



# LEBANON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Ebenezer Fire Company – 16 June 2018

The business meeting of the 96th Annual Convention of the Lebanon County Firefighters Association was called to order at 0900 hours at the Ebenezer Fire Company Station with President Jason Weikel presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the first verse of America. The Invocation was offered by Chaplin Reverend Chris Light

President Weikel appointed Noah Simmers and Laura Muckenfuss as Sergeants At Arms. The Address of Welcome was provided by Lee Spencer, President of the Ebenezer Fire Company, and the Response offered by Frank Ceresini, III.

A roll call of officers and delegates was taken. In the absence of the secretary there were no minutes from the last meeting.

## **Officer's Reports**

- President Jason Weikel: President Weikel thanked all the members and officers for their assistance during his year as President.
- Vice Presidents:
  - 1st VP Carl Bachman: Carl noted that he is finishing up his committee assignments for the following year and will post on the website when completed.
  - 2nd VP Frank Ceresini, III: No Report
  - 3rd VP Lee Spencer: No Report
  - 4th VP: Vacant
- Recording Secretary: Absent
- Financial Secretary Randolph Simmon: Reported membership for the year June 2017 to May 2018 at 126 Beneficial, 34 Non-Beneficial and 285 life members for a total of 445. He also reported in the year there were 34 new members and 8 recorded deaths of members. He also reported 29 members have non-payment status. His written report was submitted for these minutes.
- Treasurer Larry Helmuth read his monthly report for May, submitting the same for these minutes. On a motion by Frank Ceresini, III and a second by Lee Spencer, the report given by the Treasurer shall be accepted subject to audit
- Trustees: The Trustee reported they had met and reviewed the items in the safe. They read the list of items in the safe and submitted that list for these minutes.
- Fire Marshal: Michael Tribioli presented his yearly report and reported 16 investigations: 1 Accidental Vehicle Fire, 1 Incendiary Vehicle Fire, 3 Incendiary Structure Fires, 5 Accidental Structure Fire, and 6 Undetermined Structure Fires for the year June 2017-May 2018. He also reported 1 Undetermined Structure Fire for the month of May. He submitted written reports for these minutes.

## **Committee Reports**

- Executive Committee: Chairman David Hull reported that the Executive Committee met on May 21, 2018 at the Fire Training Center classroom. He reviewed the discussions of the Committee and submitted a written report for these minutes. The next Executive Committee meeting will be June 21 at the Fire Training Center classroom under the Chairmanship of Jason Weikel.
- Fire Education: No report



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- Auditing: The Auditing Committee met with the Treasurer on June 7 and reviewed his financial records. They reported finding all records in order and submitted a written report for these minutes.
- Publicity: No Report
- Memorial: The Memorial Committee reported that the service the previous evening has gone well.
- Membership: There were no membership applications to consider.
- Entertainment: The Entertainment Committee presented \$109.00 to the treasury from the 50/50 drawing of the day and made numerous prize drawings of cash and prizes donated to the Association.
- Chiefs: No report
- Fire Training, Facilities & Equipment: Charles Killian reported that Spring Essentials has been completed, that the old bathroom has been demolished with construction starting on the new one. He submitted a written report for these minutes.
- Awards: Chairman David Hull presented the following awards:
  1. Frank G. Ceresini, Sr. Distinguished Fire Service Award sponsored by the Chemical Engine & Insurance Patrol Co. No.1 was presented Karen Lynch of the Mt. Gretna Community Volunteer Fire Company.
  2. Executive Citation was presented to Ronald Miller in recognition of his years of service to his home fire company, Ebenezer Fire Company, and to the Association.
  3. Emergency Services Award was presented to Reverend Charles Walker of Citizen's Fire Company of Palmyra.
  4. The Attendance Award was presented to the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Myerstown.
- Nominating: No report

