



## **SOUTHERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Inc.**

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Representing the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen of the Nine Southern Counties of  
New York State Since 1896  
Website [www.snyvfa.org](http://www.snyvfa.org)

### **Minutes of the October 4, 2025 General Membership Meeting – Hillcrest FD**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Frank Guarino.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Donald Bracciodieta.

Invocation led by President Guarino.

Chief Bowers welcomed us to Spring Valley and thanked his kitchen committee for a job well done serving tonight's meal. President Guarino thanked our host for an excellent meal and their hospitality.

Roll Call of Officers taken, and excuses noted. Motion to accept by J. Batta and seconded by R. Ottaviano , excuses noted Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of the Annual Convention Meeting on May 128, 2024 in Spring Valley were approved as mailed by D. Bracciodieta seconded by K. Vella. MOTION CARRIED.

#### Communications:

- Secretary McElynn reported he has received the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine.

Motion by R. Ottaviano seconded by T. Underhill that communications take their regular course. MOTION CARRIED.

Bills read by Treasurer Roy Dahlen, motion by F. Lombardo and seconded by C. DiStefano to pay the bills as read, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

President Frank Guarino:

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- Attended annual convention in Hagerman & thanked the membership for their support electing him as President.
- Made a FASNY scholarship On 5/21/25
- Attended the Southern New York Ladies convention in West Sayville on 5/28/25.
- Attended the Southern NY installation dinner on 5/30/25.
- Took part in a FASNY Zoom meeting on 6/2/25.
- Made a FASNY scholarship presentation in Rocky Point on 6/11/25.
- Attended the SFVFA meeting in Amagansett on 6/17/25.
- Attended the Re-Org meeting of SNYVFA in Selden on 6/18/25.
- Attended funeral for Ken Askew's son in law on 6/21/25.
- Attended the Suffolk County Junior Firefighters Association on 6/22/25 in North Babylon.
- Attended the SCVFA meeting in Hauppauge on 6/24/25.
- Attended FASNY Board meeting on 6/26, 27 &28.
- Attended SCVFA Ladies meeting in Setauket on 7/9/25.
- Attended NYS Fire Service Services Council via ZOOM on 7/22/25.
- Attended signing of legislation for firefighter housing at Brookhaven Fire Dept.
- Attended Nassau County Junior Firefighters Association "press day" at the Academy on 7/24/25.
- Attended Junior Firefighter graduation from Camp Faren height on 7/25/25.
- Attended VFPASNY zoom training on7/28/25.
- Attended FASNY convention in Suffolk County in August.
- Attended Man of the Year honoring FASNY President Eugene Perry in Patchogue on 8/11/25.
- Attended FASNY BOD meeting in Troy on 8/28/25.
- Attended FASNY Ladies meeting in Central Islip on 9/10/25.
- Attended 9/11 Memorial Service.
- Attended FASNY BOD meeting in Syracuse on 9/18/25.
- Attended SCVFA membership meeting on 9/23/25.
- Attended Suffolk County Awards night at the fire academy.

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First Vice President Steven Klein

- Excused from meeting but submitted the following report
  - At our last BOD meeting of Nassau County, our Steering Committee is endorsing the following candidates for FASNY office at the convention election:
    - President Donald Farrell
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kenneth Holmes
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Michael Krummenacker & this will be a contested election.

Second Vice President Robert Sutton:

- No Report.
- Treasurer Roy Dahlen read the activity and the balance of the Association funds that total \$49,717.85. Motion by R. Sutton, seconded by M. Krummenacker to accept the Treasurer's Report, MOTION CARRIED.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT:**

- Committee met with Treasurer at last Board meeting and found all financial records in order.

### **BY LAWS:**

- No Report.

### **BENEVOLENT & EXEMPT:**

- No Report.

### **BUDGET:**

- Treasurer Dahlen reported that we are on budget.

### **BURN AWARENESS:**

- No Report.

### **CONVENTION:**

- R. McConville reported that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Looking for host.

## **CREDENTIALS:**

- T. Underhill reported that this evening;

Total Present: 34

Member/Delegates from Nassau: 15

Member/Delegates from Suffolk: 7

Member/Delegates from Westchester: 4

Member / Delegates from Rockland: 1

Member / Delegates from the City of New York Volunteers: 0

Members from Nassau: 0

Members from Suffolk: 0

Members from Westchester: 0

Members from NYC: 0

Guests: 7

## **DINNER:**

- K. McElynn reported that our annual dinner will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Bar Association in Mineola. As last year, the price will be \$85.00 per person. R, Ottaviano added that this is our only fundraiser for the year. Please ask your Departments / Companies to please consider taking an ad in the journal. We have the cheapest prices for ads.

