



SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Inc.

Representing the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen of the Nine Southern Counties of
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This page is set aside in memory of

SNY Past President

Chief William Wieck

Greenlawn Fire Department

In memory of your passing and dedication to service

Rest In Peace.



Minutes of the January 7, 2023, General Membership meeting at West Babylon Fire Co.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Robert Ottaviano.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Anthony Tripp

Invocation led by Chaplain Robert Ruston

Chief Steven Kamalic welcomed us to West Babylon and thanked his kitchen committee for a job well done serving tonight's meal. President Ottaviano thanked our host for an excellent meal and their hospitality.

Roll Call of Officers taken, and excuses noted. Motion to accept by A. Tripp and seconded by F. Robinson, excuses noted Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by V. Ammirati and seconded by R. Reid to accept the minutes the Annual Convention 2022 MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the October, 2022 general meeting were approved as mailed by M. DeVittorio, seconded by E. Schmidt. MOTION CARRIED.

Communications:

- Secretary McElynn reported he has received the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.
- Thank You card from FASNY President John Farrell for his gift at his testimonial dinner.

Motion by O. Kohlmier, seconded by N. Brigandi that communications take their regular course. MOTION CARRIED.

Bills read by Treasurer Roy Dahlen, motion by O. Kohlmier and seconded by N. Brigandi to pay the bills as read, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President Robert Ottaviano

Attended several meetings and functions representing the Organization.

Thanks to all who attended the Legislative workshop in Troy. There was a great turnout.

First Vice President Juan Batta

Attended FASNY Board meeting in November.

Attended SNY caucus and FASNY legislative conference in Troy.

Attended SNY Board meeting in Patchogue.

Attended FASNY Holiday Party & Board meeting.

Attended Nassau County Firefighters Association meeting.

Happy and healthy New Year to all.

Second Vice President Frank Guarino:

Attended Firematic funeral in Port Washington

Attended November Suffolk County Firefighters Association meeting.

Attended SNY Board meeting in Patchogue.

Attended funeral for FDNY firefighter William Moon

Announced that the Nassau County Fire Police Association brunch is January 23rd at Verdi's.

Treasurer Roy Dahlen read the activity and the balance of the Association funds that total \$50,316.77. Motion by E. Schmidt, seconded by M. Baymeck to accept the Treasurer's Report, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

AUDIT:

The annual audit is scheduled for February 13th in Merrick.

BY LAWS:

M. DeVittorio reported that the committee is in the process of reviewing the By Laws and updating, as necessary.

BENEVOLENT & EXEMPT:

M. Krummenacker reported that there is a new Liaison from FASNY to the committee. Mike Caron has been appointed as the new liaison.

The committee is preparing for the 2023 convention in Niagara.

BUDGET:

No report

BURN AWARENESS:

No report.

CONVENTION:

It was reported that the 2023 convention will be held on May 20th in Hewlett. The convention will begin with the Rev. Vincent Kennedy Memorial Service at 4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm there will be a mini-Legislative conference followed by dinner and a meeting.

CREDENTIALS:

T. Tripp reported that this evening;
Total Present: 39
Member/Delegates from Nassau: 23
Member/Delegates from Suffolk: 11
Member/Delegates from Westchester: 3
Member / Delegates from Rockland: 0
Members from Nassau: 0
Members from Suffolk: 0
Members from Westchester: 0
Members from NYC: 0
Guests: 2 – From Hudson Valley F.A. / Dutchess County

DINNER:

Arrangements have been finalized for our annual Installation Dinner. It will be held at Leonard's Pilazzo on Northern Boulevard in Great Neck beginning at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 23, 2023. Notices will be mailed out along with journal ad requests. Please support our journal as this is the only fundraising event, we have all year.

EMS:

No Report.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:

Chairman Sutton reported that he has not received any applications to date, and the deadline is March 15, 2023.

FIRE POLICE:

J. Wicks reported the following.
The annual brunch will be held on January 29th. Motion by N. Brigandi, seconded by J. Scalesi to send Vice President Guarino to represent the Organization. MOTION CARRIED.
The Tom With annual seminar is on May 18th.
Fire Police refresher class is on February 8th online. Must pre-register to attend.

