**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

October 15, 2021 Company minutes

President Wayne Isett called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 25 in attendance and led us in the pledge to the flag.

ChaplainHomer Kuhns did an inspirational reading about seashells and imperfections and then led us in the Lord’s prayer.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – Marisa Chew/Recording Secretary, unexcused. Wayne Smith/Trustee, unexcused. Donnie Gutshall/Chief Engineer, unexcused.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT –** Wayne Isett finished presenting member awards from the banquet.

**SECRETARY** – September minutes were approved as posted.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Marsha Hoy read the report that was approved as read, pending audit. Apologies for delay in accomplishing some things due to hands surgery and recovery.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood turned in $15 for dues.

**TRUSTEES** – Homer Kuhns advised PAWS still not settled although August thru October ($1267each) has been paid. Some floors still need to be completed. Still working with DEP to finish paperwork on grounds water. Working to schedule the blacktop repair before fall. Evanoff & Son repaired spouting and patched trouble areas on grounds kitchen roof. Still need to work on condensation leak from the AC unit in the quartermaster room and the window leak above the attack unit. The roof vents in front of the gear lockers still leaks in heavy rain – No one has been able to diagnose the cause or repair.

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett reported income of $23,522.87, expense of $8,147.23 leaving a profit of $15,380.55 plus $60 gift card for Karns.

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett – Still not finalized but thanked everyone who attended the appreciation picnic.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett – (4:30-7PM Nov 5) Will offer Veterans half price.

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saturday, Oct 23 - Drive Thru at $9 chicken and $11 ribs. Advertised in Hershey Merchandiser too.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett reported now at **$34,790.00**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE – Oct 21 -** Jim McHenry reported that some candy has been donated by Linda Y. and $25 Giant gift card received thru Allie B. Zak Casey is working on getting additional donations. Expecting at least another $50 in gift cards, plus there is money in the budget if needed. May be some candy from carnival to use also.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Signs for Parade, BBQ, and Spaghetti Dinner are being completed. Rt 743 sign updated. Grounds sign being updated shortly.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - **Chairman Vice President Marisa Chew, Jeff Ciraula, Homer Kuhns, Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver.**  In addition to last month’s nominations – President, Dhyey Patel; Vice President, Grant Garland; and Assistant Engineer, Grant Garland. Wayne Isett was nominated for Trustee but he declined at this time. Nominations are closed. Eligibility of all to be reviewed. 2 Life Member letters were turned in.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

**1. Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township applying for $75,000 for GVFC. Saul has sent an email with the $135,480 quote for hoses and nozzles for grant. Will probably take out a loan to order the items, and then apply grant money to the loan.

2. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** – Have not received any feedback/inquiries so guessing approved and closed.

**3. PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT (OSFC)** – Wayne Isett is working with Saul Schmolitz to submit the 2021-2022 grant. Will include hoses and nozzles (along with Gaming Grant).

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** – Trevor Eiswerth made a motion to purchase a Riding Assignment/Accountability board from Stoner Graphics at a cost of up to $1000, 2nd by JJ Wolfgang. Sign is actually a modification of white board we already have with a magnetic header and clips to attach names as needed. Motion carried.

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula reported that while we have preliminary blueprints and one quote completed, we are still waiting for study to be presented to know how the township plans on assisting us financially with the purchase.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Trevor Eiswerth reported that the AED sign has been attached in the hall and contacted ABC channel 27 Operation Save a Life for additional smoke detectors.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Wayne Isett that everything went well. Invoice needs reviewed and corrected before being submitted for payment.

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** Perkin’s event yielded $315.00

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  –Trevor Eiswerth reported that while we didn’t quite have the sales we wanted we still did well. Income was $2450 and expenses were $952.57 giving us a profit of $1507.43 We also collected $419 in the boot to be forwarded to Tunnel to Towers.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** –

Jeff Ciraula reported waiting on acceptance of application to Participating Department Recognition Program. Thank everyone for help and participation in Open House. Boot donations have been turned into the Treasurer. Note change of Safety Officer Class dates. Help needed for upcoming BBQ Friday and Saturday. Paxtang (Co 40) requested engine for lighting during the Oct 26 Halloween parade. Huge THANK YOU for all of the participation in the Many events this past month. (See report)

Trevor Eiswerth – Thanks for dedication and helping with fundraising and Open House. Will be ordering supplies for the security tags.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Colton Smith has reported the 5-ton conditioner needs replaced. Currently disconnected.

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith thanked everyone for their hard work. Sump pump status has not been officially decided.

**LIEUTENANTS** – JJ Wolfgang reported trainings of hose line advancement at HACC on the 28th, and November 4 maintenance. Thank you to Ally for cleaning the crew room carpet. Please be responsible and keep it clean. Nov and Dec will include a series of vehicle rescue training.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby was not able to get in Zoom meeting and therefore could not give a report.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns reported helping at the October 26th, Paxtang parade

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Scott Reno’s study for the Township should be complete but we have not received any report from Supervisors yet. This isclosing in on a one-year process.
2. Fire Prevention classes went very well. Jim thanked all the participants for their great work. In 3 days, we did 24 hours of teaching – Escaping a fire is the most crucial thing for survival. We will pick up Posters next Wednesday for judging.
3. Discussion on utilizing township treasurer as offered. Trevor Eiswerth made a motion to not accept at this time, 2nd by Jeff Ciraula. Motion carried with 17 yes, 0 No.
4. Casino parking – need an electronic submission to be done before can receive donation
5. Further discussion to be held by Boards for utilization of a local grant writer or not.
6. Need Letter to be used for the 501c3/4 grant requests.
7. Marsha Hoy followed direction from the Boards and closed the CD. Since a new account could not be established on a Saturday, the funds were deposited in the Centric bank apparatus account. Need to decide what to do next, if anything. JJ Wolfgang made a motion to leave funds as is until purchase of apparatus is clarified, 2nd by Grant Garland. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1.Joint board meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th. Since this is the same date as Paxtang parade and Township Planning Commission meeting, several members will not be able to attend. Date will be reviewed.

2.We received a Face Book request to conduct some home schooling events at the station from Kris McGinty (Brian McGinty’s wife). Trustees to advise.

3.Jeff Ciraula made a motion to purchase replacement name tags on lockers up to $90, 2nd by JJ Wolfgang. They will be Velcro allowing multiple uses and easy changeability. Motion carried.

4.The Dauphin County Republican Committee will be utilizing the pavilion for a rally. We anticipate a $500 donation.

5.JC Green will be using the meeting room October 24th for a shower.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

Marsha Hoy requested that we do not release any numbers on anything (especially financial) until they are published in Company reports as everyone makes mistakes.

Marsha Hoy suggested bringing all items up in Company meeting then again in Relief meeting if determined to be Relief business (to avoid Company items not being presented until Relief meeting).

There will be a memorial held for Donald Pankake at the township November 20th, 1:00pm. Don was a big supporter of our Company and grandfather of the Vandernick members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Trevor Eiswerth, 2nd by Jim McHenry at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Youngblood

Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Recording Secretary, Pro tem