**GRANTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

January 14, 2021

The January 14 meeting of the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company held virtually and in-station called was called to order by President Wayne Isett at 19:12 with the pledge of allegiance. Homer Kuhns prayed for God to help guide our nation during this time of crisis and closed with a prayer.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** – The roll call of officers was conducted by Marisa Chew, absent officers - Donnie Gutshall (Chief Engineer, excused), Marsha Hoy (treasurer, excused), Wayne Smith (Trustee, excused), Trevor Eiswerth (Assistant Fire Chief, excused).

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

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Marissa Chew (Acting) – Marisa would like to have in station harassment training offered several times throughout the year. When offered it will start @ 6:30 prior to company meetings.

**SECRETARY** – The secretary’s report was approved as posted.

**TREASURER REPORT** – Marsha Hoy –Wayne Isett gave the treasurer’s report, it was approved as read pending audit.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT** – Linda Youngblood – 2nd Reading for Mikayla Spangenberg (Junior Member), Not present. Linda turned in $175 at the meeting. She has several members that need addresses to be updated. She has membership cards for new members that have not been picked up. She read the list of names and asked if anyone could deliver them. Linda asked that everyone make sure they were accounted for attendance for tonight’s meeting. 2nd reading for Derek Vandernick, jr Present, member, Ballots were presented to those in station and a show of hands wascounted for virtual attendees – 17 yes, 0 no. Tracey Lynn Harman Spitler, supporting member, 1st reading. Paperwork received. Linda gave the membership report for the members that have not paid for 2 years and should be dropped from the membership. We had 205 members in 2020.

**TRUSTEES** –Homer Kuhns reported the Post Office Flag Pole information was received, Tyndale has started the replacement process. The Parking Lot Lights, all blinking lights were fixed. Kitchen furnace inspection – Feb 14, 2021 was completed today by our insurance, they advised we do not need to allow the state inspection.

**VISITING AND MEMORIAL** – Homer Kuhn, sent cards to Jim Handley for the passing of his wife Michele, Bonnie Wallish for the passing of her brother, Jan Stoner for the passing of her sister, and Bill Jewby for the passing of his brother. Homer also sent a get well card to Jeff Ciraula.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – Blue T-Shirts List- still have shirts that need picked up. Crew shirts – the drafts are done, the hoodies and long sleeve crewneck are currently out of stock, once they are available we will place an order. We have discussed selling a t-shirt to the public, Chief Schmolitz asked for volunteers to create the design and logo**.**

**AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Youngblood gave the first reading for Article 5, see attachment. First reading posted on the bulletin boards.

**SANDWICH SALE** – Need someone to volunteer to run it. It was suggested that we do it as a drive thru event**.**

**FIRE COMPANY BOOK & POSTER** – Wayne Isett & Joanne Isett – (will start in March-April)

**CARNIVAL** – Wayne Isett – **(July 28-29-30-31, 2021) –** **(No Report)**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER** – Wayne Isett – (Mar 12, 2021 - 4:30-7PM) (Maybe April) We could change to a drive thru at the carnival grounds.

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

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

**CHICKEN BARBECUE** – **Special Barbecue at Yard Sell (????) (Closed)**

**CHICKEN & PORK RIB BARBECUE** – Saul Schmolitz - **(Saturday, May 29 & Oct 22)** We may make this a drive thru event.

**YARD SALE** –**–** We would like to keep the date Memorial Day weekend

**COMPUTER/WEBSITE** –Jeff advised that the offer from Marko was a good offer, it was roughly $10,000. Jeff will reach out to Best Buy for Business. WEBSITE Host, the contract was renewed, Trevor was not available to advise if that means we are not switching hosts.

**LIVE-IN- COMMITTEE** – Jeff Ciraula advised they have not had any meetings, We are down to 3 live-ins. 2 male, 1 female. Need to recruit new live-ins.

**FUND DRIVE** – Wayne Isett - Working on creating it. We have received around $1,300.

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/ADVERTISING** – Wayne Isett - Sign advertisement for the Hoss’s Restaurant. We will be holding the Hoss’s fund raiser as scheduled.

