**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MINUTES**

**February 10, 2022**

President Patel called the meeting to order @ 1901 and opened with the Pledge to the Flag @ with 2 virtual (T.Spitler, Bill Jewby) and 23 in-station attendees.

Chaplin – Chaplin Kuhns advised us to look forward and do not be occupied with the past, he closed with a prayer.

Roll Call of Officers - M. Chew completed the roll call. Absent; M.Hoy (excused/treasurer), J.Ciraula (excused/Deputy Chief), T.Eiswerth (excused/Assistant Chief).

J.Wolfgang Jr gave the crew call order for the meeting

President's Report - D. Patel No report

VP’s Report - G. Garland – working with Marsha on a policy for credit cards for each of the officers.

Recording Secretary’s Report – Will Weaver made the motion to approve the January company minutes as posted, seconded by Saul Schmolitz with a verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried.

Membership Secretary’s Report - L. Youngblood gave the second reading for Jason Barnes, who was not present. ER. All clearances received. Written ballot of 21 yes, 0 no.

Treasurer’s Report – The treasurer’s report was given by G.Garland, Saul Schmolitz made the motion to approve the report, pending audit, seconded by Will Weaver with a verbal vote of all in favor.

Trustee’s Report

Wayne Isett: Dauphin CO assessment, deadline changed.

Homer Kuhns: we now have two blinking lights in the parking lot, we will call the township to change them. Batteries changed in the faucets in the bathrooms. He is still looking at the ceiling.

Visiting & Memorial Committee Report. Glenn Moyer passed away, there will be a memorial service at St John’s on March 26.

Uniform Committee Report: Saul Schmolitz reported some of the Class C items are starting to come in. J.Ciraula is still waiting on his class A.

Amendment Committee Report. Linda Youngblood gave the first reading for change of Article X. see attached.

Fund Drive. Report Wayne Isett reported the new fund drive is underway and we received a total of $11,500.

Fundraiser Committee Reports:

* Carnival Wayne- Bands have been confirmed; Luv Gods, The Kraemer Brothers, Pentagon, Mud flaps, contracts pending. Fireworks increased, will be $8,000. Wayne made the motion to approve the contracts for the bands, J.Wolfgang Jr seconded the motion, verbal vote with all in favor. We may need to increase some of the food prices.
* Steak Stand NR
* Spaghetti Dinner - March
* Chicken & Pork BBQ - Saul reached out to Karns and Restaurant depot to advise on supply issues, they did not anticipate any issues. We will review pricing closer to the event and set prices accordingly.
* Yard Sale – Homer Kuhns reported they are already selling spots and flyers are already going out
* Pulled Pork - NR
* Restaurant = NR

Computer Committee Report – Saul Schmolitz reported his new laptop was received. New desktop for the line officer’s room. New 990 was completed to be able to order form government surplus. Will purchase monitors from them.

Live-in Committee Report NR

Firehouse/Administrative Reporting Report – Change in reporting, county has the times crossing over on the incidents for the rigs. Contract signed, under MOU we will be receiving a bill for the service, to be paid under Relief.

PR / Advertising Committee Report – we need help posting on the sign at 743/old 22.

Recruitment & Retention Committee Report – Ryan Smith reported he hopes to bring some suggestions to the company next month.

Auditing Committee Report - waiting for the treasurers to report they have the paperwork in order.

Building Committee Report - NR

Apparatus Committee Report – Rescue engine committee made a road trip to review rescue engines at 2 different Fire Companies. Waiting for the township to give approval.

Banquet Committee Report – The banquet will be May 21, @ colonial Country club. Please save the date.

Grant Program Report – Wayne Isett had problems with the Federal FEMA grant and it was not submitted. Wayne went to Senator DiSanto and had us approved for $50,000 thru DCED to make up for the PEMA grant that was missed. He asked for a list of equipment that needs to be updated, such as the hose.

Pavers - W. Isset NR

Mailbox Signs - H. Kuhns reported one sign was completed and delivered, check received.

Nominating Committee Report - Closed till 08/2022

Officers Report

Fire Chief Schmolitz: The County Chief’s meeting will be at our station on March 15th. We will provide dinner for the meeting.

Deputy Chief Ciraula - NR

Assistant Chief Eiswerth – NRW have been cleaning the station. The Engineers room is first. The Quartermaster files are moving to the Fire Police room. The Quartermaster room will be reorganized. There will be a live burn on April 9th, please sign up. Chief thanked everyone for their hard work. We will be taking the scrap metal to be sold, the receipt will be turned in to the treasurer along with the money. Please make sure supplies are reordered when they get low, don’t wait until we run out. If you will be taking any training please make sure you submit your requests early and submit with both sheets. The fire study report will be presented to the township on Feb 15th.

Chief Engineer - D. Gutshall DO vehicle was inspected yesterday. The rest of them are up for inspection in the next 6 weeks. The heater core for E39-1 is in.

Asst Chief Engineer - G. Garland NR

Captain - C. Smith - Nr

Lieutenants –

J. Wolfgang Jr – training for the month will be engine operations, weather permitting. The washing machine door needs to be left open when not in use.

W. Weaver – Nr

FP Captain - B. Jewby - NR

FP Lieutenant - H. Kuhns = NR

Old Business

1. TRUSTEES: Dauphin County Office of Assessment will be doing an Exemption Recertification of all Tax-Exempt properties in the county starting in February 2022. We have a total of five properties. The deadline was extended.
2. Township study to be released at next township meeting, it will be discussed at next Joint Board meeting. Also discussed under chief’s report
3. 501c(4) letter – received today.

New Business

J Wolfgang Jr advised there are multiple issues with the garden hoses leaking and made the motion to purchase 2 heavy duty wall mount hose reels, including hoses, not to exceed $700, seconded by Chris Santiago, verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried. JJ advised the crew will hang the hose reels.

Saul advised if you happen to be hurt at the station, on a call or volunteering for fire company business, we have new accident forms. Please make sure you are using the new form. Report all incidents, no matter how small.

Good of the order

Shredders BBQ will do food fundraisers for non-profits. They will give you a date and you will receive a portion of all sales from that day, they ask that you advertise the event. Zac Casey will follow up with them.

Zac Casey advised he is working on a food fundraiser with the Melting Pot.

Saul Schmolitz advised that while they were eating at Hoss’s for our fundraiser the manager asked for more coupons to distribute to all diners. He also handed in $25 that he received as a donation from a fellow diner.

The next joint board meeting will be held 2/23/22. Starting with the February meeting the joint board meetings will be held the last Wednesday of the month.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Schmolitz, seconded by Chris Santiago, with a verbal vote of all in favor @ 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Chew

GVFC Recording Secretary