

# LEBANON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Ebenezer Fire Company - 19 June 2021

The annual business meeting of the 99th Annual Convention of the Lebanon County Firefighters Association was called to order at 0900 hours with President Kenneth Rhoads, Jr 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 Rhoads appointed Theal Rhoads and Collen Rhoads as Sergeants at Arms. The Address of Welcome was provided by Ebenezer Fire Chief Mike Leonard and the Response was offered by past president Chuck Killian

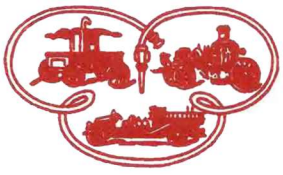
A roll call of officers and delegates was followed by the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

## **Officer's Reports**

- President Rhoads thanked all members for their support this past year and wished success to the new administration.
- Vice Presidents:
  - 1st VP William Kale: No report
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lee Spencer: announced lunch to be served at 11:30 am and Ebenezer apparatus housing to take place at 14:00 hours.
- Recording Secretary: received communication from the office of the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania welcoming everyone to the annual convention and thanking all firefighters for their service to their respective communities.
- Financial Secretary: Randy reported membership totals as 115 Beneficial, 28 Non-Beneficial and 275 life members for a total of 418 members. He reported in the year there were 12 new members and 9 recorded member deaths. He also reported 32 members have non-payment status. His written report was submitted for these minutes.
- Treasurer Larry Helmuth summarized his monthly report for May, submitting same for these minutes. On a motion by Dave Hull and Randy Lebo to accept the treasurer's reports subject to audit. Motion carried.
- Trustees: The Trustees reported they met on June 16th and reviewed the contents in the safe and checked the maze building. They read the list of items and submitted same 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: the Executive Committee met on May 2, 2021, 19:00 hours at Living Waters Chapel with members of Ebenezer Fire Company to finalize convention details. President Rhoads talked about future needs of the fire school grounds. Their report is part of these minutes.
- Auditing: Committee met on June 1, 2021, and found all financial records in order
- Publicity: No Report



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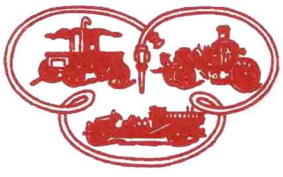
- Memorial: The Memorial Committee reported that they were pleased with the service the previous evening.
- Membership: There were six membership applications to consider. For beneficial membership: Ashton Faust, Kai Stoltzfus, Colby Johnson, and Ethan Sites were proposed. For non-beneficial membership: William Testerman and Preston Slee were proposed.
- Entertainment: The Entertainment Committee presented \$135.00 to the treasury from the 50/50 drawing of the day and made 5 prize drawings.
- Chiefs: No report
- Fire Training, Facilities & Equipment: Jay reported that training classes are posted.
- Awards: Chairman David Hull and President Kenneth Rhoads presented the following awards:
  1. Eugene Moore Fire Chief of the Year Award, sponsored by Northern Lebanon Fire & Emergency Services was presented to David R. Dugan II of Citizens Fire Company No. 1, Palmyra.
  2. The Attendance Award was presented to the Perseverance Fire Company of Jonestown.
  3. Certificate of Valor Commendation were presented to the following:
    - Lt. James Bamberger of Citizens Fire Company #1, Palmyra
    - Capt. Collin Rhoads of Ebenezer Fire Company, North Lebanon Twp.
    - Chief Engineer/FF John Simmers of Ebenezer Fire Company, North Lebanon Twp.
  4. Frank G. Ceresini, Sr. Distinguished Fire Service Award sponsored by the Chemical Engine & Insurance Patrol Co. #1 was presented to William Yeagley of the Chemical Engine & Insurance Patrol Company #1.
  5. Firefighter of the Year Award presented to Truck Captain Noah Simmers of the Ebenezer Fire Company, North Lebanon Twp.
- Nominating: No report

## **Special Committee reports**

- Smokies: Ceresini/Bachman motion to disband the smokies organization and transfer their funds into the convention fund. Motion carried.
- Website: Keeping website current, posting meeting schedule next week
- Honor Guard: Honor Guard presented the Colors for the Memorial Service
- Lebanon County Dept. of Emergency Services: No Report
- Convention Committee: lunch will be served after the meeting

## **Delegate's Reports**

- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania: Ken Beam & Steve Shenk spoke about upcoming state association convention in Limerick
- Fire & Emergency Services Institute: No Report



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## Unfinished Business

Franklin County fire instructor Jay Sharp presided over the Installation of Officers for the 2021/2022 term. They are as follows:

President	William Kale	Union Steam Fire Company, Lebanon
1st Vice President	Lee Spencer	Ebenezer Fire Company
2nd Vice President	Vacant	
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	Matthew Zechman	Cleona Fire Company
Trustee, 5 yr. term (NW)	Ronald Miller	Ebenezer Fire Company
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Ebenezer Fire Chief Leonard introduced speaker Jay Sharp, Franklin County fire instructor who spoke on members of the fire service setting the example, mentorship, and leadership.

## New Business

Newly installed President Bill Kale's first order was to present Jay Rhoads with his Past President's pin.

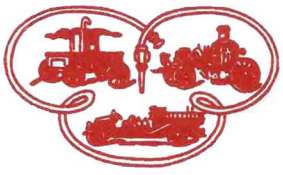
Moved by Arthur Wealand seconded by Jason Weikel to accept 6 new applicants into membership.

Motion approved.

On a motion by Larry Helmuth/Randy Lebo to close the Wagner MM account into the Wagner investment account. Motion carried.

On a motion by Carl Bachman/Dave Hull to accept Cornwall Community Fire Company verbal request to host the 2023 convention on provision we receive an official request letter. Motion carried.

Moved by Larry Helmuth seconded by William Yeagley to provide Jay Rhoads a \$250 gift in appreciation for his untiring work at the fire training center. Motion carried.



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On a motion by Larry Helmuth/William Yeagley to provide speaker Jay Sharp a \$100 gift for his time this morning as speaker. Motion carried.

Discussion on rehab pavilion at fire training grounds and Jay Rhoads volunteered to get quotes.

On a motion by Frank Ceresini III/Randy Lebo the following bills shall be paid:

HACC	375.00	Vehicle Rescue Operations
Woodland Contractors, Inc	1,296.27	Hydrant Replacement
HACC	2,475.00	Essentials Classes (5)
GFL Environmental	75.00	Dumpster Fire School
U.S. Postal Service	146.00	PO Box- I year
Staples	15.54	Awards
Met-Ed	65.75	Electric- Fire Training Center

## Roll Call of Companies & Past Presidents

A roll call of companies resulted in 21 members and 12 past presidents representing 15 companies in attendance

## Announcement of Next Meeting Place

The next regular meeting will be at Lawn Fire Company, July 20, 2021.

## Good of the Association

## Adjournment

On a motion by Jason Weikel/Frank Ceresini III the meeting was adjourned until the 20st of July, 2021.

**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 host, Ebenezer Fire Company

Respectfully submitted,

Barry L. Batz,  
Recording Secretary