**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

November 11, 2021 Company minutes

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER called to order @** 1702 with 30 in-station, virtual – 3

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

**ROLL CALL OF**. **OFFICERS** –Wayne Smith/Trustee, unexcused.

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

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

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

**TREASURER REPORT** – Marsha Hoy. Approved as read, pending audit.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood. $873 turned in to Marsha Hoy for dues and donations.

**TRUSTEES** – Homer Kuhns advised thry are working with PAWS. They finalized a contract for the floors in the fire station. Wayne has been working on the E-coli problem at the carnival grounds. Homer is working on getting the parking lots sealed. Homer was working to seal the spouting at the station. The grills at the carnival grounds were put away. The fence still needs to be taken down. We have a volunteer that may be able to address the leaking louvers. They will make sure we are covered with insurance.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhn, Wayne Bailor is recovering.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – J. Wolfgang Jr was fitted for his Class A uniform.

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood – No report.

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

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett . Total amount earned/profit was $15,380.55.

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett . closed

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett – **(2021 - 4:30-7PM)** Estimated results of a total income of $1,607.00, expenses of $392.21 = Profit should be $1,214.79. We served 188 dinners. We have abundance of supplies left for the March 11, 2022 dinner.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY -** Friday after company meeting, Dec 10. Saul Schmolitz made a motion to waive the by-laws to allow 2 bottles of beer in station to cook the shrimp, 2nd by Linda Youngblood with a verbal vote of all in favor

**CHRISTMAS SEASON ACTIVITIES – (Closed till Nov-Dec 2021)** The crew will decorate the outside of the station. Township tree lighting, Dec 4. Saul will confirm the time. The crew would like to take Santa on the road.

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saul Schmolitz - **(Saturday, Oct 22 - Drive Thru.-Station)** BBQ Income was $3,373, Expenses were $2,095.24 for a profit of $1,277.76. Donation of $330 for a total of the day of $1,607.76. If the price of ribs continues to be high we may have to adjust the price for the spring event.

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

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth they continue to make upgrades to the website.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula – no current live-ins, 2 potential applicants. Would like to hang the TV in the female bunk room.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - A total of $35,065.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE –** Jim McHenry. Oct 21. Jim thanked everyone that helped and participated, obtained candy donations.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – All signs where put out for the BBQ and the Spaghetti Dinners. BBQ Advertisement was in the Hershey Merchandiser.

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION** –

**DRAWINGS** – Need Committee Chair **–**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - **Chairman Vice President Marisa Chew, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula, Trustee – Homer Kuhns and Member Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver.** Marisa Chew read a letter to the membership from the nominating committee to point out inconsistencies with the current practice and the by-laws. Allie made a motion to accept the nominations as presented at the close of the October meeting, seconded by J. Wolfgang Jr with a verbal vote of all in favor. Marisa Chew advised that she could not carry out the duties of the nominating committee chair and resigned the position of vice president. Homer Kuhns was appointed as replacement.

**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 – everything has been going well.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

**1.Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township will be applying for $75,000 for the 2022 gaming grant. Meeting where scheduled between Dauphin County and the township this month.

1. **STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19** – The final 30-page report for the $23,973 was completed on Monday July 26. - No Report Feedback was received.
2. PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT (OSFC) – A mishap with the grant took place of missing the submission date.

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

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – once the new year begins we will need to update the committee, they are looking to make changes to the original specs due to the amount of time that has passed.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – meeting comping up. No report.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - Marisa – final bill paid. Members liked the location and thought the food was good.

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

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns - has two signs completed that need to be delivered.

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** closed.

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  –Profit $1,507.43. (Closed till 2022)

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** –

Saul Schmolitz, - Saul thanked everyone that helped at the maze. Saul would like to order the hose, it will take 6-8 months for it to come in. We won’t have to pay for it until we receive it. Wayne advised that we would need to have a loan/debt to qualify for a grant. Zac Casey suggested a working capital line of credit, Marsha advised that would not be good practice.

Saul Schmolitz made a motion to place the order for the hose, nozzles and tools needed not to exceed $138,000, seconded by Zac Casey with a verbal vote of all in favor. With the change of the weather please make sure you keep a change of clothes with you.

Jeff Ciraula, - See report.

Trevor Eiswerth – see report.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Donnie advised E-39, the part is ordered. E-39-1 will be going next week for service.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – No report

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith the cascade system was fixed. If the connection comes loose hand tighten it.

**LIEUTENANTS** – JJ Wolfgang – trainings for the rest of the year will be vehicle trainings in house.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby – The E.Hanover elementary parade for Veteran’s held today. This was a last minute request for them and went off very well. Saul asked if that happens again to make sure the Chief’s know when that they have an event.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns – Homer talked about the parade and shared what a great experience it was.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Township study. Still waiting for the township to discuss it with us.**
2. **Fire prevention – went well, thanks to everyone that helped.**
3. **Assignment accountability board. Jeff and trevor are working on it and sent a sample along to Stoner’s. They are also still waiting for the decision on the new rig to final the board.**
4. **The casino should be giving us the check soon, it is approximately $6600. They would like to continue this for next year. It was asked if they would address the issue of the one lane wide road and to place fencing to funnel the foot traffic.**
5. **Home schooling event – using the meeting room. The schedule will be posted when we have it.**
6. **Dauphin County Republican committee used the pavilion, $500 donation.**
7. **Saturday, Nov 20, will be Don Pancakes memorial service at the township building.**
8. **Act 172 is due.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There will be a joint board meeting Tuesday, Nov 30 in the meeting room and virtual.
2. Penn Live is asking for a wish list for non-profits, asking for 3 items. Linda is asking for suggestions, she will submit.
3. We are still having problems with the garden hoses leaking. The are leaking where they are joined. It was suggested that we purchase industrial grade retractable hose, approximate price would be $1034. The Trustees will look into the purchase.
4. Saul spoke about the federal grants and suggested that we look into a grant writer. He suggested John Sly. Saul asked for permission to have him attend an e-board meeting, permission granted.

**Elections completed and announced, all offices filled by election.**

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

**Motion to adj the meeting made by Mary Schmolitz, seconded by Saul Schmolitz with a verbal vote of all in favor, meeting adjourned at 20:55**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Marisa Chew**

**Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Secretary**