**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

March 11, 2021

The March 11, 2021 Company meeting of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company was called to order by President Wayne Isett at 1902 with the pledge to the flag with 17 in-station and 6 virtual attendees. (Virtual attendees – Jeff Ciraula, Barb Bloom, Ira bloom, Allen McCoy, Bill Jewby, and Jim McHenry). Chaplain Homer Kuhns Spoke about the loss of Keith Oellig, untimely death and read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, there is a time for everything.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – Absent officers; Marsha Hoy (Treasurer/excused), Dan Haas (Trustee/Excused), Donnie Gutshall (Chief Engineer/Unexcused)

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

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Marisa Chew (Acting) – No report

**SECRETARY** – Marisa Chew – The February 11, 2021 minutes were posted on the Bulletin Board and approved as corrected.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Given by Wayne Isett and posted on the bulletin boards.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood advised the 2nd reading for Mikayla Spangenberg (Junior Member)is still pending requiring her presence at a meeting. Linda gave the first for reading Shikira Longenecker, dues and paper work received, present. Linda turned in $264 for dues directly to Marsha.

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

1. Floor Scrubber – part replaced, we are looking at another scrubber head to keep as a spare.
2. Station Water Hoses – will hold off until the spring supplies come in, we need 100 ft industrial hoses.
3. Bay doors – there is a crack in Bay #7 door. Hershey door contacted to repair.
4. Septic System – the alarm went off, it has been addressed.
5. Carnival grounds will require a lot of maintenance this summer.
6. We would like to have wash stations added for carnival.
7. Fire extinguishers at all buildings were inspected. Wayne has two small units for the Chief’s vehicles.
8. The new thermostats were installed in the bay area, all are in working order. Trevor has the bill to turn into the treasurer.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhn, Linda Youngblood & Joanne Isett – Keith Oellig – memorial service Monday, March 15, 7pm – visitation 5-7 at Lower Dauphin High School Auditorium. We would like to take a rig to represent the fire company.

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

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood – Third amendment reading for Article #5, election of officers, procedure of election. A hand count was conducted with 12 in station and 5 virtual yes votes, none opposed, motion carried.

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

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett & Joanne Isett – ( March-April**)**(No Report)

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett – **(July 28-29-30-31, 2021) –** Will be contacting bands this month to see if they are still holding on with us.

**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 23 - Drive Thru.)**

**YARD SALE** – Jo & Homer Kuhns **– May 29, 7am-1pm –** Carnival Grounds have 36 spaces sold

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** – Trevor Eiswerth – There was no committee meeting this month. Trevor did contact Microsoft about the free options they provide for software options, it is all web based. We don’t know if we will qualify, the downloadable versions is $3 per month per license.

1. IT
2. Facebook is linking to the website. We would like to change website providers next year when the contract expires. Dey has volunteered to help with the website.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula – No meeting held. No new information. Saul Schmolitz is looking into why the men’s shower is slow to get hot water.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - A total of 2966 were mailed out Friday February 12. As of today March 11, 227 have donated for a total of $20,195. (In 2020 as of these same dates we had collected $15,435).

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Wayne Isett - Both Electronic & Rt 743 Signs advertisement for the Hoss’s Restaurant, need to be updated to promote the fund drive.

**RECRUITING AND RETENTION** –

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Chairman Vice President Trevor Eiswerth, Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula, Trustee – Homer Kuhns and Member Linda Youngblood & Will Weaver. Held election for the VP position, Marisa Chew - 16 yes and 0 no votes. 12 written and 4 virtual. Held election for Treasurer, Marsha Hoy – 12 written and 3 virtual yes votes. Held election for the Trustee position, Dan Haas – 12 written and 6 virtual yes. Held the election for Chief Engineer, Donnie Gutshall – 12 written and 6 virtual yes votes. Assistant Chief Engineer, remains empty, no nominations. We held the election for Quartermaster, Danielle Ciraula- 12 written and 6 virtual yes votes.

