



# LEBANON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Living Waters Chapel – 20 June 2020

The annual business meeting of the 98th Annual Convention of the Lebanon County Firefighters Association was called to order at 0900 hours with President Lee Spencer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the first verse of America. The Invocation was offered by Association Chaplain Pastor Chris Light.

President Spencer appointed Frank Ceresini, III and William Kale as Sergeants at Arms. The Address of Welcome was provided by Pastor Chris Light and the Response was offered by past president Kenneth Beam.

A roll call of officers and delegates was followed by the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting which was approved as read.

## Officer's Reports

- President Lee Spencer thanked all members for their support this past year and wished success to the new administration.
- Vice Presidents:
  - 1st VP Ken Rhoads, Jr: no report
  - 2nd VP William Kale: no report
- Recording Secretary: No Report
- Financial Secretary: Randy reported membership totals as 128 Beneficial, 33 Non-Beneficial and 265 life members for a total of 443 members. He reported in the year there were 4 new members and 11 recorded deaths of members. He also reported 21 members have non-payment status. His written report was submitted for these minutes.
- Treasurer Larry Helmuth summarized his monthly reports for March through May, submitting same for these minutes. On a motion by Randy Lebo and Frank Ceresini III to accept the treasurer's reports subject to audit. Motion carried.
- Trustees: The Trustee reported they met on June 15th and reviewed the contents in the safe. They read the list of items and submitted that list for these minutes.
- Fire Marshal: Trooper Janssen Herb reported that fire investigation activity was slow and he had no official report.

## Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: No report
- Auditing: Discussion on maintaining the committee or auditor.
- Publicity: No Report
- Memorial: The Memorial Committee reported that the service the previous evening was lightly attended.
- Membership: There were five membership applications to consider.
- Entertainment: The Entertainment Committee presented \$56.00 to the treasury from the 50/50 drawing of the day and made 3 prize drawings.
- Chiefs: No report



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- Fire Training, Facilities & Equipment: Jay Rhoads reported ladders were tested, some failed and will not be replaced; working with Bucks & HACC to get essentials running; companies are using the training site: and requests coming in for company burns.
- Awards: Chairman David Hull and President Lee Spencer presented the following awards:
  1. Eugene Moore Fire Chief of the Year Award, sponsored by Northern Lebanon Fire & Emergency Services was presented to Edward V. Berkheimer III of Citizens Fire Company No. 1, Palmyra
  2. The Attendance Award was presented to the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Myerstown.
  3. Certificate of Commendation were presented to the following:
    - Jeremy Leffler, Lebanon County DES
    - FF/EMT Dennis Martin, Prescott Community Fire Company
    - FF Thomas Scholl, Friendship Fire Company
    - EMT Jennifer Wentzel, Warwick EMS
    - FF Brent Zimmerman, Community Fire Company of Cornwall
    - FF Luke Zimmerman, Community Fire Company of Cornwall
    - FF Perry Gernert, Community Fire Company of Cornwall
- Nominating: Chairman Batz presented the following list of nominations for 2020/2021:
  - President – Kenneth J. Rhoads, Jr, Fredericksburg Fire Company -
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – William Kale, Union Steam Fire Company, Lebanon
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Lee Spencer, Ebenezer Fire Company
  - Recording Secretary – Barry Batz, Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
  - Asst. Recording Secretary – vacant
  - Financial Secretary – Randy Simmon, Neptune Fire Company, Richland
  - Asst. Financial Secretary – Arthur Wealand, Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company
  - Treasurer – Larry Helmuth, Chemical Fire Company, Lebanon
  - Asst. Treasurer – vacant
  - Chaplain – Pastor Chris Light, Ebenezer Fire Company
  - Asst. Chaplain – Mike Johnsen, Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
  - Trustee (city) 5 yr. term – Larry Stohler, Chemical Fire Company, LebanonPresident Spencer opened the floor for any additional nominations. Hearing none, Dave Hull and Jason Weikel made a motion to close the nominations. Motion carried.

In that there were no contested offices, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for all officers on a motion by Dave Hull, seconded by Jason Weikel. Motion carried.

## Special Committee reports

- Smokies: no report
- Foam: No report
- Website: Keeping website current, posting meeting schedule next week
- Honor Guard: Honor Guard presented the Colors for the Memorial Service
- Lebanon County DES: apparatus inspections will soon be completed.
- Convention Committee: lunch will be served after the meeting and convention books are still for sale.