## **EMS:**

- No Report.

## **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:**

- Chairman Sutton reminded all that they can start submitting applications now for consideration. The application form is available on the website.

## **FIRE POLICE:**

- President Guarino reported that the annual Fire Police training class is coming up in Albany.

## **FIRE PREVENTION:**

- No Report.

## **MEMBERSHIP / FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

- R. McConville reported that dues notices will be going out in January. We accepted 1 member (William Mullane) at this meeting.

## **LAWS AND LEGISLATION:**

- M. Karashay reviewed the change to the Legislative conference this year. There was a lengthy discussion about this change that he will bring back to the committee.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS & WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT:**

- Kevin McElynn reported that he made several submissions for The Volunteer magazine, and the website has been updated recently. If anyone has anything either for the magazine or website, please contact him. Please use the [kmcelynn@gmail.com](mailto:kmcelynn@gmail.com) email address Also, the general membership minutes are available on the website for your reference.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- No Report.

**SAFETY OFFICERS:**

- No Report.

**STEERING:**

- There was a suggestion that the committee meet soon to discuss the 2026 convention candidates.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

- No report.

**YOUTH FIREMATIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

- K. Vella reported:
  - Nassau's Camp Fahrenheit 516 was a complete success. Nassau and Suffolk Juniors were awarded the German Youth Flame Award.
  - On August 8<sup>th</sup>, there was a seminar given "How to start and maintain a youth program" was held by Jerry Presta. There were well over 100 in attendance and it was very well received.
  - On August 9<sup>th</sup>, a classroom session "Stop the bleed / Narcan " was attended by 22 juniors.
  - On August 22 & 23, FASNY youth day was held at the Suffolk County Fire Academy. 55 juniors from 13 departments were in attendance from Nassau & Suffolk. Stephan Petras of Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance Co. was kind enough to sponsor the juniors through a Konma Ice Truck which treated the juniors at lunchtime as well as providing Gatorade throughout the day.

Motion by J. Batta and seconded by K. Vella to accept the committee reports, MOTION CARRIED.

## **FASNY OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Director Krummenacker

- Thanks to all members for their hard work from the FASNY Board.
- In Nassau County, Controller Thomas DaNapoli is running for re-election with competition. He has been very helpful to the Fire Service throughout his term.
- There are still Fire Departments not charging for ambulance service. He urged all Departments to take advantage of this legislation.

Director Guarino:

- Covered all his items in his Presidents report.

Director Ottaviano:

- Thanked all members for your continued service.

Director Orr:

- Website expertvoice.com is available to FASNY members.

## **FIREMEN'S HOME:**

Trustee Sutton advised that everything was going well at the home.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- M. DeVittorio inquired if we can change the date of our annual convention in 2026 because it conflicts with a FASNY event in Lake George. The convention committee will investigate this.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- M. Krummenacker announced that he will be a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of FASNY at the upcoming convention.
- Hewlett FD is hosting a blood drive in honor of D. Berrios.
- Motion by C. Distefano and seconded by N. Brigandi to set aside a page in these minutes in honor of long-time members Lawrence Dixon & Karl Thugee. MOTION PASSED.
- President once again thanked the Hillcrest Fire Company for their hospitality this evening.

Next General Meeting will be on January 8, 2026 in West Babylon. The next Board meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Oceanside FD – Terrace Firehouse on Columbus Avenue.

Moment of silence held for all past members and all who are serving in the armed services.

Motion for adjournment made by B. Moline and seconded by J. DaRocha at 9:30 p.m.,  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By.

*Kevin P. McElynn*

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Secretary

*2026 Installation Dinner*

*Friday May 29, 2026 -  
Cocktail Hour Begins at 7:00 pm  
Sit Down Dinner with Open Bar*

*At*

*The Nassau County Bar Association*

*15<sup>th</sup> & West Streets*

*Mineola, NY 11501*

*Tickets - \$ 85.00 Per Person*

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*This page is set aside in memory of*

*Chief Karl Thuge*

*Massapequa Fire Department*

*In memory of your passing and dedication to service*

*Rest In Peace.*



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*Wantagh Fire Department*

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