## **Special Committee reports**

- Smokies: The Smokies are meeting again in October.
- Foam: No report
- Website: No report
- Honor Guard: Honor Guard presented the Colors for the Memorial Service
- By-Laws Committee: No report
- Convention Committee: No report

## **Delegate's Reports**

- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania: Ernie Rohan from the PA Firemen spoke at length regarding legislative issues in Pennsylvania.
- Southeastern Firemen's Association: No report
- Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute: No report



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## Unfinished Business

Robert Meyers presided over the Installation of Officers for the 2018-2019 term. They are:

President	Carl Bachman	Perseverance Fire Co. of Jonestown
1st Vice President	Vacant	
2nd Vice President	Lee Spencer	Ebenezer Fire Company
3rd Vice President	Vacant	
4th Vice President	Vacant	
Recording Secretary	Chris Barto	Annville-Cleona Fire District
Assistant Recording Sec.	Randy Lebo	Hook and Ladder, Lebanon
Financial Secretary	Randy Simmon	Neptune Fire Co.
Assistant Financial Secretary	Arthur Wealand	Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Co
Treasurer	Larry Helmuth	Chemical Fire Co
Asst. Treasurer	Vacant	
Chaplin	Pastor Chris Light	Ebenezer Fire Co.
Assistant Chaplain	Ronald Miller	Ebenezer Fire Co.
Fire Marshal	Michael A. Tribioli	Community Fire Co. of Cornwall
Deputy Fire Marshal	Charles L. Killian, Jr	Rescue Fire Co.
Assistant Fire Marshal	Darlene Mindler	Quentin Fire Co.
Trustee, 5-year term	Jason Weikel	Annville-Cleona Fire District

## New Business

On a motion by Frank Ceresini, III, seconded by Brad Smith, a motion to present a change in Constitution and By-Laws changing the sectors from which representative officers are elected passed and procedurally was tabled till the July meeting.

A motion by Larry Helmuth, seconded by Michael Tribioli, authorized the Treasurer to close the investment account with Fisher Financial and open an investment account with Northwest Advisors.

On a motion by Randy Simmons, seconded by David Hull, the death benefit for Anthony Ficco was approved.

On a motion by Frank Ceresini, III, seconded by Jay Rhoads, the Association approved a Convention Committee to plan and host the June 2019 County Convention. President Bachman appointed Jay Rhoads, Edward Treat, Larry Helmuth, and Frank Ceresini, III to that Committee.

On a motion by Jason Weikel, seconded by David Hull, the Association voted authorization of funds to purchase additional "Past Presidents" pins.

A motion by Jay Rhoads, seconded by Darlene Mindler to accept a pumper/tanker apparatus from the now closed Camp Strauss Fire Company was tabled till July's meeting on a motion by LeRoy Leach, seconded by Larry Helmuth.



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On a motion by Frank Ceresini, III and a seconded by Jason Weikel the following bills shall be paid:

Taylor Smith	100.00	Burn Facilitator
William Yeagley	500.00	Essentials Classes Coordinator
HACC	575.00	Essentials - Fireground Support
Walter's Portable Toilets	195.04	Porta-Potty Fire Grounds
G & L Trophies	243.65	Convention Awards
U.S. Postal Service	96.00	PO Box - 1 Year
Met-Ed	55.89	Electric – Firegrounds

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

A roll call of companies resulted in 39 persons representing 15 companies in attendance.

## **Announcement of Next Meeting Place**

The next regular meeting will be at Rescue Fire Company, Lebanon, July 17, 2018 at 19:30 hours.

## **Good of the Association**

The convention speaker, Representative Russ Diamond spoke to the organization of the importance of the volunteer fire service, the value to the community they provide, and the need for recruitment and retention among the volunteer ranks.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Jason Weikel and a second by Lee Spencer the meeting was adjourned until the 17th of July. 2018.

**Benediction:** Chaplin 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 Ebenezer Fire Company for hosting the 2018 Lebanon County Firemen's Convention.