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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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Minutes of the January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Morris Volunteer Fire Department – Morris

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	\$3770.46	\$337.5	\$0	\$4107.93
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 Byron Wright 2nd By Doyle Swetland roll call Vote was taken with unanimous yes to pay the bills.

Payable to:	Description	Amount Due
Ryane Rumesey	Funeral Flowers	\$20.95
Field Florist	2 Funeral 2013	191.50
TOTAL		\$212.45

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 – Dan Rice
P	TREASURER – Cale Mead
E	TRUSTEE - Lee Strange
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

P	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

There were 30 members present representing 18 departments

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Keith – Couple things brought up at last meeting first is that the county is looking to shorten up dispatches. Simulcast according to the Committee seems to be working better. Radio Procedures manual last update was in 2006, 1st change there looking at activating sirens on MVA's Keith stated that there are a few departments that are not having them activate and stated it has to be the same all the way across the board for all departments.

Corrective Actions need to be sent only to Lisa, the County Fireman's Association and to keep a

copy for yourself, no one else is to be sent the forms but these people.

If there are problems with the dispatches they are asking not to call the dispatchers to fill out the corrective action forms and submit them.

Keith also stated that dispatchers will be doing same if they have any problems with individuals in the field.

Lisa – Says they need to meet again, there needs to be more consistency from the dispatchers and the field users. Lisa is making a list of commonly used terminology to add to the Radio procedures manual. Lisa stated there is a need for more testing and they want to do another test, with more cooperation from the field than the last time, this will be done on a night when the regular siren and radio test is being done.

Jeff Q. – appointed Andrew O'Connor and Robert Scott to the Communication committee.

Dave Cohick - Still waiting for the final sign off of the FCC for the new dispatch frequency. Dave met with Dean Kreger and there will be 2 repeaters in Morris for the Dispatch and response.

FORESTRY: Brian Plume – Had some handouts and training dates Chatham is havin an FI 110, Middlebury will be holding a PA-130 and an S-190. District out of state meeting coming up. Chatham is doing a refresher training

A schedule for rates for suppression were handed out, and the form to fill out for reimbursement.

TRAINING: Nothing from Training Coordinator

COORDINATOR REPORT: Gary Cooper II -Deputy Coordinators will be Coordinator 2 Dutch Bloom,3 Bill Preston,4 Buster Philips,5 Bob McCarthy SR

February 25th 1900 hrs. there will be a chiefs meeting in Middlebury for all chiefs and assistants of all department fire and ambulance.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Sheppard – Requested that medics to use the response channel when responding, on scene and en-route to hospital, Jim Made this a Motion 2nd by Andy Oconnor a roll call vote was taken with an unanimous yes. This will begin January 21st 2014. Andy asked if this would effect Medic 6 and Lisa stated yes it would.

Question was brought up about ALS being able to have voting rights and a full membership to the association. Gary stated in the past they had been an associate member, Ryane Rumsey stated he believed it was supposed to be volunteer organizations' within Tioga County in the fire and EMS service ,Jeff read the constitution and by-laws "This association shall include the fire departments, rescue and ambulance organizations providing service for any part of Tioga County. Fire Brigades in order to be eligible for membership must be located within the contracted fire protection boundaries of member fire departments" and "Section II. A. The membership of this organization consists of:

1. Fire Departments
2. Fire Brigades
3. Fire delete fire Ambulance Services
4. Fire delete fire Rescue Squads

B. The classification of membership shall be as follows:

1. Active
2. Honorary
3. Associate

- a. Active membership shall be active firemen or active members in any member company of this organization.
- b. Honorary membership shall be conferred upon a person who has rendered conspicuous service to this organization, its aims, and purposes; who shall have been so elected by a majority vote of the organization.
- c. Associate members shall be those persons, firms or Companies who are affiliated with the purposes of this organization; who assist, support or promote the objectives of this organization.”

John Barnes asked what if a paid ambulance comes into the area could they join.

Gary Cooper II suggested this go to the trustees, or to have a committee on this subject those members are the three trustees, Jim Shepard, Byron Wright, Lee Strange, Lisa Rice (Associate member), Mark Goodrich, Jeff Quick, Bill Preston. Byron is to set up a meeting.

Jeff Quick asked Bill Preston how negotiations went with Farmington Township and Bill said that all was good and they all made out favorably.

Lisa Rice asked if there was a copy of the charges that the county had set up for non-contract billing; Bill Preston said we needed to revise it.

NEW BUSINESS

Byron Wright – Trustees met and did the audit of the Secretary and treasurer books, Trustees recommendation was to give the treasurer the power to go to the bank and move funds as needed to run the association so that two individuals don't have to go to the bank, the checkbook is done away with and the money market account will be used to pay bills. Byron made this recommendation a motion which was seconded by Mark Goodrich and a roll call vote was taken, with a unanimous yes to the motion.

Jim Sheppard stated Cale should be given a copy of these minutes to take to the bank for verification.

Jeff Quick – Asked the communication committee to review the Radio Procedures Manual and get it updated this year, Jeff asked Keith to set up a meeting.

Jeff Quick – Brought up the subject of resource manuals, Gary Cooper brought up that this had been done in the past and was never able to be kept updated; he stated that there are too many changes happening to keep it updated. Lisa asked if it could be put on the website and the individual departments could keep their own updated. Jeff asked Dan Rice to get in touch with Jeff Evans and see if it would be possible to do this.

Dave Cohick – Linda Smith is no Longer working for DES, A lady from another department will be moving into her position at the end of January.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Life Net 7-7 gave a brief presentation and a Q&A if there was anything they could do for us. As spring rolls in he would like to see a few of their updated classes to be held.

Commissioner Bunn – Brought up the I am Responding software, he stated that in cooperation with the hospital that they will be funding the first year. The Commissioner's think this program will be a value to the Community. Lisa stated that there are 4 departments in the county using it so far and if the other departments have questions about it to get with Middlebury, Wellsboro, Mansfield, and Lawrenceville.

Lisa Rice has asked the departments to send her the contact info for the I am Responding program.

A group from Coudersport was present and was asked, what their intentions were. The folks from Coudersport stated they would like to get more involved with the association.

Lawrenceville Haz-mat Refresher has been moved to February 1st instead of the 2nd.

Jeff Quick stated the there will be some resolution to the training matters at hand in the near future.

Andrew O'Connors asked about the CAFCA training center. Jeff Quick stated that he has been in contact with them and there will be a meeting with them about the fees and possibilities of the different types of memberships.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Goodrich, seconded by Buster Phillips and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2033Hours.

Dan Rice – Secretary

Jeffrey Quick - President