



## Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association

October 21, 2020

President O'Neal called the 1049<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 47, Farmington Fire Company. The invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Allan Post. President O'Neal led the members present with the Pledge of Allegiance. President O'Neal suspended the meeting at 7:03 pm for dinner which was served by the Auxiliary members of Station 47.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:38 pm by President O'Neal.

Vice President Manley presented the gratuities and conveyed our thanks and appreciation to the Auxiliary members of Station 47. Applause was heard for the Auxiliary. Joe Zeroles, President of Farmington Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President Langford gave the response.

President O'Neal thanked all of his Officers for 2020. We had a rough year but managed to get thru it. A round of applause was heard.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to deviate from the proper order of business to allow Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson to distribute the funds to the fire companies and to install the 2020-2021 KCVFA Officers.

Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson spoke a little bit and then distributed the checks to the fire companies from Levy Court. A round of applause was heard.

President O'Neal asked the 2020-2021 Officers to come forward and be sworn into office.

Past President Joe Zeroles installed the 2020-2021 KCVFA Officers. A round of applause was heard.

President Mark Langford presented the Past President pin to Past President Benny O'Neal. There were several presentations to Past President Benny O'Neal. A round of applause was heard.

Treasurer Pennington stated that Past President O'Neal was not taking his \$600 for expenses, but is turning it over to the Association. A round of applause was heard.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to return to the proper order of business.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 11 present, 2 absent; Companies: 17 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 13 KCVFA, 6 DVFA and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the KCVFA meeting minutes for September 2020, motion carried.

**Deceased Members:** It was reported that there is one deceased member. He is Bruce Moffitt from Station 53. Assistant Chaplain Post asked for a moment of silence for our deceased member.

**Report of Officers:** All submitted or will be submitted in written or electronic form.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Pennington read the attached Treasurer's report for September 2020. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Written or Email Correspondence:** We received some emails for delegate & alternates changes from several companies. We also received a thank you letter for our donation to the Blessing of the Badges.

### Introduction of Guests:

**DVFA –2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ken Ryder** reported that the DVFA has started to work on the Presumptive Legislation. The House delegates are working on the bill and once the draft is complete it will be forwarded to the DVFA. With regards to the funding deficits, an email was sent to all Presidents asking for information on how much the Covid-19 has affected their funding for 2020. We would like to have this information for discussion this year. the State has been offering monies to small businesses and non-profits. The fire companies did not fit the requirements for these funds. We are working on fulfilling the requirements to get some of these funds. With regards to the AFGF grants, we have been awarded the grant by FEMA. For all those who applied, more information will be forthcoming. This grant is for reimbursement of Covid-19 expenses. All companies who applied for this grant have been notified by FEMA of the information that they have requested. The Recruitment Task Force

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has been working this year, but like everything else, it has been slowed down due to the conditions. Plans have been laid out to get this up and running again. DVFA Officers present here tonight are 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Vice President Ken Ryder, Secretary Elmer Steele, Directors' Benny O'Neal and Jim Wozniki.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – No report

**DVFA Conference** – Joe Zerolles said that they are going to meet in March 2021 to start planning for the 2021 Conference.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – No report

**State Fire Police Association** – Les States reported that their next meeting will be on 11-15-2020 at Station 56 at 9:00 am. We are offering an Advanced Drivers Course. You have to have the basic drivers course in order to take the advanced course.

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Bill Betts reported that they commission met yesterday morning. It was reported that the fire school classes were going well. They are going to run another Basic Class. Bill said that eleven investigations were closed at the meeting. We also had five new cases. We reviewed the scratch rate and Kent County was in compliance. We had a hearing for a suspended EMT. We are working on the new protocols for OEMS for 2021. With me tonight is Ron Marvel.

**Delaware State Fire School** – No report

**State EMS** – No report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report.

**Legislature** – No report

**Kent County Levy Court** – No report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Treasurer Shirley Pennington reported that their next meeting will be on 11-11-2020 at Station 45.

