



## **SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Inc.**

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### **Minutes of the January 4, 2025 General Membership meeting at West Babylon F.D.**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Juan Batta.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Ottaviano

Invocation led by Vinny Ammirati

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

Roll Call of Officers taken, and excuses noted. Motion to accept by F. Lombardo and seconded by O. Kohlmier, excuses noted Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting on October 5, 2024 in Stony Point were approved as mailed by S. Klein seconded by E. Schmidt. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **Communications:**

- Secretary McElynn reported he has received the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.

Motion by P. Wass seconded by O. Kohlmier that communications take their regular course. MOTION CARRIED.

Bills read by Treasurer Roy Dahlen, motion by S. Klein and seconded by C. DeStefano to pay the bills as read, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President Juan Batta

- Thank you all for attending tonight's meeting and thank you to the West Babylon for hosting.
- Wished all members and their families a Very Happy New Year.

First Vice President Frank Guarino:

- Was excused from the meeting due to FASNY business.

Second Vice President Steven Klein:

- Vice President Klein thanked all for their support and wished all members and their families a Very Happy New Year.

Treasurer Roy Dahlen read the activity and the balance of the Association funds that total \$46,688.25 Motion by D. McIntosh, seconded by C. DeStefano to accept the Treasurer's Report, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT:**

Committee will be meeting with the Treasurer in March.

### **BY LAWS:**

No Report.

### **BENEVOLENT & EXEMPT:**

No Report.

### **BUDGET:**

No Report.

### **BURN AWARENESS:**

No Report.

**CONVENTION:**

It was reported that the 2025 convention will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Hagerman Fire Department in Suffolk County.

**CREDENTIALS:**

T. Tripp reported that this evening;

Total Present: 44

Member/Delegates from Nassau: 31

Member/Delegates from Suffolk: 10

Member/Delegates from Westchester: 2

Member / Delegates from Rockland: 1

Member / Delegates from the City of New York Volunteers: 0

Members from Nassau: 0

Members from Suffolk: 0

Members from Westchester: 0

Members from NYC: 0

Guests: 0

**DINNER:**

K. McElynn reported that our annual dinner will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Bar Association in Mineola. Same format as last year. \$85.00 per person to include cocktail hour, sit down dinner, dessert and coffee / tea. More information to follow. He also asked the membership to support our Journal by taking an advertisement. This is our only fund raiser for the year, and we need everybody's support.

**EMS:**

No Report.

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:**

Chairman Sutton reminded all about the deadline for ALL award submissions. No applications have been received to date.

**FIRE POLICE:**

J. Wicks reported the following.

Nassau County Installation Luncheon will be at Verdi's in Westbury on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

VFPASNY –

- The annual Tom With seminar will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Caledonia.
- The spring meeting will be held at the Firefighter's Home in Hudson on April 5, 2025
- The annual convention will be May 8 -11, 2025 in Kingston.

#### **FIRE PREVENTION:**

No Report.

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

R. McConville reported that dues notices went out and are coming in slowly.

2 new members accepted this evening from Bethpage & West Babylon. Secretary has their contact information and will update records.

#### **LAWS AND LEGISLATION:**

M. DeVittorio reported that have the Southern NY Legislative workshop in Albertson on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Invitations have been sent to elected officials to attend. Workshop report will be submitted. Thank you to Albertson for hosting again. He also asked any members planning on attending to please attend in Class "A" uniform.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS & WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT:**

Kevin McElynn reported that he made several submissions for The Volunteer magazine, and the website has been updated in recently. If anyone has anything either for the magazine or website, please contact him. Please use the [kmcelynn@gmail.com](mailto:kmcelynn@gmail.com) email address as there has been problems with the SNY email address. Also, the general membership minutes are available on the website for your reference.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

No Report.

#### **SAFETY OFFICERS:**

No Report.

#### **STEERING:**

No Report.

#### **WAYS & MEANS:** J. Wicks reported.

There will be a dark horse tonight.

