

**NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
APRIL 28, 2023
RIVER EDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT, RIVER EDGE, NJ**

Meeting called to order by 1st Vice-President B. Hennig at 2010 hours. Flag salute led by 2nd Vice-President A. Chiodo. Invocation given by Chaplain W. Drew. Fire Chief Greg Cariddi of the River Edge FD welcomed everyone to his firehouse for the meeting.

Attendance: 1st Vice-President B. Hennig, 2nd Vice-President A. Chiodo, Secretary R. Weyer, Asst. Secretary N. Naylis, Treasurer G. Saigh, Asst. Treasurer A. Silverman and Financial Secretary J. Schwedhelm. Sergeant-at-Arms R. Ryan and Chaplain W. Drew. Trustees G. Cerbasi, P. Conner, P. Fenske, F. Gluckler, and J. Richardson.

Secretary's report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the last general meeting.

Guest speaker: Joe Biggy and Danny Perez spoke on the Juvenile Fire Prevention Program and what it does and what it takes to join their group.

President's report: R. DeYoung was absent but his report was read by 1st Vice-President B. Hennig who stated the Memorial Service and Convention are coming up and all hands are needed at these two events to make sure everything runs as planned.

1st Vice-president's report: B. Hennig went over the dates for upcoming meetings and reported 2024 only has two openings needing hosts and they are the months of April and September. He stated two important events are coming up - on May 21st in Mahwah for the annual Memorial Service and June 2nd in Lyndhurst for the annual Convention. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

2nd Vice-president's report: A. Chiodo reported the NJ/NY has purchased its own PA system to be used at events sponsored by this organization. The by-laws have been updated and any changes will be gone over by the E-Board before final approval by the general membership. He thanked President DeYoung for everything he has done for the NJ/NY during the past six years as he rose up in the ranks. A. Chiodo also thanked trustee F. Gluckler, treasurer G. Saigh, and Asst. Treasurer A. Silverman for their long term commitments to their positions in the NJ/NY.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer G. Saigh read his report. A motion to accept it was made, seconded, and approved.

Financial secretary's report: J. Schwedhelm read his report. He stated a total of \$150 in company dues and \$690 in personal dues was received since the last meeting and there is a lot of outstanding dues still owed. He asked everyone to please pay what they owe and if any of the members' fire company's haven't paid their dues, please do so. He has taken in \$4,420 compared to last year at this time of \$3,560.

Fund raising: A. Chiodo stated he received a \$1,000 check to be used strictly for the burn out gift cards the NJ/NY provides when a family gets burned out from a fire. The contributor of the money asks the members of the NJ/NY patronize the Runway Diner or Fairway Eats once in a while.

Bergen County Fire Academy: P. Conner stated the road coming into the Academy has been named after the late Larry Rauch and the revealing ceremony was a great emotional event. Rauch's children were present and very appreciative their father was honored this way. P. Conner stated the new construction up there is finished and now work is being done on the six bay garage. A new pumper has been ordered and a ladder truck may be donated.

Bergen County Fire Prevention Association: A. Silverman reported everyone is still waiting for the Governor to sign the 2018 Fire Code, and when he does, it will be the most up to date Code to follow.

National Volunteer Fire Council: G. Heflich stated the NVFC is looking for members and joining this worthwhile organization has many benefits.

Bergen County Firemen's Home Association: G. Heflich reported between \$12,000 - \$20,000 per year is spent for entertainment, parties and gifts for the 72 residents in the Home so that is why it is so critical all fire companies make a yearly donation to the Home Association. He reported things are finally getting better with management in the Home which is a plus. Lastly, he let everyone know that yesterday was F. Gluckler's 98 birthday!

Trustee's report: P. Conner stated there are two open trustee positions that need to be filled but you must be willing to do the work that comes with the position before you submit your name for consideration.

G. Saigh stated there are 12 applications for scholarships that have come in for consideration. The winners will be introduced at the Convention.

G. Saigh stated clothing bins are sorely needed throughout Bergen County to help increase our treasury with the revenue they bring in. Speak to President DeYoung if you are interested in getting a bin in your town.

Nominations of Officers: P. O'Conner opened the polls and called for nominations.
President - B. Hennig was nominated - no other nominations.

1st Vice-President - A. Chiodo was nominated - no other nominations.

2nd Vice-President - R. Neerhout was nominated - no other nominations.

Secretary - Rosemary Weyer was nominated - no other nominations.

Asst. Secretary - Nancy Naylis was nominated - no other nominations.

Treasurer - P. Brisco was nominated - no other nominations.

Asst. Treasurer - P. DeVries was nominated - no other nominations.

Financial Secretary - John Schwedhelm was nominated - no other nominations.

Asst. Financial Secretary - J. Guenther was nominated - no other nominations.

Trustees - T. McCoy and R. Brondi nominated for 2 openings - no other nominations.

Sergeant-at-Arms - R. Ryan was nominated - no other nominations.

As there were no other nominations, P. Conner called for the polls to be closed.

New Business: Secretary Weyer read the names of two people who are joining the NJ/NY, namely, Sean Reiner of Moonachie and Matthew Bondi of Northvale. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept these applicants.

2nd Vice-President A. Chiodo stated that Park Row Hose Company #3 in Wallington is celebrating their 100th anniversary on June 10, 2023 and they would like the NJ/NY to take out an ad in their journal. 1st Vice-President B. Hennig asked if the Association would like to take out an ad. F. Gluckler made a motion to take out a full page ad at a cost of \$100. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adjournment: Sergeant-at-Arms R. Ryan reported there were 49 people in attendance tonight and he gave the vote of thanks to the River Edge FD for hosting this meeting. A closing prayer was offered by Chaplain W. Drew. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Weyer, Secretary (recorded the minutes)
Nancy Naylis, Asst. Secretary (typed the minutes)