**AUDITING** – **George Rish Chairman, and 2nd Year Trustee – Joanne Isett**

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** – Saul Schmolitz reported reports are being completed timely.

**GRANT PROGRAM** – **Wayne Isett**

1. **Dauphin County Gaming Grant** – The township submitted the company for $50,000 for 2020-2021gaming grant. This will go toward the SCBA loan. The Dauphin County Gaming will be awarding East Hanover Township $500,000
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** – The grant was accepted and approved by the fire commissioner’s office. We are waiting on them to add the grant amount and award it.

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

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – on hold until township study completed

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** – **Saul Schmolitz –** they are looking at opening the station up. With upcoming events we hope to open the station soon.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns -

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** The second Hoss’s fundraiser was conducted on Saturday, Feb 27, 2021 . We made a total of $491.80. The two Hoss’sfundraisers took in $647.10. Hoss’s was not prepared for the turnout of the event.

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  – Trevor Eiswerth **–** Saturday April 17, 10:30 till Gone!Will need help the evening prior to the event. We would like to replace the stove prior to our fund raising events. We cannot replace the stove with anything larger than a 4 burner stove.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**FIRE CHIEFS** –

Chief Saul Schmolitz - March 27 is the township drive thru Easter Bunny event. Actual event is 1-3. We would like to do a boot drive. The township fire study has started. Chief Schmolitz thanked everyone for keeping the station clean and turning up for events. Keep appropriate weather related clothes on hand.

Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula – gas meters are on hand. We will have a train the trainer, the officers will be trained first. Milwaukee tools are in. He is working on the SOG.s

Assistant Fire Chief Trevor Eiswerth – the driver’s side of E39-1 inventory is complete. Equipment will be moved around to make room for the new Milwaukee equipment. He turned in $167.00 in cash to Wayne from the vending machine. He turned in receipts for reimbursement, Sam’s receipt $200.24, Thermostats to be paid to JJ Wolfgang $108.09, trash pump Horning’s $56.78. He will order the pop up tents soon and have a report for the AED’s at the next meeting.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – New engine will get new tires and inspection if needed. Make sure Donnie is aware of any problems with the rigs. There is a spot on the white boards to leave messages for him.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – vacant

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** Colton Smith– rigs have been clean and keeping things up to date.

**LIEUTENANTS** –

Dylan Vandernick, he will work on placing the Milwaukee tools on the rig. Make sure you turn the lights and TV off when you leave. If you see a trash can is full please empty it.

Will Weaver, thanks to everyone that helped with the maintenance, coming to training and helping with calls.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby we hope to have Fire Police class next winter.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Township study has started as Friday March 5, 2021. Saul and Wayne will be meeting again on Monday March 29, 12 Noon. We are gathering information he has requested to send to him to review. If we ask any of you for something to give to the evaluator we ask that you would give it priority throughout the process.
2. Replacement of 5 mercury thermostats- completed.
3. Remember there will be Harassment Training from 1815 – 1845 prior to the April 8th meeting. The training is also offered on line at VFIS.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There will be a Joint Board Meeting March 30, 2021 at 7pm. ZOOM – VIRTUAL and at station.
2. Dylan asked about getting a fire pit to place in the parking lot. The Trustees approved the project, the crew can move forward with the project.
3. Wayne would like to purchase a laptop for the secretary. We should not be storing files on home computers, they files should be stored on the server. We will need to discuss if we should increase the computer budget.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Saul Schmolitz and 2nd by Mary Schmolitz with a verbal vote of all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2022.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

1. Upcoming event: (ALL EVENTS ARE PENDING ON COVID AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT)
   1. Spaghetti Dinner – Cancelled till November 12, 2020
   2. Drive Thru Pulled Pork Dinner – Saturday, April 17 & September 11, 10:30 till Gone.
   3. Drive Thru Pork Rib & Chicken Barbecue – Saturday, May 29 – 10 till Gone.
   4. Yard Sale - Saturday, May 29 – 7am-1pm – Carnival Grounds.
   5. Carnival – Thursday-Saturday – July 28-31, 2021