

Columbia County Chiefs' Association

Meeting in New Lebanon, NY

May 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by the president.

Pledge of Allegiance was performed

An attendance sheet was circulated

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting were read.
- 2) The president read the proposed by-law changes to the members present.

Ben Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes, it was second by Johnny Onufrychuck. All were in favor.

- 3) Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were read.
- 4) The Fire Advisory Board will meet in June. See Bill Hunt.
- 5) Russell Wheeler gave the treasure's report.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Gregg Gilliland made a motion to accept the report and it was second by Bill Hunt.

Russell announced he will be retiring as Treasurer as of 12/31/19. He has been Treasurer for 19 years. He has offered to work with the person who takes over for a smooth transition.

Bill Hunt thanked Russell for his service. All the members present thanked him as well.

5) Bill Hunt gave the Coordinator's report. They have the site for the new tower. He has reviewed the floor plan. They will be putting out bids for contractors. They plan to have the sheetrock and interior work done by county workers to save on cost.

It was asked if there was a plaque on the tower before. Bill Hunt will check with his office. It was also suggested to check with Ted Beck as he may be able to answer this.

- 6) The Livingston School finished on Thursday.
- 7) The Public Safety Committee - They plan to see who needs extra help.
They

will utilize County Instructors/State Instructors to help. It was noted that the students need to open the books and utilize them. Some have returned the books still in the wrappers.

- 8) Hazmat - Last call was for a stand by for mutual aid to Green County.
- 9) Membership Applications:
 - a. Bill Rogers - Austerlitz FD Car 3
 - b. Eric Pilkington - Spencertown FD Chief

Bill Hunt made the motion to approve the applications. Gregg Gilliland seconded the motion. All in favor.

- 10) Publicity - It was brought up that we are on Facebook.
- 11) By-Laws - Gregg Gilliland made a motion to accept the changes.

Johnny Onufrychuck seconded that. All in favor.

- 12) Clothing Fund - no report
- 13) Fire Safety and Prevention Program

It was asked if we were buying smoke detectors. Yes, but we will need to transfer funds to that account. Bill Hunt will meet with Williams Lumber to purchase 10 Smoke/CO Combo type and the rest Smoke Detectors.

The budget was set at \$500.

- 14) Applications for Membership:
 - a. George Lucas - Chatham FD
 - b. Pat Lucas - Chatham FD

Johnny Onufrychuck made a motion to accept and it was second by Mike McCagg. All in favor.

- 15) Legislature - Concerns:

Cancer coverage for verification

VFUL Benefits Actions against building owners who make changes, without a permit, that endanger fire personnel.

- 16) Sunshine Fund - no activity
- 17) Banquet - no activity
- 18) County Fair - Floors are in good shape since the painting.
- 19) Helmets - Dick needs a letter for Fitzsimmons & Meltz Lumber and they will donate the funds.
- 20) Scholarship - Connor McCagg thanked the group for his scholarship.

He is

transferring to Sage College as it is a better fit for him. He is taking early childhood education.

21) Bills - no bills

22) Communications:

Letter from Niagara Emergency Management - 2 day course offered July 18th..

Stottville FD - is putting on a Golf Tournament - looking for donations. None offered

23) Old Business:

\$1,947 - Insurance on the trailers is due in August

People use the trailers but don't donate toward the use of them. It was decided to send a letter out in June when the Fair information is sent.

24) New Business - None

25)

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Bob Adriance and second by Mike McCagg.

Sharon Wheeler
Acting Secretary