FIRE PREVENTION:

R. Sutton report that they are moving forward.
There was a lengthy discussion about ion batteries, electric motorbikes and vehicles and the imminent hazard they are to us. The Committee was asked to look further into this.

MEMBERSHIP:

No Report.

LAWS AND LEGISLATION:

M. DeVittorio announced that Past Legislative Chairman Bill Wieck passed away. This is a tremendous loss to the committee as Bill was active on the County, Sectional and State committees. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

He thanked all for their attendance at the FASNY Legislative conference. Having a good turnout at this event helps in their efforts.

The Southern NY outreach conference is scheduled for April 15th beginning at 8:00 am in Albertson.

There will be a legislative session at the Southern convention this year.

The FASNY legislative committee is prioritizing Lithium Battery Safety this year.

He also spoke about the lightweight wood construction happening in our areas and the real hazards they impose on the fire service. Legislation is needed to address this hazard.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT:

Kevin McElynn reported that he made several submissions for The Volunteer magazine. He is looking for high quality photos of antique apparatus from the Southern New York Area that he can feature in the "Looking Back" section of our column. Many of the pictures he has are not of high resolution, so they cannot be published. Pictures downloaded from the internet are exceedingly difficult to develop. If anyone in the Association would like to submit any photo, along with a brief description of the rig, he will make sure it gets included.

RESOLUTIONS:

No Report.

SAFETY OFFICERS:

No Report.

STEERING:

No Report.

WAYS & MEANS: J. Wicks reported.

Dark Horse Income - \$124.00

50/50 Income - \$169.00 - \$84.00 to the winner

TOTAL - \$293.00

YOUTH FIREMATIC ORGANIZATIONS:

R. McConville reported that the Youth Seminar in Manhasset was a complete success with a great turnout of Juniors, Advisors and Association members.

CHAPEL FUNDRAISING:

No report

Motion by F. Robinson and seconded by S. Goodman to accept the committee reports, MOTION CARRIED.

FASNY OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Vice President Perry was excused from the meeting on FASNY business.

Director DaRocha wished all a Happy New Year and advised that the board will be meeting next week.

Director Krummenacker seconded Director Da'Rocha's report.

FIREMEN'S HOME:

Trustee DeVittorio reported the following.

Thanked all from Southern New York for their constant support of the home.

Past President Owenburg.

Wished all a Happy New Year.

There are 78 brothers and sisters in the home, and the Trustees just approved an application for one more member.

There still have been no cases of COVID amongst the patients, but a staff member tested positive and is isolating per procedure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

S. Goodman reported on a Go Fund Me page for a 9/11 responder who was a member of his department. Please do not support it.

T. Pellegrino reported on a scam where you may receive a letter asking for donations for first responders. He has looked into this and it is a scam.

Jon Wicks announced the following meeting dates:

The Long Island Benevolent Association meeting will be on January 27th in Melville.

The South Shore meeting is on January 20th.

Vice President Guarino announced the following.

FASNY EMS seminar in Selden is on January 23rd.

The Fire / EMS expo at Nassau Coliseum will be on February 2, 3 & 4. FASNY has a booth and is looking for volunteers to man it.

NEW BUSINESS – (cont.):

Robert Reid reported that the Westchester County meeting will be in Portchester on February 4th .

GOOD AND WELFARE:

It was reported that the wake service for Past President Weick will be on Tuesday evening at the Greenlawn Fire Headquarters. Times will be announced.

Next General Meeting will be held on March 25, 2023 in Selden . Next board meeting of the Association will be February 13th at Merrick Empire Hose Co. 3. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, and meeting immediately to follow.

Closing Prayer lead by Chaplain Ruston.

Motion for adjournment made by O. Kohlmier and seconded by A. Sullo at 9:08 p.m., MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By.

Kevin P. McElynn

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Secretary

**** PS – To All Board Members – Please be advised that the date for the February Board meeting has been changed to Thursday February 23rd. The location has not changed. We will still be in Merrick.**

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