

CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
September, 2007

Welcomed to Ludwigs Corner Fire Company.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:02 PM on September 9, 2007. Joel G. gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Jim Connor.

Recording Secretary took roll call of Officers.

Scott Piersol, a state-certified instructor, and Treasurer and QRS Captain at East Brandywine Fire Company gave an extensive overview of the Highway Incident Scene Safety and Traffic course. Anyone interested in holding this or any other fire police classes, or having fire police related questions can contact Scott at scottpiersol@comcast.net.

Jim Ploumis made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Barb Yagle. Motion passed. After a brief time for the membership to read the printed minutes, they were approved.

Treasurer's Report: .We received a \$3000.00 check from PECO that was used towards the May BBQ. There is \$5,058.61 in the checking account. Motion to accept the report was made by Tony Madira, seconded by John Neff. Motion passed.

Directors' Report(s): None.

Fire Police Commissioner's report: None.

Executive Board report: A meeting was held on July 26, 2007. Items that discussed were: social/discussion time, perhaps come at 1PM for that, looking at a food handlers' license for the ability to serve food at meetings, next year's meetings in the southern part of the county, new speakers, how to handle membership renewals, especially in January, sending some County minutes to the State newsletter.

Committee(s)' reports:

Banquet Committee: None.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported the county was concerned about the radio system. Still nothing new. Also, the fire companies need to be sending their reports in to the State. They will receive no grants without them.

Motion to pay bills: \$2567.81 to cover the costs of the BBQ, flowers, etc.: \$44.20 for postcards, \$36 for PA FP Assn. dues. Motion made by Jim Ploumis seconded by John Sciandra. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

New Membership Applications: None.

Old business: None.

New business: President Joel Gramling acknowledge all the contributions that Jim Connor had made to the Association and to fire police in general. There was a motion to make a \$100 donation in Jim's memory to East Brandywine Fire Company made by Kim Colket, seconded by John Sciandra. Motion carried.

Thanks were extended to Richard Hedrick for all his work on our website and moving it to a free hosting site.

Allen Touchton, station 35, stated that Sept. 22 would be the dedication of Wagontown's new fire house. All are invited. And Allen could use fire police help.

President Gramling stated that Jim Connor's passing left the Vice President's office open. Jim Ploumis was nominated. Vote was cast by the Secretary and Jim was elected. Jim Ploumis was also elected to fill the remaining year of Jim Connor's Director position and Delegate to the PA Fire Police Assn.

Nomination of Officers was held. Nominated for Director (3 seats) – Joel Gramling, John Neff and Ed Tracey. Nominated for Delegate to PA Firemen's Assn. – John Neff, Alternate – Patrick Carmody. Nominated for Delegate to PA Fire Police Assn. (2 seats) – Joel Gramling, Jim Ploumis, alternates – Dave Cassidy, Margie Espenship. Barb Yagle made a motion to close nominations, seconded by John Sciadra. Motion carried.

Jim Ploumis mentioned that Tony Riccardi's wife, who is also a state instructor, had just come home from the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our next meeting is November 4 at Ludwigs Corner.

50/50 winners: One winner – Linda Gramling.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company.

A motion was made by Stan Heist to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Ploumis. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4 PM. There were 28 members representing 16 stations present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary