GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY MINUTES

May 13, 2021

**In station: 23 Virtual: Trevor Eiswerth, Jim Mc Henry, Bill Jewby,**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – Wayne called the meeting to order @ 7:05**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**CHAPLAIN –** Jo Kuhns spoke about how God takes care of us, have faith and trust in God.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – Marisa Chew, Recording Secretary

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –** Wayne Isett **–**

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Marisa Chew- Harassment training, 501c3 vs 501c4 turned over to the trustees, trying to obtain the VFIS company sign on so we can have group trainings thru VFIS.

**SECRETARY** – Marisa Chew No report, just received new computer tonight.

**TREASURER REPORT** – given by Wayne Smith

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood – turned in $38 in membership. Grant Garland passed his 6 month probation. First readings for Dylan Bomgardner, paperwork received ff, Not present, Kirk Collins, FF paperwork received Present, Adam Colm, FF, paperwork receive Not Present (working), Nicole Colm, paperwork received supporting, not present.

**TRUSTEES** – Head Trustee –Wayne Smith - Trustees –Homer Kuhns & Daniel Haas

1. Floor Scrubber – we are looking for an extra scrubber head to keep as a spare. Homer can pick one up anytime it is needed
2. Bay doors – repaired/replaced, service not completed.
3. Carnival grounds maintenance. Homer has the material. He and Dan will replace the wood for the butterfly stand roof this weekend.
4. Possible removing of the bad tile due to water damage and replace with epoxy paint.
5. PAWS Contract = May 1 2021-April 30 -2022 or May 1, 2021 to Apr 39, 2026. Rent to include sewage will be a $1,312.00 month or $15,750 per year. Waiting for a response.
6. Purchased another red hose.
7. Homer has more key fobs if anyone needs them.
8. Thanks to everyone that has been mowing.
9. No update on the 501C3/501C4

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhns, Linda Youngblood & Joanne Isett – Life member David Erdman – He was past president for 1973-1974. Homer sent a card to Allen McCoy. Wayne will obtain the address for David’s family.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Jeff and Jason are waiting for uniforms to come in.

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood – The township has passed an ordinance allowing the company to bill for certain materials used for emergency calls. Linda will add the ordinance as a reference tool to the by-laws. She will also check to make sure the fire police ordinance is included.

**SANDWICH SALE** – **Need someone to volunteer to run it.**

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett & Joanne Isett – **It is now May, the book campaign is on its way!** This year’s book title is “The Grand Tour”. The book has a goal of $25,000. Last year we took in $22,396. The 39er will have the writeup, illustrations and resident return applications. Will need the business letters and forms sent out or called in the next two weeks

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett – **(July 28-29-30-31, 2021) –** All bands are in go status for the carnival. (Will be signing contracts). Amusement rides are a go. Fireworks was held over from last year.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett – **(Nov 12, 2021 - 4:30-7PM) – No Spring Event**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY - (Closed till Dec 2021)**

**CHRISTMAS SEASON ACTIVITIES – (Closed till Nov-Dec 2021)**

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saul Schmolitz - **(Saturday, May 29 & Oct 22 - Drive Thru.)** Need help Friday night for set up. We will need help at the carnival grounds and the station.

**YARD SALE** – Jo & Homer Kuhns **– May 28, 7am-1pm – Carnival Grounds.** Sold 100 spaces**.** Jo needs help from 4:30 to 7:00 to help people park and unload.

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth – New laptop for secretary is in but still needs to be formatted. The Facebook feed on the website is broken again. They would like to have Dev manage the website, he is already working on the pre-design.

1. IT
2. WEBSITE Host

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula – Would really like to have the bell installed in the hallway. The men’s bunkroom is not being kept clean. We currently have 2 live-ins.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - **A total of $32,830 has been collected. 284 residents & business have donated. (Last year for all year- $23,580)**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE – (Closed till October)**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Wayne Isett -  **The 39er is at the printer, 3100 copies along with envelopes are being printed. WE WILL NEED A TAPING, ADDRESSING AND ENVELOPE PARTY UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. NEED TO BE IN THE MAIL NLT MAY 21. If everything goes well at the printer the 39er should be done Monday, May 17. Both Electronic & Rt 743 Signs advertisements need updated to the “Barbecue & Yard Sale”. All road signs are in the front end of wheelhouse.**

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION** –

**DRAWINGS** – Need Committee Chair **– Need someone to chair and run this fundraiser for 2021.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - **Chairman Vice President Marisa Chew, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula, Trustee – Homer Kuhns and Member Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver.**

**AUDITING** – **George Rish Chairman, and 2nd Year Trustee – Homer Kuhns – Member - Joanne Isett –** Completed on April 21, 2021. Homer read the letter from the audit committee to advise everything was in good order.

