Kevin Kulish

1st VP Ben Phelps

2nd VP Matt Watkins

Treasurer TJ Riley

Secretary Alex Kulish

Trustee Sam Warren

Fire Coordinator: Andrew O'Connors

Gary Cooper made the motion nominations cease and reopen in December. Byron Wright seconded the motion brief discussion was had. A roll Call vote was taken. Motion Carried with a 15-7 yes vote.

Vote on By-laws was tabled.

Good Of the Association

Next Year Meeting Schedule:

January: Morris

March: Elkland

May: Blossburg

July: Clymer

September: Lawrenceville

November: Middlebury

December: Wellsboro

The meeting was adjourned at 21:40 hrs.

Respectfully Alex Kulish Secretary, TCFA