

Genesee County Association of Fire Chief's

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

Held Virtually via Zoom

I. Call to Order by the President at 19:00

II. Secretary's Report:

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 2021 meeting as distributed.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Blight**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Hadfield**
 - iii. **Discussion: No discussion**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**
- b. All membership forms have been received with the exception of the Bishop Fire Department. They have been placed on inactive status and removed from the mailing list. All invoices were sent out via email the first week of February.
- c. The annual dinner is on hold at this time due to COVID restrictions. The executive board will monitor the restrictions and plan accordingly.

III. Financial Report:

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the financial reports as distributed.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Cairnduff**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 - iii. **Discussion: No discussion**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**
- b. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the firefighter of the year expenditures for the 2020 recipients, with a total not to exceed \$700.00, for gifts and all plaques.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Taylor**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Todd**
 - iii. **Discussion: No discussion**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**
- c. **HAZMAT Team Expenditures**
 - i. Note: We have received two invoices from MES (formally Douglas Safety) for parts on the CBRNE Vehicle (new SCBA brackets). I have been advised by Chief Blight on 12/22/2020 not to present these for payment as of yet. These are still pending.

IV. Host Department: Argentine Township

V. Presentations (Presentations are to be 15 minutes of less):

- a. None.

VI. Communications:

- a. Sustaining Members in Attendance

VII. Reports from Standing Committees:

911 Advisory Committee (Ryan Volz):

- a. Chief Hillerman resigned from the advisory board. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy please contact Chief Volz ASAP. Currently Chief Volz has received two interested persons who would like to sit on the committee.

Coordination (James Young):

- a. No activity. Nothing to report.

EMS (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. License renewals are due by March 10, 2021.

Firefighter of the Year (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. Waiting to decide on how the awards will be presented due to not having a dinner scheduled because of COVID restrictions.

Firefighter Memorial (Jeff Holbin):

- a. Nothing to report.

HAZMAT Team (Ed Blight):

- a. No activity.
- b. HAZMAT truck still will not start due to the shoreline power not working.

Honor Guard (Rich Cummings):

- a. No activity.

Local Emergency Planning (Bob Cairnduff):

- a. No activity.

Legislative (Bob Burdette):

- a. Chief Cairnduff reminded that HB4172 is going to committee vote tomorrow. This is a modification to the cancer presumption bill which would include paid-on call firefighters if this modification is passed. Chief Vogt forwarded out information via email.

MABAS (Bob Burdette):

- a. No activity.

MUSAR (Troy Brancheau):

- a. No report submitted.

Standards (Mike Vogt):

- a. 92-1 ROG was updated by special committee. Action to be taken in old business.

Training Committee (Brendt Cole):

- a. Chief Blight and Chief Vogt spoke about the additional funding received from the state. Some of the funds are divided between three counties and is limited to certain classes regarding mental health. Lapeer County is the fiduciary for these funds and the funds are only around \$3,000.00. The state training council allocates approximately \$80,000.00 towards the fire service expo. Since this was cancelled last year, those funds were redistributed to the counties. Genesee County's portion was relatively low and will be allocated for classes already scheduled during this year.

VIII. Reports from Supporting Organizations:

Office of Emergency Management (Jeff Wilson):

- a. No report submitted.

Genesee County 911 (Tim Jones):

- a. Current staffing levels are 47 dispatchers, three dispatchers in training, and three part time.
- b. CAD/RMS = Tyler discovery meetings have started.
- c. MABAS and Fire Dispatching policy have been issued to staff.
- d. Full-time Fire Dispatcher positions have been approved. 12 positions will be open for an application and interview process. An interview panel will be established. Selected personnel will receive mandatory special training which will be developed. Supervisor Reitano will be the in-house fire dispatch trainer and he just finished a course as such. Additionally, the 12 dispatchers selected will attend fire dispatch training at OCC.
- e. FCC are trying to change how 911 money can be spent. If the FCC changes the funding rules, 911 will no longer be able to use 911 funds to support infrastructure or user needs.

Department of Natural Resources (Matt Feldpausch):

- a. No report submitted.

American Red Cross (Dick Beauchamp):

- a. No report submitted.

Salvation Army (Lydia Sanchez-Roat):

- a. No report submitted.

IX. Reports from Special Committees:

HAZMAT Team Sustainability (James Young):

- a. Meeting scheduled for 2/16/2021. Chief Blight did mention that the meeting was held but Chief Young was unable to attend.

X. Old Business:

- a. ROG 92-1 – Communications
 - i. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve ROG 92-1 as written.
 - 1. **Moved By: Chief Wilkinson**
 - 2. **Supported: Chief Flewelling**
 - 3. **Discussion: No discussion**
 - 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**
- b. Nomination Committee Report
 - i. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the recommendation from the nomination committee on the selection of James Young as the incoming trustee.
 - 1. **Moved By: Chief Volz**
 - 2. **Supported: Chief Blight**
 - 3. **Discussion: Chief Campbell reported only receiving one nomination, which was James Young.**
 - 4. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**

XI. New Business:

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve meeting schedule for 2021-2022.
 - i. **Moved By: Chief Blight**
 - ii. **Supported: Chief Hadfield**
 - iii. **Discussion: Davison-Richfield will be holding their meeting at station 2.**
 - iv. **Voice vote taken. Motion carried.**

XII. Comments from the Floor:

- a. Chief Cairnduff asked what we are going to do about the annual dinner. Chief Volz recommended we wait until the summer and possibly hold one outside. Chief Wilkinson suggested we do not have a dinner this year and issue the FFOY awards out at the first meeting that is able to be held in person. After discussion, consensus was that we do not hold a dinner this year and try to hold a presentation dinner for the FFOY along with fire academy graduation. If the graduation dinner does not occur FFOY awards will be awarded at the June or August meeting, whichever is first available.
- b. Chief Volz commented that he was upset that those who made calls to him over the past two weeks did not speak up during the discussion or voting process reference the communication ROG. He stated that if people call a committee chairperson to voice displeasure they should also be speaking up at the meetings. People need to speak up if they disagree with something or have questions.
- c. Chief Vogt stated the swearing in ceremony will take place virtually during the March meeting (03/17/2021).

XIII. Adjournment at 19:29