

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	07/29/21	
LOCATION:	Erie County Training & Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:06	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	William Cleary, Jeffrey Daege, James Gajewski, Kevin, Herzog, James Judd, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Doug Lahnen, Scott Plecha, Peter Spilsbury, Andre Zamrok, Christopher Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Timothy Gibbons, Paul Gorczyca, Robert Rackl
	EXCUSED:	Michael Griffin, Garrett Wynn, Daniel Neaverth Jr.
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	06/24/21 – No notes received yet
	MOTION BY:	
	SECOND BY:	
	APPROVED:	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	\$418.05, as of July's meeting	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>Still working on the fire towers, Cheektowaga was done last year. Trying to get Chestnut Ridge done now, both burn rooms are in bad shape. Currently burning is restricted on the first floor and the second floor is getting there as well. Supply prices have increased, so the estimates that were given two years ago have now increased.</p> <p>There have been a lot of improvements to the Cheektowaga training campus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Removing all the grout, re-grouting, washing, and sealing of entire building -New roof -New generator -New 911 backup system, starting to install the equipment this week. An addition was added to the building near the EMS office -Building #6 – being completely redone, new cement work, new roof, new doors. Diesel fluid that was stored there is now under the old tall tower in the back. This building will now be storage for the training campus (implements for the tractor, anything else in the indoor tower that can be moved out). Hopefully will be complete by the end of August. -Oil Pits – problems with leaking water. Pete and Jim dumped dry cement all along the edge and down into the cracks. Backfilled with stone and millings. Seems to be working for now. -New fire alarm system <p>World Trade Center courses coming up at the end of August. It's a two-day seminar (can come either day) and they'll help anyone from this area who went to assist, file the appropriate paperwork should something happen in the future.</p> <p>J-Fire program is coming along</p> <p>Brandon Peters left to go work for the Town of Amherst. We have hired a new FC-2 and he will be joining the department soon. His name is Alex Doll. He is a firefighter at Brighton Fire Company. Currently he is working as a supervisor at Twin City Ambulance. Also, works for the Town of Tonawanda paramedics for the police department.</p> <p>New hay trailer made from a state trailer that was left behind</p> <p>Milwaukee tools are getting installed into the trailers, mostly the forcible entry trailer</p> <p>Involved in a couple of major fires recently. One was in Cheektowaga at the Commerce Park on Walden Ave and the one in Amherst. Supplied the rehab trailer, assisted with assets, refueling of trucks, food for the firefighter, etc.</p>	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report	
OTHER:	No Report	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
SCHOOL:	No Report	
DRILL TOWER:	No Report	
RADIO:	No Report	

LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Wall of Honor ceremony scheduled for Saturday 10/16/21. At the time of the meeting, there were 6 letters of nomination, now there are 12.
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	No Report
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	No Report
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
OLD BUSINESS:	Looking into a possible picnic for the September meeting
NEW BUSINESS:	Scott Kuhlmeier is doing all background checks. The best way to submit the request is through email. Usually complete within a few days.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Need to try and build the Fire Advisory Board up. We have 3 people that'll be coming in soon, but we will be losing about 6 people at the end of the year. Discussion about term lengths and function of the Fire Advisory Board.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	09/30/21
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	08/26/21
ADJOURNMENT:	18:30, Motion by Scott Plecha, seconded by James Gajewski
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Joleen Schlossin
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Joleen Schlossin

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD SIGN IN AND CONTACT SHEET

MEETING:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	DATE: 7/29/2021			LOCATION:	FTA		ABSENT	EXCUSED
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature			
1	Cleary, William		2nd	12/31/2022	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net				
2	Daege, Jeffrey		2nd	12/31/2022	716-440-2017	jeffreydaege@yahoo.com				
3	Gajewski, James		2nd	12/31/2021	716-440-4755	commjim10@yahoo.com				
4	Gibbons, Timothy		2nd	12/31/2021	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com				
5	Gorczyca, Paul		1st	12/31/2021	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com				
6	Griffin, Michael		2nd	12/31/2022	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			X	
7	Herzog, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2022	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com				
8	Judd, James	Treasurer	2nd	12/31/2022	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com				
9	Karcher, Eric		2nd	12/31/2022	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com				
10	Kuhlmeier, Scott		2nd	12/31/2021	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@gmail.com				
11	Lahnen, Douglas		2nd	12/31/2022	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com				
12	Plecha, Scott		1st	12/31/2021	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com				
13	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	2nd	12/31/2021	716-583-1798	rwrackl@gmail.com				
14	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	2nd	12/31/2021		Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov				
15	Wynn, Garrett		1st	12/31/2021	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org			X	
16	Zamrok, Andrew		2nd	12/31/2021	716-425-7907	azamrok@evanscentervfc.org				
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	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov				
	Couell, Chris	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov				
	Schlossin, Joleen	Deputy Fire Coordinator				joleen.schlossin@erie.gov				
		Scribe								