



## Monthly Meeting of the Alpha Fire Company

Meeting Date and Location: August 4, 2020, Borough Station and Zoom

1. Order and Roll Call:
  - a. Time of Order by S. Kauffman: 19:00 hours
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
  - a. Led by Tony Berrena and Don Stine
3. Roll Call (via zoom):
  - a. Attendance:

Permanent Members:	32
Probationary Members:	8
Type 2 Members:	0
Type 3 Members:	0
Type 4 Members:	0
4. Approval of prior meeting Minutes:
  - a. June 2, 2020, and July 7, 2020, Company Meeting:  
Motion: 1<sup>st</sup>: A. Prestia 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Faustina  
Approved: Yes
5. Financial Business:
  - a. Report of Financial Secretary/Treasurer
    - 1). Financial report was electronically disseminated to the Company.
    - 2). Motion to accept the report of the Treasurer and pay the bills  
Motion: R. Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Wirtz  
Approved: Yes
6. Trustee Report:
  - a. Jeff Martin – Not present for meeting
  - b. Joe Wirtz – Patton Twp. Station: Will begin on painting vacant room for new live-in member. J. Depp has temporarily moved into the study until a room is available.  
Patton Twp. Station looks good - no report.
  - c. Lyle Domico – SC Borough Station: will be obtaining a dish rack for the kitchen.
  - d. Tony Berrena – Automatic flushers have been installed on all toilets located at the main and Patton Stations.
7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Draft Bylaws have been posted and will be voted on at the September meeting. We will try for an in-person meeting so that all present can vote via ballot.
8. Written Communications:
- a. Thank you-card from the Wirtz and Ghaner families on the death of Dorothy Ghaner,
  - b. Thank you and \$50.00 donation from Bob J,
  - c. Thank you note Pat and Fred Welsh with \$200.00 donation.
9. Oral Communications:
- a. Shawn was stopped in traffic and given a thank you by the construction worker that was electrocuted at the Frasier Street site. He is doing well and wanted to pass on his appreciation for the aid rendered.
10. Company Reports:
- a. Executive (Kaufmann)
    - 1) Glenn Dry and Damien Gueho have been approved for permanent membership,
    - 2) Dan Wisniewski's request to be transferred to Life Type II was approved,
    - 3) New parking stickers are available. Fill out a sticker request form and see Carolyn who will issue the sticker,
    - 4) Applications for scholarships are due and will be reviewed on this Friday.
  - b. Memorial/Honor Guard (R. Clouser): None,
  - c. By-Laws/Policy (Burnett): None,
  - d. Tech/Web/Social Media (Lutz): None,
  - e. Membership: (Peters): None,
  - f. Scholarship (Townsend): None,
  - g. Nomination (Ross): None,
  - h. Special Events (Welsh/A. Prestia): None,
  - i. Social/Banquet (Wirtz, R. Witmer): None,
  - j. Uniforms/Clothing (T. Johnson): None.
11. Line Officer and Admin Reports:
- a. Chief 5 (Troup):
    - 1) Thank you to all the members who staffed the station during the demonstrations, especially the Fire Police,
    - 2) The Company needs to return to work night. Monday nights are designated work night when all equipment is tested and rigs are inspected. All members available need to attend.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief 5-1 (Berrena):
    - 1) Thank you to all who staffed the stations during standbys,
    - 2) Any member available should sign up for the FF1 and run-ins for this Saturday,
    - 3) Drivers are needed on Wednesday nights. If you are at the College or Patton Station try to relocate to the main station so that a crew is ready for any calls.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief 5-2 (Johnson):

