**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

Sept 9, 2021 Company minutes

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER called to order @** 1706 with 19 in-station, virtual – 1

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**CHAPLAIN –** Homer Kuhns read from the upper room about how we treat people

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – Marsha Hoy/Treasurer, excused. Wayne Smith/Trustee, unexcused. Donnie Gutshall/Chief Engineer, unexcused.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –** Wayne Isett **–** No report

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Marisa Chew-No report

**SECRETARY** – Marisa Chew – Aug minutes taken by Linda Youngblood, posted and approved as read

**TREASURER REPORT** – Marsha Hoy. Report read by Wayne Isett. Approved as read, pending audit.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood reported the list for lifetime eligible members was posted. She gave the second reading Brenna Roell (NER), written ballot of yes 17 No 0. She was not present. Linda read the member list for members that are eligible to vote.

**TRUSTEES** – Homer Kuhns advised the need to contact PAWS.

The 2nd floor rooms are completed. The first floor will be completed soon. The pool table will need to be moved in the crew room. Espenshades was called for work at the carnival grounds and the 2nd floor toilet at the station. They are working to schedule the blacktop repair before fall. Ecoli problem at carnival grounds still being addressed. There is a leak in the carnival grounds kitchen roof. There is a light in the downstairs bathroom that is not working. The faucet in the mens crew room not working. The condensation from the AC unit in the quartermaster room is causing a lot of water. The attack unit has a window leak. The roof vents in front of the gear lockers still leaks in heavy rain.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhn, Linda Youngblood & Joanne Isett – Eileen Longreen broke her foot, Homer will send card.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – No report

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood – 3rd reading for Article 2, section 1.J. Linda made the motion to accept the change, seconded by Jeff Ciraula with a hand count of 16 yes, 0 no.

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

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett . Verified amount is $23,207.87, with $530 outstanding. Amount on hand is $22,792.87. The book cost $8,147.23 to print, 3160 books were printed.

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett . The gross take was $94,660.05, we have now paid out $32,852.63 with one bill outstanding. Income for 2021 budget was $75,000, we should clear $60,000. Appreciation picnic is September 17.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett – **(2021 - 4:30-7PM) Will be Nov 5.**

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

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

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saul Schmolitz - **(Saturday, Oct 22 - Drive Thru.-Station)**

**YARD SALE** – Jo & Homer Kuhns **– May 28, 7am-1pm – (Closed till 2022)**

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth reported the new website has launched. It is still being updated. It is secure, we will be able to accept CC payments and paypal. See Trevor’s report. Trevor handed in a receipt from best buy for the computers for $127.17. Jeff added the minutes to the members secure page, however they should be posted to a public page. Chief’s reports will also be posted to the secure member page.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula – no current live-ins, no report.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - $50 was collected for the month of June for **$34,670.00**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE –** Jim McHenry. Oct 21. Jim is working on getting donations for candy for the parade.The Olieg family and Glenn Moyer are aware. We need to request the road closure. Jim asked to have the parade advertised on the electronic sign and social media. Dave Hoffman will donate popcorn for participants. Wayne will get the drinks. The township received a letter from a vendor. Saul will designate what vehicles can be in the parade and let Jim know prior to the parade.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – signage is posted for the pulled pork. Perkins is Sept 23.

**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.** Nominations were opened.

**AUDITING** – **George Rish Chairman, and 2nd Year Trustee – Homer Kuhns – Member - Joanne Isett – Completed on April 21, 2021. Closed until 2022.**

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** – Saul Schmolitz, Jeff Ciraula – calls have been entered timely. Emergency reporting has been bought out by ESO. We expect changes in the future.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

**1.Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township approved the $50,000 gaming funds at their May 18th meeting. The $50,000 grant money was deposited in Jonestown Bank by the township. Treasurer transferred the money against the loan along with remaining payments to pay off the loan to save on interest. Saul will complete a report of items to be requested, will include hoses and nozzles. Would like to take out a loan to order the items, grant money would be applied to the loan.

1. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** – **The final reports for the $23,973 was completed. No update.**
2. **PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT (OSFC)** – **Now is the time to submit for the 2021-2022 grant. Saul will complete a report of items to be requested, will include hoses and nozzles. He advised that the majority of the items have a 2 month wait to receive them once ordering.**

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

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Report completed, waiting for it to be submitted to the report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – meeting comping up. Keep rigs stocked with masks and gloves. It is not required to mask in the station or in the rigs at this,

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - Marisa - Oct 1, 2021 at Colonial Country Club. Invites mailed. Please read and note the dress code. Please try to attend and make sure you RSVP timely. Saul needs to provide the list of Chiefs. Saul Schmolitz made the motion to request $750 to be used for crew services at the banquet, seconded by John Wolfgang Jr, verbal vote of all in favor. Wayne needs the names of the award winners, Saul will provide after the meeting.

**PAVERS** – Wayne Isett – **No Report**

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns - one sign was completed and is waiting for delivery, Saul will take care of delivering. He is waiting for the payment.

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** The next Perkin’s event will be in September. 23, 2021. The will put coupons in the pulled pork meal bags.

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  –Drive-Thru Pulled Pork Dinner will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021. They will be working Friday Sept 10, 6:00 pm to get ready for the event and prep food. Volunteers should report by 9:00.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** –

Saul Schmolitz, - Saul thanked everyone that has been helping with the parking at the casino. We need to be ready to work at 3:00 on 9/11. The casino is donating 100% of the proceeds from this event to the community. There will be one more show, Jeff Dunham. The last show was canceled. The casino is getting ready to cut the first check. They will be scheduling 2 events per month next summer.

Jeff Ciraula, - he has been doing a lot with the computers. The township has completed their part in the recognition program, he only needs fire company officer signatures. Jeff advised that we have one member nominated for an officer position has an outstanding child abuse clearance. See report.

Trevor Eiswerth – see report.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – E-39-1 will be OOS 9/14 for pump work, it will not go OOS with the county. If a call comes in E39 will have to go out. A light is out on the DO.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – Empty

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith the gas meter is mounted on E39-1. He has been working on the log ins for the computers, they were all expired. We had 4-5 calls for sump pumps, they could only locate 1 pump in the station. He advised that we need to establish a policy and make the people understand that it is a courtesy for us to provide the pumps to them. We had a homeowner call us to complain that a pump we provided to them burned up and he was upset that he had water in the basement. Suggested we purchase more pumps to keep on hand.

**LIEUTENANTS** – JJ Wolfgang – trainings for this month are 16th ropes and rigging, 23 airbags, hoses and advancements, . If any probationary members need rules or regs please ask an officer for them. Please let an officer know if you are interested in driving. & Will Weaver- thanked everyone that helped with the rainstorm and the parking at the casino.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby – we had two companies help us at carnival. Next year we will try to obtain a golf cart with a bench seat on the back and we need to remember to add lights to it.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns – NO report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Township study. Completed and waiting for it to be turned in to township.**
2. **Station non-relief AED. Has been mounted, We still need to have the company send a letter to relief to transfer the payment for the unit. Purchased by relief, but the company needs to reimburse for it**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There will be a joint board meeting Tuesday, September 28 in the meeting room and virtual.
2. Requested an update on the status of the letter to be used for the 501C3/4.
3. Suggested that we look into some local grant writers. When we spoke with Scott he did advise he provided classes and education. Marisa did reach out to him to advise what he provides in his class and what his fee is. We are waiting for a response. We will discuss it more at E-Board.
4. Fire prevention – Jim McHenry will help with fire prevention. He will contact the new principal and discuss the format/material. Please contact Jim if you would like to help.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

1. **We received a thank you note from the couple that had us on stand-by for the fireworks for their wedding. They also donated $1000 to the company**
2. **Jeff and Colton are participating in a bike ride to benefit MS. Jeff asked if he could hand out flyers at the BBQ, members agreed.**
3. **Trevor Eiswerth made the motion that the boot donations collected during the 9/11 BBQ be donated to the Tunnels to Towers program, seconded by Saul Schmolitz with a verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion to adj the meeting made by Mary Schmolitz, seconded by Jeff Ciraula with a verbal vote of all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:05.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Marisa Chew**

**Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Secretary**