**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

February 11, 2021

The February 11 meeting of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company was called to order by President Wayne Isett at 19:12 with the pledge of allegiance. There were 21 in house and 9 virtual attendees. Chaplain Homer Kuhns prayed for the fire company and closed with a prayer.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – Marsha Hoy (Treasurer, excused), Donnie Gutshall (Chief Engineer, excused)

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –** Wayne Isett **–** No report

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Marissa Chew (Acting) – No report

**SECRETARY** – Marisa Chew – The secretary report was approved as corrected.

At this point Chief Schmolitz announced we will having riding assignments during meetings and trainings. Chief Schmolitz announced the assignments for the meeting.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Wayne Isett gave the treasurer’s report.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood gave the 2nd reading for Tracey Lynn Harman Spitler (Supporting), vote conducted by written ballot and show of hands for virtual attendees, 16 yes and 0 no votes. The 2nd reading for Mikayla Spangenberg (Junior Member) was held because Mikayla has not presented herself at a meeting yet. Linda Youngblood made the motion to drop the members who have not paid dues for 2 years, 2nd by Homer Kuhns with a verbal vote of all in favor. Shakira Longenecker received an introduction as a FF applicant, first reading pending the completed paperwork.

**TRUSTEES** Homer Kuhns reported the Post Office Flag Pole project has been completed. The tile in the wet room was completed, please let Homer know if it doesn’t drain properly. Homer has ordered a piece for the floor scrubber. It was brought to the Trustee’s attention that all of the garden hoses in the bay area are leaking. It was suggested that we replace them with industrial hoses.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhns sent cards for the passing of Marlene (Molly) Gumpher and Gary Koons for the loss of his mother.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz reported he has contacted the people that still owe money and have orders to pick up.

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood gave the second amendment reading for article 5, posted on bulletin boards.

**SANDWICH SALE** – Looking for new chairperson.

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett & Joanne Isett –No report

**CARNIVAL** – (July 28-29-30-31, 2021) **–** No report

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – **(Nov 12, 2021 - 4:30-7PM) – No Spring Event**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY -** (Closed till Dec 2021)

**CHRISTMAS SEASON ACTIVITIES –** (Closed till Nov-Dec 2021**)**

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – (Saturday, May 29 & Oct 22 - Drive Thru.)

**YARD SALE** –May 28, 7am-1pm – Carnival Grounds **–**

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth the server is out of date, replacement cost is around $10,000. The committee is discussing using a Microsoft one drive. We also need to update the software on the computers. We would need to buy multiple licenses. Microsoft does offer grants for 501C3, although we are a 501C4 we will still try for a grant. Trever will bring up under Relief to purchase a computer to track the Relief inventory, they have verified the computer can be purchased thru Relief. The committee discussed shutting down the website but a member has volunteered to take control of it.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – We currently have 2 live-ins and would like to recruit more.

**FUND DRIVE** The fund drive pamphlet will be mailed Friday morning, Feb 12. A total of 2966. A special thanks to Ira Bloom, Buzz Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, Joanne Isett, Lorraine Shaefer, Bill Jewby , Cassel/Shea family and Wayne Isett.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE –** (Closed till October)

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Wayne Isett - Both Electronic & Rt 743 Signs advertisement for the Hoss’s Restaurant.

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION** –

**DRAWINGS** – Need Committee Chair **–** Need someone to chair and run this fundraiser for 2021.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Chairman Vice President Trevor Eiswerth, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula, Trustee – Homer Kuhns and Member Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver**.** We will need to discuss filling the vacant offices at the March meeting.

**AUDITING** – George Rish Chairman, and 2nd Year Trustee – Closed to 1st Quarter2021.

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** – Soul Schmolitz reported the certificate’s and reports are current. We are waiting on ID’s for new members. The Quarter Master room has been organized and inventoried.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

1. **Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township submitted the company for $50,000 for 2020-2021gaming grant. This will go toward the SCBA loan. The township met with Dauphin County gaming board recently. This will not be completed probably to Feb – March 2021. **(NO REPORT)**
2. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** – A grant amount of $23,973 has been received.
3. **PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT** – President finished up the grant application and emailed on Jan 22, 2021. It was expected by the fire commissioner’s office. The amount requested was $15,000 for SCBA loan.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** – Wayne Isett **-** No Report

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Chief Schmolitz reported everything is on hold until the township completes the fire company study.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Chief Schmolitz reported the committee has decided not to open the station the public at this time. Please continue to sign in and out and continue to clean the rigs after each call.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - Awards will be presented this meeting.

**PAVERS** – Wayne Isett – **No Report**

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns -

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** The Hoss’s fundraiser was conducted on Sunday January 31bad weather we only took in $155.30. We will be having another one on Saturday, Feb 27, 2021 (Take Outs orders are included)

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  – The event was listed in the fund drive newsletter. The events will be April 17and September 11.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** –

**Fire Chief Schmolitz** – Ride assignments will be announced by the DO at the beginning of meetings and trainings. We have 5 members taking FF1 test. Ropes training will be held next week. We are scheduled to tour the casino on 2/25. He went to PennDot and resolved the E39 registration issue at no cost.

**Deputy Fire Chief Ciraula -** See attached report.

**Assistant Fire Chief Eiswerth –** Chief Eiswerth will try to purchase the popups, approved for $400, before the next meeting.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** –

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – Will Weaver reported that Engine 39 and 39-1 are back from inspection. The tanker received new belts and the pump primer was completed.

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Try to use med gloves under rescue gloves when on calls. If there is something wrong with a rig please notify an officer.

**LIEUTENANTS** –

Will Weaver advised we will be covering FF1 in training and they would also like to cover the basics again.

Dylan Vandernick reminded everyone CPR class is next Wednesday.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – No report

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Township will be studying vendors who will conduct the GVFC study. There is no time line on when it will be completed.
2. Harassment Training will be conducted in station and virtually from 1815 to 1845 prior to the Company meeting on April 8th. The training is also offered online thru VFIS.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Wayne Isett advise he would like to cancel the Joint Board Meeting February 23, 2021 at 7pm because he would not be available. Officers present advised they would like still like to have the board meeting.
2. Trever Eiswerth advised that some of the heaters hanging in the bay area seem to be running all of the time. JJ Wolfgang suggested we could replace the mercury thermostats with electric thermostats for a cost of about $150 for 5. The Trustees approved of the suggestion if the mercury could be properly disposed. Linda Youngblood made the motion to replace the thermostats, 2nd by Jeff Ciraula with a verbal vote of all in favor.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

Saul Schmolitz reminded everyone that if you come in contact with blood on a call you need to complete an incident report. All injuries must be reported and should be on file with the township within 24 hrs.

Saul Schmolitz advised the township requested doing a drive thru for the Easter Bunny with candy. They will need volunteers. We can also request to do a boot drive in conjunction with the event.

Saul Schmolitz reminded everyone the child labor laws were hanging outside the watch office. Please read it and follow it.

Saul Schmolitz awarded the 2019 Fire Fighter of the year Award to Colton Smith.

Linda Youngblood asked everyone to stop using her work email to contact her. Please use her personal email.

Kyler Shay will be leaving for basic training next week.

Jeff Ciraula reported that he spoke with Troy Lallimond, he is looking forward to coming home soon.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wayne Smith, seconded by Trevor Esiwerth with a verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 2012.

Respectfully submitted by

Marisa Chew

Recording Secretary