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Leon Hyde thanked the association for the recognition. With the pandemic this year, the fire police have been very quiet. Most of the fire police have stayed local. We did

handle the Amish Auction this past weekend. Our next meeting will be on 11-17-2020 at Station 48. It will not be a dinner meeting. With me tonight is Treasurer George Pyott, Past Officer Les States, and Joe Zerolles.

**Kent County Emergency Medical Services Committee** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Melinda Jackson thanked the association for the recognition and with her tonight is Secretary Christine Davila, Past President & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President LADVFA Deb Lawhead and Past President Shirley Pennington.

**Kent Center Emergency Dispatch Center** – No report

**Kent County EMS (Paramedics)** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – President Jim Watson was not present, but sent greetings thru Vice President Manley.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Jim Arrington reported that their next meeting will be on 10-27-2020 at Bridgeville, station 72.

**Delmarva Firefighter's Association** – Elmer Steele thanked the association for the recognition and had no report.

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No report

**Mutual Relief** – Steve White reported that the October meeting for Sunday has been cancelled. We will be meeting on 11-10-2020 at Station 49.

**DEMA** – No report

**ICHIEFS** – No report.

**NVFC** – No report

### **Report of Committees:**

**Fire Prevention Committee** – Shirley Pennington reported that this has been moved to January 2021. All of the fire companies should have received their

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Treasurer's Report for September 2020

Roland Trader Scholarship Account

Beginning Balance	\$13,980.97
Interest	<u>.57</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$13,981.54

Special Ops Account

Beginning Balance	\$24,276.93
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$24,276.93

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance	\$43,131.50
Interest	<u>1.78</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$43,133.28

(Smoke Detectors \$ 806.60 and FF Relief Fund \$ 7,500.00)

Main Checking Account

Beginning Balance	, \$ 5,351.95
Expenses	<u>725.19</u>
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 4,626.76

Total of all Accounts as of September 30, 2020 \$ 39,473.44

(Less Scholarship, Special Ops, FF Relief Fund, and Smoke Detectors)

KCVFA Bills for the month of October 2020

Jen Mor Florist (Sunshine - Satterfield)	\$ 60.99
Shirley Pennington (Reimburse for Installation)	\$ 131.99
RWM Embroidery	\$ 114.90
Graves Uniforms	\$ 461.99
Farmington Fire Company Auxiliary	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total of All Bills for the month of October 2020	<u>\$ 969.87</u>

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packets. Hold onto the packets until we get the dates for January. If anyone needs packets, please contact me as I have extras.

**Appreciation Night** – Shirley Pennington asked about how we feel about having this event. It is usually the end of February. We can hold off until the November meeting to see what is going on.

**Payment of Bills:** Treasurer Pennington reported that there are bills for October 2020 to be paid tonight. They are attached to these minutes. It was motioned, seconded and carried to pay the bills.

**Unfinished Business:** - NONE

**New Business:**

It was motioned, seconded and carried to table the 2021 Budget this until the Appreciation Dinner is decided on.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to present a Gift and Resolution to P Brooks Banta to be presented to him at his last meeting in December.

**Good of the Association:**

Marvin Sharp stated to vote on 11-3-2020. Please wear some fire company apparel.

It was motioned, seconded and carried to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth R Steele, Secretary

Kevin Wilson congratulated the Officers for 2020 for a good job during a difficult year. All of the information was very good during this year.

Deb Lawhead thanked the association for their donation to the Blessing of the Badges. Deb said that on Thanksgiving they will be providing a dinner for firefighters & police while they are working.

Benny O'Neal stated that Ralph Satterfield had a stroke last month and I am glad to see he is here tonight. A round of applause was heard.

Shirley Pennington stated that her husband, Phil is organizing a donation event for a company from Missouri. They will be here from Saturday thru Wednesday. They have no funding from their county or state.

*The next meeting for KCVFA will be at Station 45, Clayton Fire Company – November 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.*

50-50 – Was won by a member.

Conference souvenir – Was won by a member.

The 13 centerpieces were raffled off as well.

Assistant Chaplain Allan Post gave the benediction.