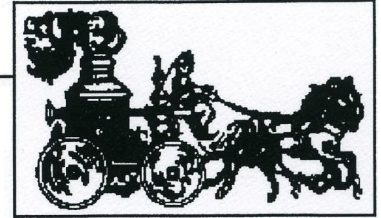


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING -MARCH 9, 2023

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

The minutes were e-mailed out to all members. Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by Gil Senger to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Radio system update:
 - Battalion 2- portable and mobiles are complete.
 - Battalion 1- portables and some mobiles are complete.
 - Battalion 4- portables, ready to go online Monday at 8 am.
 - Battalion 3 - scheduled to go online on April 3.Installation in trucks is taking time. In the meantime departments should use portables.
- Tech Rescue truck has been purchased. It will be lettered and be stored on Wayne Street.
- Training schedule has been posted on the county website. To register you have to use the state LMS System.
- Spring Smoke Divers Class will be April 15 and 16. The class is full and there is a waiting list. This class has been run by the Chiefs' Association since the early 1980s.
- There was a question about the new radio system. Have there been problems? Jerry Launt advised that it has gone pretty smoothly. A few things have been changed. Will we need to buy more radios? We are not sure at this time.
- There was a question as to whether Pennsylvania fire departments, who often do mutual aid with Broome County, can access the radio system. Chuck Rogers said he will help the PA fire departments get portables for mutual aid calls. There is no official state agreement but PA and NY fire departments work together quite often.

HAZ MAT:

Noted that for a haz mat call in Pennsylvania it would be easier for these departments to call Broome County's haz mat team rather than calling for one in their state which would have to travel quite a distance to get there.

The County haz mat team could also use some new members. They now have buckets to store lithium batteries that are overheating.

BYLAWS: A couple of minor changes were made to the bylaws.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Fire safety trailer will be in service soon. If you would like to use please contact Alice Fiacco. We are still trying to find a new tow vehicle for the trailer.

LEGISLATURE: Two legislators were in attendance. The Legislature recently approved a 10% tax credit on County taxes for EMS and fire volunteers. This is intended to be a recruitment and retention tool for volunteers.

Currently you can take either this credit or the \$200 income tax credit. Currently talking to local municipalities and school districts to encourage them to opt-in to this program. Village of Port Dickinson Is looking at doing this. School taxes are usually the biggest tax bill so getting the schools to participate would be helpful. You must be an "active" volunteer and property owner to get the discount.

Scott Baker advised that the Legislature needs to look to the future. The number of volunteers will likely keep decreasing so at some point we may have to have career and volunteers work together on a regular basis. Need to look at costs involved with volunteers supplementing their response with career firefighters. It would be good for the county to start to looking to the future of fire protection.

RECRUITMENT DAY: This is coming up in April. Looking to do some promotion with local media with information on radio and tv.

Campville Fire Department has a public service announcement on television which includes information about volunteering. This ad has been on television almost daily.

SPECIAL TEAMS: No report.

LINK FIELD: Have more flights flying out of the airport.

CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE: No report.

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC: At the last meeting we had a haz mat demo. They are still selling "Save Around" books.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: They are working on changes to FAST team SOGs. Next meeting is April 6 at Conklin Fire.

NYS AFC: 81 people attended the seminar with Mike Ciampo at Susquehanna Valley High School. F.I.R.E. 2023 is in Syracuse, June 14-17.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: Have a meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Two minor changes to the bylaws including changing the date of the annual meeting from December to March. Motion by Nick Griswold, second by Gil Senger to approve the bylaw changes. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Vice-chair Bill Gorman took over the meeting.

Nominations for chair: Nick Griswold nominated Tom Giblin. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood for the Secretary to cast one ballot for Tom Giblin for Chairperson. Carried.

Chairperson Tom Giblin took over the meeting.

Nominations for Vice-chair: Rob Brady nominated Bill Gorman. Motion by Scott Baker, second by Nick Griswold for the Secretary to cast one ballot for Bill Gorman for Vice-Chair. Carried.

Nominations for Secretary: Rob Brady nominated Alice Fiacco. Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by Rob Brady for the President to cast one ballot for Alice Fiacco for Secretary. Carried.

Next meeting is May 11 at 7 pm.

Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice J. Fiacco

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Secretary

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Joe Insewold	BCFC
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JERRY LAUNT	OES
GIL SENGEL	BCFFA
KYLE FERRARO	BCFCA
Mike Redding	BCFFA
Rob BRADY	BCFFA
Alice Fiaco	BCFA
TOM GIBLIN	BCFCA
Robert Wessler	Legislature
Nick Griswold	BCFFA