**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. No report.

**AUDITING** – **George Rish Chairman, and 2nd Year Trustee –** Closed to 1st Quarter 2021. Will start shortly

**FIREHOUSE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING** –Saul created year end reports, they were given to the township and posted in the station. It is working really well for the officers to complete the reports

**GRANT PROGRAM** –

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 township met with Dauphin County gaming board recently. This will not be completed probably to Feb – March 2021. (NO REPORT)
2. STATE SPECIAL GRANT FOR COVID-19 – A grant amount of $23,973 has been received. We need to show where we spent the money for the final report.
3. PA OFFICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER GRANT – Will be finishing up writing the 2020-2021 grant due Friday, January 22 for $15,000. They may have corrected the website to resolve the problem with the FF 1 members.

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

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE** – Saul Schmolitz – On hold. The Township is hiring a company to conduct a fire service study to determine what apparatus is needed. If anyone asks you questions please refer them back to the chiefs.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE** –Saul thanked everyone for keeping the station clean and signing in and out as requested. If you don’t feel well please stay home. The main room occupancy should be 16 people for meetings. Vaccines will be available from PennState Health to active fire fighters, Saul will post the information on the bulletin board.Members are allowed to socialize in the building, they must sign in and monitor temps, recommended to wear masks while in the building. The building is not open to the public. Dylan Vandernick presented the COVID policy which states masks are recommended but not mandatory while in the building.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE –** Joint Boards - We may schedule a picnic at the carnival grounds and present the awards then.

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

**MAIL BOX SIGNS** **–** Buzz Kuhns - none

**STEAK STAND COMMITTEE** – Homer Kuhns

**RESTAURANT FUND RAISERS** – Wayne & Joanne Isett **–** The Hoss’s fundraiser will be conducted on Sunday January 31st. (Take Outs are included)

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES**  – Trevor Eisworth **–**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Chief Schmolitz,** - The chiefs met with ISO to review fire company standards and statistics and we did well. We have a lot of members that are starting to take fire fighter 1. Thanks for keeping the station and the rigs clean.

**Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Ciraula** – thanked everyone for everything they have been doing. We have a lot of new members, please make everyone feel at home and help familiarize them with the rigs. Danni has been doing a great job having all the PPE logged in firehouse. He thanked everyone for the get well card.

**Assistant Fire Chief** – No report.

**CHIEF ENGINEER** – Tanker 39 is OOS, the alternator belts broke, they are on order. We spent $18,000 on E-39-1 this past year, if you see anything wrong with the rigs please notify the chiefs immediately.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER** – Will Weaver no report

**FIRE CREW CAPTAIN-** no report

**LIEUTENANTS** –– Dylan reminded everyone to sign in and out per safety protocols. Remember to complete event log sheets any time you complete company business – cleaning rigs, the station, etc, not just hanging out. All company officers need to remember to complete the log sheets.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN** – Bill Jewby – thanked everyone for the sympathy card. Since the station is closed we will not hold fire police training class until next winter.

**FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT** – Buzz Kuhns – ne report

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Breast cancer Awareness T-Shirts & Hoodies. Mollie reported we received the check, no extra shirts were ordered, the profit was $565. Linda made the motion to donate $65 to the American Breast Cancer association from the proceeds of the sale, seconded by Saul Schmolitz with a verbal vote of all in favor, motion carried.
2. The township presented the company a check for $70,000. Linda made the motion to place the $70,000 in to the apparatus fund, seconded by Dan Haas with a verbal vote of all in favor.
3. Township has not made the final decision on who will conduct the GVFC study, they are still waiting for the quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Transferred $70,000 from General Fund to Apparatus fund, a letter was sent to the township to notify them.
2. Budget – President Isett presented the budget. Saul Schmolitz made the motion to accept, seconded by Dan Haas, verbal vote of all in favor.
3. There will be a Joint Board Meeting January 26, 2021 at 7pm. The meeting will be held virtually and in station.

**GOOD OF THE COMPANY**

Great Job everyone with end of year reports produced. These reports can even look better if people sign the work register next to the watch office when you do a project. It shows how much work is done to keep this fire rolling along.

With all the tuff times of 2020 we did well. Great Team Work!

Jim McHenry advised Saul he would like to become more active, he can obtain a pager from the QM and will connect with Chief Ciraula.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Haas, seconded by Will Weaver with a verbal vote of all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 20:39

Respectfully submitted by

Marisa Chew

Recording Secretary.