

**Quarterly Meeting April 14th, 2010  
Ghent VFW**

Meeting called to order by the President of the Association Darin Lanphear from Ghent Fire Company at 7:30 p.m. President Lanphear lead us in Allegiance to the Flag. Invocation by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President MacArthur from Ancram. Welcome came from Past President Wilber from Ghent. Roll call of Officers, Directors, Past Presidents and Past Officers was called by the Recording Secty. And the following were present.

President	Darin Lanphear	<b>Past Presidents</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	James MacArthur	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.		Kenneth Wilber
Recording Secty.	Jeffrey French	
Finical Secty.	James Coons	George Harp
Treasure	Bradlee Webster	Jeffrey French
Director	Craig Haigh	Dave Chapman
Director	Peter Hunter	Mark Sheline
Director	Steve Montie	Angelo Nero
Director	Henry Swartz	William Blaauw
Director		Bernard Kellher
Director	Laura Forster	Mark French
Chaplain		Henry Swartz
Past Tres.		Bradlee Webster
Past Tres.		Eugene Browning
		John Blaauw
		Richard VanDuesen

Minutes from the last Directors meeting were read. Motion made J. Blaauw from Philmont to accept and second by Dais from Ancram. Carried

**Treasure report** Treasure Webster reported that the General Balance stands at \$20,291.16 as of 4/14/10. Included in this balance are the red hat account of \$152.00, clothing bins of \$17,252.00 and the money market account of \$10,276.43 Motion made by McKay from Chatham to accept seconded by Director Montie. Carried report is attached to the minutes

**Financial Secty. Coons** Membership stands at 475 for the year 2009-10. Remember too all companies that their dues are due to the Association before July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2010. After that dues go up to \$5.00. All dues card were passed out to companies in attendance, the rest will be mailed out. Jim announced that he will not be a candidate for Financial Secty. This coming year has he will be finishing his 15<sup>th</sup> year. Motion to accept by Director Haigh, seconded by Past Pres. Harp. Carried

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**Correspondence:** FASNY and Hudson Valley news. Fire Advisory Board minutes January 20th

**Red Hat Collection:** \$191.00 collected

**Roll Call:** Company roll call was called by the Recording Secty. The Finical Secty., Treasure and the Recording Secty. Recorded the counts. Top three are Ancram 17, Philmont 11, and Mellenville 10. The following are the top three for awards given on at Convention. Philmont 32 \$125.00, Mellenville 29 \$75.00 and Ancram 22 \$50.00.

**Guest Speaker:** Don Fisher from OFP and a member of the Red Rock Fire Co. spoke on the rescue rope. Train in the proper way and make sure your SOP's are up to date. If fire District has over two story buildings this rescue rope is a must to have, with OSCA. Inspection teams are out in the field visiting fire companies.

**Committee reports:**

**2010 Yearbook:** Yearbook Chairman Tom Dais from Ancram reported that May 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the book, \$12,000 so far in from ads.

**2010 Convention:** Chris Brennan parade chairman reported on behalf of the committee. June 1<sup>st</sup> is deadline for parade invites to be in. 1<sup>st</sup> session will be held at the Kline Kill Airport, 2<sup>nd</sup> session Ghent VFW. All info will be mailed out.

**Fund Raising:** Director Foster reported that July 23<sup>rd</sup> is deadline for raffle tickets, drawing will be held July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Haz Mat Team:** no report

**Coordinator Report:** Coordinator VanDeusen, May 7<sup>th</sup> a full battalion meeting will be held in Chatham. Two Firefighter I classes going on, Coordinator class was held over this past weekend which he attended. Lots of new things coming out. Fire Police School will be set up soon.

**Cause and Origin Team:** If fire companies would like training with the team they are able to do that. Bill Hunt reported that Paul Rideout from Chatham is now a member of the team

**By-laws:** no report

**Fire Advisory Board:** Director Swartz reported the next meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fire Chiefs Association:** no report

**Cty. Fire Police:** Wilson McKay reported that the County Fire Police will have their next meeting in Old Chatham May 13<sup>th</sup>, and July 8<sup>th</sup> in Copake.

**County Ladies Auxiliary:** no report

**Clothing Bins:** 49 bins out, Still trying to contact the bin company on cleaning up around the bins. Fire companies can take not wanted items to the county transfer stations there will be no charge. Letter was sent to the bin company asking for better sign's on the bins.

**Legislative:** Past Pres. Chapman reported still no state budget. NYS Health Bill was passed by both the Senate and the Assembly. Waiting for the Governor to sign.

**Poster and essay contest:** no report

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**Past Presidents Dinner** Past President VanDeusen reported 63 attended and the cost for each association Fire Chiefs and Firefighters came to \$96.00.

**Introduction of Guest:** Past President Chapman introduced the 17 guest. Hudson Valley 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Vinny Galvin introduced his Officers, Vice President of FASNY Joe Kelly told the membership that FASNY will be active in getting volunteer firefighters registered to vote this fall. 23 were laid off at the Firemen's Home due to a budget cut. FASNY is hoping that they can be rehired. A new form is ready to be used for any fire or non fire active on the firemen's home grounds.

**Unfinished Business:** Director Montie turned in the final report for the 2009 raffle. Total profit \$1,684.00. Report is attached to the minutes.

**New Business:** With the recommendation from the Officers and Director's to endorse the following for HVVFA Officers Vinnie Galvin for President, Delbe Spath 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Marilyn Schrader for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Duncan Wilson for Director and Hudson/Mohawk Wilson McKay for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Motion was made by Director Swartz to endorse and seconded by Jim VanDeusen. Carried

**Company Announcements.** Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> Hudson Fire central station dinner, 4/24 Ghent BBQ to benefit Chatham Jr. Class, 4/25 Stuyvesant 50<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef dinner, 4/25 Mellenville BBQ, 5/8 the Red Knights Chapter 29 will hold a 50 mile ride.

**Benediction:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President MacArthur offered benediction and asked for a monument of silence for Past President Charles W. Rothermel, and for two volunteer's firefighters that died while on duty.

Motion made by Past President J.Blaauw to adjourn seconded by all present. Carried

Respectfully Submitted  
Jeffrey W. French  
Recording Secty.