

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

Minutes of the September 9, 2025

Regular Meeting

Hosted By Lawrenceville Fire Department

Call to Order

The May 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 an invocation was given by Gary Bisel. The address of welcome was given by TJ, and the meeting was recessed for the serving of dinner.

Reading of the Previous Minutes

After the recess, the meeting was resumed at 19:10. 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 TJ Riley. Report is on file.

There was one bill for \$275 for our Taxes. Motion made by Gary Bisel Seconded By Bill Goltz passed unanimously.

Officers

President: Excused

Trustee: John Andrus

1st VP: Ben Phelps

FC1: Andrew O'Conner

2nd VP: Austin Cooper

FC2: Brian Davenport

Secretary: A.Kulish

FC3: Doyle Swetland

Treasurer: TJ Riley

FC4: Ben Phelps

Trustee: Jim Shepard

FC5: Absent

Trustee: Excused

Communication & Correspondence

A letter was read from Elkland FD requesting radio designation Boat 8. Motion made by TJ, 2nd by Tommy Hurler and approved.

A letter was read from Laurel Mountain Search and Rescue requesting the designation of 51-29 for a drone. Motion made by Andrew O'Connors and seconded by Lee Strange and approved.

Committee

DES

Brief Discussion about Box Alarms.

October will be a busy month for training.

Bret is scheduling 2026 Classes.

Bret did note that Bucks will be making it harder to get classes in the future.

And Lastly that the LEPC will be covering the costs of F-500 Foam

Executive

Brief discussion on the Department 18 situation.

The executive committee wants to make sure that all neighboring Chiefs and Supervisors work together to divide up the territory.

Feb 12 2026 Nelson's Contract ends. May 12 2026 all equipment must be removed from the building.

Department 3 and 8 have met on the specifically Nelson township box alarms.

Lee reminded departments to be approachable to taking in Dept 18's members.

Forestry

Standards

No report.

Communications

N/A

Training

Searchable vs. Survivable was put forth by the Committee Sean Duffy is the instructor.

2.5 hours of lecture, remainder is Hands on, Held in April or May. At Dept 5's new training Grounds.

Class Costs \$10,500. Up to 36 Students.

Chief Goltz updated on the training Grounds the fence would be put up in October the pad is poured and everything is on Schedule.

Fundraising

Golf Tournament will be this coming weekend help is needed.

Coordinator Report

Coordinators- Doug wicks stepped down. Lee will resume as Coordinator 5 Motion by TJ seconded by Chief Goltz unanimously approved

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Nominating Committee of John Barnes, John Andrus, Doyle Swetland.

Good Of the Associat

Chief Phelps from Department 48 stopped by and inquired about a "Pre Dispatch" for incidents. Also commended the Dispatchers. Gave Input on the crash detection dispatches and how many resources we are putting on the road for something that is possibly false.

TJ reminded incident commanders that when you have a motor vehicle accident and they check on air medical times they are checking all of them not just one so you don't have to call back on the radio and ask for another bird eta.

Motion by TJ to adjourn,

The meeting was adjourned at 20:22 hrs.

Respectfully Alex Kulish Secretary, TCFA