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** – Soul Schmolitz, Jeff Ciraula – Saul reported the reports have been completed in a timely manner. They will conduct a training shortly, now that we will be billing for calls we will need more detail in the reports.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

1. **Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township was awarded $500,000. They should be voting on the disbursement at the May 19, 2021 township meeting. We should be receiving $50,000 to put towards the SCBA loan.
2. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** – **A grant amount of $23,973 has been received. Will be starting to do the final report.**
3. **PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT (OSFC)** – The 2020-2021 grant was awarded for $14,015.70. Sent & forwarded direct deposit form to Jonestown Bank to OSFC on May 5, 2021. Upon OSCF final review will be forward to State Controller for payment. Should start looking at the 2021-2022 grant submission. Wayne advised we have paid off debts, we are open to request new items.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** – Wayne Isett **- No Report**

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Saul advised they will be meeting to complete the township study. The auditor has been impressed with the company booking. The rig has been speced, waiting for the township study to be completed.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – **Saul Schmolitz –** Please remember to empty the trash cans and keep the station clean.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - We need come up with a plan.

**PAVERS** – Wayne Isett – We need to have 6 pavers to complete an order. Wayne needs to discuss that the last set of pavers the painting has worn off.The crew would like to have pavers or plaques installed at the crew area to recognize the donors for the crew area.

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns -

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **– The next Perkin’s event will be in September.**

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  – Trevor Eiswerth **–** Saturday April 17 results; Trevor advised the event went well. We sold around 320 meals and made around $2,800 profit. The extra was vacuum packed and frozen to be used for crew events.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** – Saul Schmolitz,- congratulated the 5 members that passed FF1, the chiefs appreciate all of the hard work you put in. Next Thursday we will be cutting cars. We will be on standby at Hershey on Monday. On Saturday we have 6 members that will be at an event at the Casino. With the change of weather make sure you are staying hydrated.

Jeff Ciraula,- see report

Trevor Eiswerth – thanked Wayne for purchasing the tents. He has been looking into the AED’s, about $600 for a refurbished AED that matches what SC EMS uses. A new unit is around $1800. We will discuss the purchase under Relief. The Milwaukee tools were added to E-39-1. It was suggested that we add a unit to the Attack. We could purchase under Relief and purchase it from Relief. We should purchase the wall mount cabinet for a unit to keep in the station. They can move one of the old units from the engine to the attack. Trevor made the motion to purchase the unit and cabinet for the station not to exceed $900, seconded by Saul, with a verbal vote of all in favor.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Donn Gutshall

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – Empty

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith. The crew area is complete. If the crew would like special training please let them know.

**LIEUTENANTS** – Dylan Vandernick

& Will Weaver – appreciates all of the members that attended the trainings that were nit in the FF1 classes. There are a lot of good trainings coming up over the summer.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby – He noticed that Linglestown has signs up that the parade is May 30, he has not been contacted to provide help. He has reached out to Linglestown fire company but they have not been invited. It was mentioned that they do not send out formal invites, they expect the participants to show up.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns – advised we do need police to help us with carnival.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Township study.
2. Thanks to everyone who completed the Harassment Training before the April 8th meeting. The training is also offered on line at VFIS.
3. Fire Pit was delivered on Friday, April 9th. They need some topsoil to spread around to plant grass around the area. They also need poly sand for the area.
4. Tents: 10”X10” and Large 10”x20” have both been received.
5. Laptop for Secretary has been purchased.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **There will be a Joint Board Meeting May 25, 2021 at 7pm. ZOOM – VIRTUAL and at station.** Saul will not be able to attend the E-Board meeting, it conflicts with the county chief’s meeting.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

1. Jhane has resigned as Park & Recreation director at the EH Township.
2. A tremendous amount of work is needed to be completed to make the upcoming months to make all the fundraisers highly successful.
3. Wayne will start to list the dates the carnival grounds will be used under the upcoming events.
4. We received a letter from the township supervisors for our quick response to the fire at the township building.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* 1. Drive Thru Pork Rib & Chicken Barbecue – Saturday, May 29 – 10 till Gone.
  2. Yard Sale - Saturday, May 29 – 7am-1pm – Carnival Grounds.
  3. Carnival – Thursday-Saturday – July 28-31, 2021
  4. Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, November 12, 2020
  5. Drive Thru Pulled Pork Dinner – September 11, 10:30 till Gone.

Jeff Ciraula made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Weaver with a verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisa Chew

Recording Secretary