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## Delegate's Reports

- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania: Ken Beam spoke about upcoming combination meeting Fire & Emergency Services Institute.
- Fire & Emergency Services Institute: Larry Stohler reported there was no recent meeting.

## Unfinished Business

Harrisburg Battalion Chief Floyd Wise presided over the Installation of Officers for the 2020/2021 term. They are as follows:

President	Kenneth J. Rhoads, Jr.	Fredericksburg Fire Company
1st Vice President	William Kale	Union Steam Fire Company
2nd Vice President	Lee Spencer	Ebenezer Fire Company
Recording Secretary	Barry L. Batz	Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
Assistant Recording Secretary	Vacant	
Financial Secretary	Randy Simmon	Neptune Fire Company, Richland
Assistant Financial Secretary	Arthur Wealand	Newmanstown Vol. Fire Company
Treasurer	Larry Helmuth	Chemical Fire Company, Lebanon
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant	
Chaplain	Pastor Chris Light	Ebenezer Fire Company
Assistant Chaplain	Mike Johnsen	Perseverance Fire Company, Jonestown
Trustee, 5 yr. term	Larry Stohler	Chemical Fire Company, Lebanon

The Convention Speaker, Battalion Chief Floyd Wise spoke for about 30 minutes on the merits of continuing training in the fire service.

On a motion by Mike Tribioli, seconded by Carl Bachman the Foam Account funds are to be transferred to the Fire School Account. Motion carried.

## New Business

Newly installed President Ken Rhoads first order was to call on past president Lee Spencer and present him with his Past President's pin.

On a motion by Arthur Wealand/Larry Stohler to accept 5 new applicants into membership. Motion approved.

On a motion by Randy Simmons, seconded by Mike Tribioli to pay the 2 death benefits. Motion approved.

Hazmat Chief Gary Verna reported on reimbursements on hazmat responses.

On a motion by Lee Spencer and a second by William Kale the following bills shall be paid:

Witmer Public Safety Group	998.73	Air Pack service/certification
V. R. Boltz	185.73	Classroom HVAC service
Clemsafe Safety Training	580.00	1st Aid/CPR
Heller Gas, Inc	135.45	Propane service for restroom
GFL Environmental	40.00	Dumper – Fire School
McGowen's Electronics	22.38	Fire school supplies
Met-Ed	112.86	Electric – Fire Training Center
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Lancaster Co Firemen's Assoc	1812.8	Essentials Books/Workbooks
Met-Ed	99.29	Electric – Fire Training Center
Fire Rescue Products	427.50	Hydro Test Air Cylinders
Zinn Insurance	892.00	Insurance Renewal
Larry Helmuth	143.88	Reimbursement – website hosting
Randy Simmon	220.75	Reimbursement – schedule printing
GFL Environmental	40.00	Dumpster – Fire School
Met-Ed	65.89	Electric – Fire Training Center
SLR Fire Services, Inc	1017.89	Annual Ladder Testing
Randy Simmon	161.00	Reimbursement – Postage
HACC2	85.00	Essentials – Intro to Fire Service
HACC	70.00	Essentials – Hazmat Awareness
Little Mountain Printing	1743.69	Convention Book
Staples	19.99	Envelopes for book mailing
Mel Hemperly	40.00	Memorial Service Bugler
Jeremy Buss	85.00	Memorial Service Bagpiper
Heisey's Diner	600.00	Convention Lunch
Edward Treat	1098.32	Convention Book Expenses

## **Roll Call of Companies & Past Presidents**

A roll call of companies resulted in 14 members and 11 past presidents representing 15 companies in attendance.

## **Announcement of Next Meeting Place**

The next regular meeting will be at Community Fire Company of Cornwall July 21, 2020 at 19:30 hours.

## **Good of the Association**

Mike Johnsen of Northern Lebanon Fire & Emergency Services reported that their apparatus dedication was postponed and will be rescheduled in the near future.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Carl Bachman/Dave Hull the meeting was adjourned until the 21st of July, 2020.

**Benediction:** Chaplain Chris Light led in the benediction as well as giving thanks for the upcoming meal.

## **Rising Vote of Thanks to the Host Company**

The members stood in a vote of appreciation to the convention committee for putting this convention together in such a short time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry L. Batz,  
Recording Secretary