**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

August 12, 2021

**President Wayne Isett** called the meeting to order and led 17 members in station and 6 virtual members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7pm.

**CHAPLAIN –** Homer Kuhns led the attendees in the Lord’s Prayer

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – VP & Recording Secretary, Marisa Chew=excused, Trustee, Wayne Smith=excused, Trustee, Dan Haas=unexcused, and Chief Engineer, Don Gutshall= unexcused

**RECORDING SECRETARY** – Minutes for July have not been issued

**TREASURER REPORT** – Marsha Hoy gave a summary of the report and posted all details.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood did the second readings for Aidan J Mende as Emergency Responder (in attendance) and Emily Longenecker as Supporting. Both were voted into the Company. The first reading for Brenna Roelle as a Supporting member was read (in attendance).

**TRUSTEES** – Homer Kuhns

1. PAWS made an August payment of $1,267. The trustees & president plan on meeting with PAWS board in August to get contract completed.
2. Floor cleaning and waxing new contractor has been set up. Waiting to get in their schedule.
3. We have a Caliform E-Coli water problem at Post Office & Grounds Kitchen building. The Post Office bathroom has now tested OK. Have 2 more places to be re-tested. May need to put in black light system.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhn will be sending sympathy cards to Ida Rodemaker and Kurt Maulfair.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Nothing to report

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood did the second reading of the amendment to change event requirement numbers to be able to vote.

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett – Thanks to everyone who delivered this year’s book. $680 is outstanding and has been billed for. Amount on hand as of now is $22,527.87. The 3160 books cost $8,147.32.

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett requested a work day this Saturday August 14 starting at 9AM or Monday Night Aug 16 at 6 PM. Just need some muscle power for a couple of hours to finish the grounds. Anticipate gross income to be $95-96K. A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE. **APPRECIATION PICNIC FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 17, EAT AT 6:30 - 7 PM.**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett - Date officially **changed** to November 5, 2021 (was **Nov 12)**

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saul Schmolitz - Saturday, Oct 22 - Drive Thru at Station

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth – Tried to process domain hosting fees but company cc declined. Checking why. Trevor made a motion to increase the motion cost to $500 since the sale is now over, second by John Wolfgang Jr, approved. Also, looking at sale priced monitors/ equipment as budgeted. Having some Wi-Fi issues on rigs so looking for updated equipment to maybe resolve. Next meeting September 7, 7pm.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula – No live-ins at this time but next meeting scheduled for September 7, 7:45pm

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - A total of $33,670 has been collected.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE –** Park and Rec want a drive thru event but the community wants a parade. Need to determine if previous turn around is still available to us or possibly develop a new route. Jim McHenry volunteered as Chair. Need to meet with new P&R person.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Wayne Isett - Carnival advertisement was in Merchandiser and The Sun. Want to put out a 39ers for the fall promoting our activities and to thank everyone for their outstanding support.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - **Chairman Vice President Marisa Chew, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula, Trustee – Homer Kuhns and Member Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver. Search for nominees to begin immediately.**

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** – Saul Schmolitz, Jeff Ciraula - Emergency Response has been bought out by ESO which is the same company that bought out our previous Firehouse software. We will have to wait and see what happens. Waiting to inquire about price of extra Module to be able to report on “inactive” members.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

1. **Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The $50,000 grant money will be deposited in the next 2 weeks. The township is putting us in for $50K for hose and nozzles for 2022.
2. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** –The final 30-page report for the $23,973 was completed on Monday July 26. Many thanks to Marsha for assisting me on this very important document.
3. **PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT (OSFC)** – The 2020-2021 grant (closed July 26, 2021) was awarded for $14,015.70. The 2021-2022 Grant will be open for submission in September - thinking towards hose & nozzles

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Still on hold by township

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – **Saul Schmolitz –** Next meeting September 7, 8:30pm

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - Marisa Chew - Oct 1, 2021 at Colonial Country Club. Deposit and Contracts have been signed. Need to be careful with counts to avoid issues.

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns reported making and delivering 2.

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** Perkin’s event is September 23

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  – Trevor Eisworth **–** September 11, 2021. Adding rice krispie treats in red, white and blue for something special.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** – Saul Schmolitz, Jeff Ciraula, Trevor Eiswerth – John Wolfgang, Jr has been selected to replace Dylan as Lieutenant. Thanks for all the hard work at carnival and incidents. Good job on the fire the other night too. Working on hose and nozzle pricing for budget/grant submittal. Looking for a Safety Officer certification class. Minutes from last crew meeting to be posted soon along with list of Platoon meetings. See Jeff or Trevor for list of people with expired certs. Planning on Open House October 9th probably 2 – 8. August 22 starts various events/concerts to be held at casino (thru September). They will pay $200/person that we can provide for parking cars; $2/seat sold to local non-profits such as us and veterans; and helpers get to watch show for free.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Wayne Isett reported that we have received a recall for the Ford Attack truck.

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith - Mounted 1 of 2 Milwaukee stand lights. Good work at the carnival.

**LIEUTENANTS** – Will Weaver - Appreciate all of the carnival help.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby – Companies 35 and 36 helped at carnival. Will try to get 4 seat golf cart with light next year.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Township to give us info before presented at township meeting.
2. Station AED is here. Trevor and Buzz will install.
3. The $30K balance to be moved to new apparatus account will be done in October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1.** There will be a Joint Board Meeting on August 31 - 7PM .

2. Need to watch spelling and typos in Carnival book. Maybe we should consider moving the fund drive push to not overlap so much with carnival book work. Committee format needs to be used to not only ease burden but to train for future – not just for book but for carnival itself. Committee can include non-members too.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

1. Thank you for a tremendous year we are having.
2. Buzz purchased an ice machine for Co. Need to arrange for the person that cleans the carnival grounds ice machine to clean this one also.
3. In front of the Watch Station there is bunch of miscellaneous items such as paper towels, cleaning supplies, plush babies, plus more that was donated by the Grantville Assembly of God Church. They will occasionally be donating some things to us they feel we can use because they have over abundance of many of these items.

3 Farmstead anniversary celebration August 14th, 10 – 2pm

Jim McHenry made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, second by Barb Bloom. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Youngblood

Recording Secretary pro-temp