

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 21, 2021
NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NEW MILFORD, NJ COMPANY #2

Meeting called to order by VP Bryan Hennig at 1745 hours. Flag salute led by 2nd VP Anthony Chiodo. Invocation led by Chaplain William Drew.

Attendance: VP Hennig ,2nd VP Chiodo, Secretary R. Weyer, Asst. Secretary N. Naylis, Treasurer G. Saigh, Chaplain Drew. Trustees: A. Blackwell, P. Conner, T. McCoy, G. Naylis. Past presidents P. Devries, N. Carroll.

Secretary Weyer reported she corrected the spelling errors from the Hillcrest, NY meeting.

President's report: R. DeYoung sent a message thanking the following people: B. Hennig for chairing tonight's meeting; R. Weyer for running the dinner at Andiamo's and he thanked the membership, family and friends for supporting the dinner outing; the awards committee for the outstanding presentation done at the Hillcrest, NY meeting. He asked for prayers for the health and safety of our members that are ill, and lastly, hopes the snowboarding fundraiser can be held again next year at Campgaw to raise money for the scholarship program.

1st Vice President's report: B. Hennig stated it is good to see everyone and he hopes all ill members are recovering well. He thanked P. Conner for the amazing job he did with the awards ceremony in Hillcrest, NY but he would have liked to see more Rockland County members in attendance. He reported upcoming NJ/NY meetings for 2022 are all scheduled in firehouses but there are four spots vacant in 2023.

2nd Vice President's report: A. Chiodo reported guest speakers are scheduled for most NJ/NY meetings in 2022 but we still need to get one for September, October, and November's meetings.

Trustees report: G. Naylis reported NJSFA president Robert Ordway informed him that scammers are scamming first responders regarding the Capt. Buscio program. Make sure you attend the Buscio physical in the four designated locations for the program and nowhere else. Naylis stated the pink and blue copies are due into the State office but 35 towns from Bergen County have not been turned in yet. If they are not turned in, the members will not get reimbursed for their attendance at the Wildwood Convention. An audit of this years' local relief associations was conducted; all but one town showed up and had their books audited. A proposal to up the home health care benefit paid by the Relief Association is going from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for members and from \$600 up to \$2,000 for a member's spouse. The Firemen's Home is in need of more memory care beds. Anyone can go to the Home as long

as they have one year of service and there are about 100,000 people eligible for the home right now!

Treasurer's report: G. Saigh read his report and it was approved.

Old Business: G. Saigh reported that J. Schwedhelm did not make this meeting as he fell and was in the hospital getting X-rays. N. Carroll reported the fire academy is still undergoing some new construction. G. Saigh reports *The Signal* newsletter should be out November 1st. He also stated the NJ/NY website cannot be accessed or changed without the password and he is having trouble getting it from the Web master so a new site may have to be set up. The Bergen County Fire Chief's meeting is in Cresskill on December 13, 2021. G. Naylis stated the snowtubing is a go for February 3, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. up at Campgaw. G. Naylis spoke to an attorney regarding changing the NJ/NY Volunteer Firemen's Association name to Firefighter's Association but the cost would be between \$10,000 - \$20,000 and we don't have funds to support the change so the name will be staying the same.

New Business: P. DeVries reported he has other eating establishments lined up for dining out like we did at Andiamo's where the NJ/NY would get 10% of the food profits for the night. R. Weyer is looking at Barnes and Noble for the same type of deal but with books. G. Saigh asked the secretary to write a thank you letter to both Scott Graphics and Andiamo's for the work they put into making the dinner night out a success. R. Weyer stated \$300 was made from Andiamo's for that night! P. Conner stated the Spring Valley FD will be the color guard for the NJ/NY Memorial Service next May. P. Conner stated the mother of Jared Lloyd, the LODD from Hillcrest, NY asked if she could attend our memorial service and he will get in touch with her. He stated Mrs. Lloyd was extremely thankful for the honors bestowed on her son and grandsons at the awards ceremony held in Hillcrest, NY.

Good and Welfare: R. Weyer stated she is recovering nicely from her foot injury; G. Naylis stated he is getting stronger since finishing treatments and is back to full duty; N. Carroll reports he is suffering from cellulitis that has spread up under his kneecap; A. Blackwell reports he is in a holding pattern for a month and must have another bone marrow test done. G. Naylis reports the Holiday Lights Parade will be held on December 19th in Bergenfield for those interested in participating or watching.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1845 hours. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Weyer - Secretary (recorded the minutes)

Nancy Naylis - Assistant Secretary (typed the minutes)