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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Chatham 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 1905 hours, Followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed. Please keep the Clearfield Fire member in your thoughts.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Mike Johnson, Fire Chief of the Chatham Fire Department.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No treasurer report was given. A lot of checks that need to be deposit.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

No presented

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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

P	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 st VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 nd VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
P	SECRETARY – Lee Strange
A	TREASURER – Matt Watkins
P	TRUSTEE – Kevin Kulish
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Lisa Rice

Box Alarms

Lisa has the county maps present and anyone that would like to look over the maps and talk about box alarms, feel free to get with her tonight.

Tioga County Fireman's Radio and Communication Manual

In January's Meeting the motion to approve Tioga County Fireman's Radio and Communication Manual, a roll call of votes was done and approved.

Tonight was the second night for approval of the Tioga County Fireman's Radio and Communication Manual. Roll call of vote was done with approval.

Training – Ian Durretto –

Ran through the local training opportunities.

See the county website or smart phone app for upcoming classes. List provided at meeting as well. Would like to thank all the departments to date that the average class participation for each class is 25 students/ class.

Coordinator Report – Gary E.Cooper II-

A Chief meeting was held on Feb. 10th at 7 pm at Wellsboro Fire Dept upstairs. A thank you to Wellsboro for hoisting the meeting.

A lot of discussion on training, which Ian assisted with straighten out some confusion.

Would like to check into again the possibilities of getting Potter County Fire & EMS onboard in the TCFA. Potter County Depts. already run mutual aid into Tioga County and this would give the TCFA a large geographical area when sending letters to State Representatives and County Officials.

A committee was formed to get this done:

- Robert McCarthy(1), Gary Cooper(11), Kevin Kulish(16) and Jeff Quick(17)

Kevin Kulish(16) brought up that the Trustee will work on the by-laws of the TCFA to assist with getting Potter County Fire & EMS into the TCFA.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Crary House Company presented a letter for Ladder 5-9, replacing Tower 5-9. See attached letter. Kevin Kulish (16) made motion with Duanne Marbaker (7) seconded the motion. A roll call vote was done and approved.

Kevin Kulish (16) brought about training opportunities that were discussed in January's meeting and was wondering what the TCFA's thought were on trying to obtain an outside guest speaker for a one day lecture. A discussion was held including Commissioner Roger Dunn and a committee was formed of:

Lee Strange (8), Kevin Kulish(16), Ian Durretto(6), Keith McLean(18), Ryan Rumsey(14), Jim Shepard (1) and Jeff Quick(17).

Jim Shepard (1) brought up that if anyone was taking the Dynamic Class in Lewisburg to please go in with an open mind set. This class brings to light different ways fire reacts to today's materials.

Health and Safety 35- Ryan Rumsey (14) brought a hand out about Fire Police (please see attached). Fire Police is the only branch of the fire service that has a LAW. Strong feelings that the Fire Police of each department need to be letting their fire chief know if they are going to activities with the Tioga County Fire Police Association (TCFPA). Also brought up about training that needed to be placed on these members as well, Lee Strange (8) mentioned the Tom McArthur TCFPA president was making their members take training or they would not be able to perform fire police duties within their group.

Jason Clark (5) – brought up that Dept. 5 still needs 2012 ERG books. Ian Durretto (6) will take care of this.

**GOOD OF THE
ASSOCIATION**

Please if anyone is not getting the TCFA minutes and information that is being put out, please have them get it to Lee Strange (8).

County Commissioner Roger Dunn- nothing to bring up was just sitting in on the meeting and seeing how things are going with the TCFA.

Jeff Abbott (5) asked about the new 911 Center and Lisa Rice reported that the hope was to be April but will be later than that but things are going well.

John Barnes (12) asked the the IAR contract.

Discussion was held about the number of departments using IAR and almost half are taking advantage of IAR. Other department would like to but with limited cell coverage in their area are unable to. New towers are being placed along Rt 49 between Knoxville and Ulyseese. Kevin Kulish (16) made motion that the TCFA draft a letter to the County Commissioners to continue their assistance to TCFA with the IAR program, Gary Copper (11) seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Duanne Murbaker (7), seconded by Bill Preston (7) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2030 hour.

Ian Durretto (6) brought up the Child Law Clearance that takes place July 1, 2015, see attached.

Lee Strange – Secretary

Jeffrey Quick - President