

General Meeting 9-23-26 Tappan NY

Meeting called to order by President Chiodo at 7:30pm

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence

Roll call: Tony Chiodo, George Heflich, John Heflich, Pete Briscoe, John Schwedhelm, Pete Fenske, Al Epstein, Bob Brondi, Pat Pertollo, Al Hoffman, John Giannuzzi. Gary excused for his father's death.

Correspondence: Neil Carroll requested the clothing bin and the Train Station in River Edge be removed asap. The President will talk on that.

President Chiodo: As stated, the River Edge Fire Department demanded we have the clothing bin at the Train Station removed asap, since we aren't giving out burnout cards anymore. I sent an email to Neil Carroll stating that as a Past President of this Association, it is a very poor decision he made knowing the money goes to Scholarships and the death benefit. He should help the Association instead of hurting it.

I contacted H&M and they were going to remove it as soon as their lift truck was operating.

1st Vice President George Heflich: Explained his flight was delayed. He said we need to get more Towns involved. At the meeting I was at the Passaic Fire Chief there saying the County and City won't hire new members, so he depends on the Volunteers. I am honored that Secaucus is naming a Park after me for 66 Years of service.

2nd Vice President John Heflich: John asked about the bins and the locations if we know where they are at? Pete Briscoe explained that the list got smaller than it was years ago. A discussion was going on and moved to new business.

Treasure Briscoe: Collected \$15.00 for the Signal ads. Account #4331 closing balance \$48246.51. Account #4083576600 Balance \$55,699.57. Account #3243677700 Balance \$56,934.96. Account #3901 Balance \$6074.93. Account #2217 Balance \$2229.99. Account # 2217 expenses \$1142.05, leaves a balance of \$1087.94.

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There is a CD coming up, we have made \$1100.00 so far. We have a new Storage location in Norwood for \$44.00 a Month. Our tax return is completed. H&M owes us \$4500.00. Received a couple of dues. Motion by Bob Brondi, 2nd Al Hoffman to accept the report.

Financial Secretary Schwedhelm: Sent out about 100 letters for dues to Departments and received 4 back with dues. Not everyone is interested in paying dues anymore.

Scholarship: Al Hoffman said October 8 the Committee will meet to discuss the changes that will be made. We picked the 8th so Donald can be there, because we need his input for the Website. The guidelines and applications will be on the site. The application timeline is January 1st to April 1st. If post marked 00 April 2nd, the application will not be eligible.

Awards Committee: Jerry isn't here yet. Al said we want to do the same as the Scholarship with the deadline as April 1st and application on the Website. For an award, there needs to be a news clipping, letter from the Chief and any other information pertaining to the incident.

Fundraising: Bob Brondi asked for \$100.00 for the game of chance. Will be under new business.

Website: Donald is doing a great job getting it updated. He will put whatever we want to put in it. Give him the updated forms we want to use.

New Business: A motion to give Bob Brondi the Check for the game of chance for \$100.00 by Al Hoffman, 2nd John Giannuzzi.

Tony Chiodo said the new Letterhead he made needs one correction that Bob Brondi said was wrong. I had Box number instead of Suite. That will be corrected. Tony said he couldn't make all the changes because when Rich Neerhout made them, he used a special program. He gave it to his son Jonathan and his Co-Worker made the corrections.

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Bob Brondi made a motion for the Association to send a thank you letter to Tappan for the use of the Firehouse on short notice and make a \$100.00 donation. 2nd Al Epstein.

A discussion to allowing other than Bergen and Rockland Counties join the Association. The By-Laws state it can be done. A motion by Al Hoffman and 2nd by Al Epstein to accept all applications according to the By-Laws.

Al Epstein said at meetings, we don't talk anything about New York as much as we do New Jersey. If we talked about New York as much, maybe more New York members will attend. New York is raising tax relief from \$200.00 to \$800.00

John Schwedhelm stated that 40 members haven't paid their dues in over 3 Years and he is going to send them letters of removal if they don't pay up to date.

Motion by John Hoffman 2nd by John Heflich for adjournment at 8:15pm