#### **YOUTH FIREMATIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

1) Our last meeting was on November 24 th @ Bellmore FD. There were 131 Juniors in attendance

where Southern NY sponsored the meeting with speaker Heather Scally-Bartnik spoke the growing need for EMS. Christine Zahn from the NVFC also spoke at the meeting to everyone about the Council.

2) On Saturday November 16th we held our comedy show sponsored by Laughter Saved Lives. It

was held at the Jericho Fire Department and was a huge success. All proceeds will go towards

the NCJFA Training and education fund. We are currently looking to hold another one next November, details will follow in the spring.

3) The NCJFA will have a table at the Buff show in February, they will also be holding some different trainings for any junior that attend

4) On February 1 st , 16 Members from the Exchange program in Germany will be coming up to NY

for a meeting on planning their participation in the Camp in July and possibly going back to Germany in August of 2026.

5) Together with the FSA we will be hosting another online Essentials of Firefighting starting February 2 nd . There are still a few openings available, contact your advisor for more info or register on our app under trainings

6) On March 23 rd we will be hosting our 1st Annual EMS symposium and Conference at Uniondale

FD. There will be speakers, training sessions and representatives from local hospitals & Colleges

for Career opportunities. This is open to all Juniors in the Southern NY Area of all ages.

Information & registration is on our website and App under training.

7) On Saturday January 11th we will be hosting our 19 th annual Installation Dinner at NHP where

the 2025 Board will be sworn in.

8) The next meeting is tomorrow, Sunday January 5 th , at 10am at New Hyde Park FD.

#### **CHAPEL FUNDRAISING:**

No report.

Motion by C. DeStefano and seconded by J. Brigandi to accept the committee reports, MOTION CARRIED.

## **FASNY OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Director Krummenacker

- The State Controller asked FASNY to start training in financial business.
- He stated that many Benevolent officers are not doing their job properly. If anybody has any questions about anything 2% related, please contact Lee Tucholski, the Chairman of that committee.
- The IAFF is proposing changing the 2% guidelines. More to follow.
- With the new OSHA regulations being pushed, many Departments are going paid.
- Public comment period on OSHA 1910 has closed. Ray Maguire made a great presentation during the comment period.

Director Ottaviano:

- The FASNY inter Games are being held at Greek Peak again this year. Check website for details.
- He is looking for FASNY family to assist manning the booth at the upcoming Expo.
- Lobby Day is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **FIREMEN'S HOME:**

Trustee Ammirati reported the following.

- At this time, we are caring for 76 members at the home.
- Member Helen Tomlin passed away.
- Right now, there are 10 applications being processed.
- Firemen's Home challenge coins are available for \$10.00. See any trustee to order.

Trustee Sutton advised that everything was covered in Trustee Ammirati's report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Otto Kohlmier was welcomed back after recent surgery.
- Mike Baymack doing OK after knee surgery.
- Vinny Ammirati welcomed back after recent Knee surgery
- Steve Klein welcomed back after recent illness.
- Ex Vice President of FASNY Chan Rivera doing ok.
- Ed Schmidt reported that Karl Thuge is doing ok at home.

We had 3 members pass away since our last meeting. See Attached.

Next General Meeting will be on March 22, 2025 at Merrick Empire Hose 3. Next board meeting of the Association will be on February 18, 2025 at Glenwood FD. Members will have the opportunity to participate virtually.

Closing Prayer lead by J. Wicks

Motion for adjournment made by E. Schmidt and seconded by F Robinson at 8:58 p.m.,  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By.

**Kevin P. McElynn**

Kevin P. McElynn  
Secretary

## 2025 Installation Dinner

Friday May 30, 2025 –  
Cocktail Hour Begins at 7:00 pm  
Sit Down Dinner with Open Bar  
At  
The Nassau County Bar Association  
15<sup>th</sup> & West Streets  
Mineola, NY 11501  
Tickets - \$ 85.00 Per Person

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## ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Hosted By**

**Hagerman Fire Department  
510 Oakdale Avenue North  
Bellport, NY 11772**



**Convention begins with Rev. Vincent Kennedy Memorial Service  
5:00 pm**





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