- 1) Any member staffing and/or in the station for a minimum of one hour is requested to enter their time in I Am Responding (IAR). This provides the duty officer with information of members that are able to respond to calls. The staffing data is collected for tracking of crews, in specific, drivers.
  - 2) Reiterated the need to staff one station – drivers and crews – in lieu of being at all three stations.
- d. Fire Police Captain: (Robinson):
- 1) No report.
- e. Asst. Chief 55-1, Field Services (Schreiner):
- 1) Not present for the meeting, Equipment Tech gave report.
- f. Equipment Technician (R. Nese):
- 1) Engine 5-2 problems should resolve tomorrow,
  - 2) Pressure washing and degreasing of the aerials will take place next week.
- g. Asst. Chief 55-2, Training (Harris):
- 1) Burn Tech Training will be held at our Station 8/10 in the evening and the practical will be held 8/15 at CPI. OTR Forms required to enroll.
  - 2) 8/17 there will be Company Training for the Engine Company
  - 3) 8/24 will be the In-House Rescue PERT Written Exam and skill station completion that can be accomplished that evening.
  - 4) 8/24-25 FFI at CPI, several members will be participating as candidates, evaluators, or supporting CPI as apparatus operators. Thank you to all the members planning on taking the exam for getting their application packets in so quickly.
  - 5) Truck PERT is planning on beginning on 8/26 as long as no changes with COVID guidance occur.
  - 6) 9/2 at 1800 the Department of Health Vehicle Rescue Technician written exam will be hosted at the Borough Station to close out the State Vehicle Rescue Course held as part of the Rescue PERT.
- h. Safety 5-1, HSO (Pedersen):
- 1) Not present.
- i. Chief 55, Fire Director (Bair):
- 1) COVID-19 Relief Money: Tony Berrena has changed all of the plumbing on the toilets so that they are touch free and automatic flushing. Certain items may be accomplished with the monies designated for COVID-19. Tony will be installing ultra violet systems in the air handlers for air purification. He will also be installing no touch faucets as well as water bottle filling stations,
  - 2) Incident Volume: July 2020 saw a 25% increase in our responses over 2019 and it looks like the fall will be very busy. We will have 5 Penn State Home Football Games so our staffing will not change ,
  - 3) There is a high probability that demonstrations will begin again once the student population at Penn State returns for the fall,

- 4) Approximately 4,000 recruitment mailers have been sent out with a targeted audience in the age group ranging from 18-50. This was accomplished via the SAFER grant which will expire on 11/14/2020,
  - 5) A review of the recent polling of the membership found that an area of improvement is HazMat Operations. Data reviewed lack of or low confidence in this area. We will be focusing on presenting some joint training and exercises,
  - 6) The Consultant report should be coming very shortly and once received it will be reviewed and shared with the membership.
- j. Relief Association (R. Harris):
- 1) No action tonight, a proposed change to the Constitution will be presented at September's meeting.
- k. New Business: Bylaws Change:
- 1) Vote to extend either the President or Chief position by one year. The Chief and President positions would then be on alternate years for continuity.
- l. Good of the Company:
- i 1) Kauffman: in consultation with Ron Witmer and the Governor's continued guidelines on COVID-19, the 2020 banquet/celebration will not be held. The next banquet/celebration will be in spring 2021 if the restrictions are lifted,
  - 2) Challenge coins will be distributed (2 per member) in the near future with members allowed to purchase more,
  - 3) Point System: The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter stipend check will be delayed as the review is taking longer than expected. We are looking at a solution to be fair to all members.
  - 4) The Face Masking Ordinance passed by the State College Borough Council last night will have little effect on the Alpha Fire Company as we are already adhering to COVID-19 practices. That said, please continue to maintain social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- 5) Adjournment: 19:40 hours  
Motion: C. Prestia 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. Harris

*Respectfully Submitted 08/06/2020:*

*Theodore D. Gabriel, Sr., PHR*

*Secretary*



8/4/2020

The Alpha Fire Company account is with Kish Bank as of 4/7/2020

## Checking

Starting Balance	\$	37,399.84
Deposits	\$	3,370.80
Checks	\$	23,627.96
Ending Balance	\$	17,142.29

## FUNDS and ACCOUNTS

The Alpha Fire Company investments are with CBT

Accounts	Last month	This Month
Lederer	\$ 36,452.61	\$37,446.60
Scholarship	\$ 264,340.15	\$272,959.29
Alpha	\$ 345,509.94	\$376,453.98

## 2019 Fund Drive

*2019 Total* \$ 69,093.34

## Donations & Income

Donations & miscellaneous income for the company is noted here

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Note</b>
Interest	\$ 3.42	
Donation-Mailer	\$ 341.10	
Rein. Food	\$ 646.86	
Rein Cog	\$ 900.00	
Donation	\$ 1,150.00	
Sales Vending	\$ 88.00	
Members Cloth.	\$ 241.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,370.38</b>	

### CHECKS

Food Training	\$ 189.55	
Memorials	\$ 300.00	
Stand By Food	\$ 66.47	
Supplies	\$ 140.54	
Rein Cog	\$ 900.00	
Coffee	\$ 222.80	
Members Cloth.	\$418.63	
Trust Deposit	\$20,000.00	General Trust

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Treasurer's Report

Flowers		\$68.94
Parking Stickers	\$	740.00
Refund		\$20.00
F.P. Badge Patches		\$561.00

**TOTAL** **23,627.93**