

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting May 16, 2023 19:30

Welcomed by 2nd Assistant Chief Adam Cozza of the Greenport Fire Company #1.

Meeting was called to order by President Gregg Gilliland.
A moment of silence was held in honor of Brent Gawron of the North Chatham Fire Association...
A motion to include a Blank Page in these minutes for Brent Gawron Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Thank you to the Greenport Fire Company for providing the meal.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous General meeting Wally Engel/Dick Howard – Carried.

Minutes of the previous Executive meeting read for informational purposes only.

Membership: Dues are due, please remind the members of your company.

Coordinator's Report:
Office Activity
as of April 30, 2023

Fire Emergency Responses 31

C & O 1call

Haz Mat 5 Responses

YTD training facility usage 2846 classroom training hours

Tower and props 480 hrs.

4 support or affiliated meetings and Battalion Meetings

The fire department study by Fitch and Associates is underway. The County Board of Supervisors is expected to pass property tax exemption laws tonight and will forward legislation to the towns and real property will coordinate a meeting with school business officials.

Draft law has been shared with all fire chiefs so that they can also lobby for exemptions within their fire districts, water sewer or any special districts.

The fire coordinators office will be assuming the contract for IAR throughout the county including the CCVFA account. You will still be administrators of the account.

Upcoming fire schools, EVOC and Pump operator. County developed FAST class.

New 911 dispatch center planned for PJ Keeler emergency services training and response facility.

FAB: Due to the resignation of Laura Foster there is currently a vacancy on the board.

A motion to submit Bob Adriance name to fill the Laura's term ending Dec 31, 2023, Ben Wheeler/Doug Garrison – Carried.

The Secretary will send a letter to the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Adriance made a motion to accept the report as read by Gregg Gilliland 2nd by Doug Garrison – Carried.

Old Business: Raffle of bicycles at the fair. Due to the number of organizations in our immediate vicinity it's been suggested we do not raffle off bicycles. Alternatives are Book Bags with supplies, or scooters, ideas are welcome.

New Business: Motion to purchase 50 Raffle tickets from CCVFA Wally Engel/Dick Howard – Carried.

Discussion on possible training at general meetings. Ben Wheeler suggested inviting the NYS Urban Rescue Team & Task Force to

demonstrate how they respond to incidents and to familiarize local Emergency Services with their procedures.

Gregg suggested we have the Nozzle Fire Trainer again at the fair booth. The fair booth needs to be prepared. Pictures frames should be replaced.

Good of the Association:

Beacraft has a raffle

Ghent has a raffle

We Support Firefighter T-shirts are for sale the money will be donated.

Next Executive meeting June 20th at the facility.

Next General meeting July 18th at the West Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Wally Engel/Bob Adriance – Carried.

20:40

Secretary

Irene Huston

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association Treasurer's Report

May 16, 2023

General Fund

Checking Beginning Balance	\$13,735.81
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Interest Income	1.47
Checking Ending Balance	\$13,737.28

(Sunshine Fund in checking \$1,259.91)

(Fire Safety & Prevention in checking \$4,577.33)

Change Envelope	20.00
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Total General Fund **\$13,757.28**

Burned Out Victims' Clothing Fund

Checking Beginning Balance	\$55,627.19
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	975.00
Interest Income	5.48
Checking Ending Balance	\$55,632.67

Total Burned Out Victims' Clothing Fund **\$55,632.67**

Total in all Accounts **\$69,389.95**

Brent E. Gawron passed away suddenly on May 13, 2023. Born May 22, 1988 in Pittsfield MA., he was the son of Allan and Wanda Whiteman Gawron.

Brent grew up in North Chatham and was a graduate of Ichabod Crane Schools. He received his Associates Degree from SUNY Cobleskill in the John Deere Program in Ag Maintenance and worked at Davis Tractor during school. After graduating he went to work for NYS DOT and then to the NYS Thruway Authority and was currently a Supervisor.

Six years ago he met Erinn Kennedy, fell in love and they would have two children, Lucy and Penelope. Together they enjoyed their time as a family. He enjoyed motorcycles, working outside and fire service where he is the current Chief of the North Chatham Volunteer Firemen's Association.

He is survived by his wife Erinn Kennedy, his daughters Lucy and Penelope, his parents Wanda and Allan, his brother Brad (Shannon), his grandmother Lynnette Warner (Bob) and many aunts, uncles and cousins, his firefighting family and his buddy Izzy.

Family will receive friends at the French, Gifford, Preiter & Blasl Funeral Home on Friday May 19th from 3 to 7pm. Services will be conducted Saturday, at the funeral home at 10am with interment following at the North Chatham Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions in Brent's name may be made to the North Chatham Volunteer Firemen's Association. Condolences may be conveyed at frenchblasl.com.