

Oneida County Fire Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

To: Anthony Picente
Gerald Fiorini

cc: Those present (see attached list)

Meeting Date: January 21, 2019

Meeting Location: Oneida County DPW

The January 2019 meeting of the Oneida County Fire Advisory was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 21, 2019. Chairman Eaton led the pledge.

Bob Eaton was nominated as Chairman for 2019 by Brement and seconded by Dekay. There were no other nominations. Eaton was elected Chairman.

Neil Sutherland was nominated as vice-Chairman by Dekay and seconded by Furgol. There were no other nominations. Sutherland was elected Vice-Chairman.

Clancy nominated Mandryck as secretary. It was seconded by Furgol. There were no other nominations. Mandryck was elected secretary.

Mandryck had distributed the November 2018 meeting minutes to the members before the meeting. There were no corrections offered. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made and the minutes were approved by the board.

The following topics were then discussed:

1. Emergency Services

- a. The 2019 Mutual aid Plan has no changes. Revere will have a copy of the plan emailed to all FAB members.
- b. The county is evaluating a cell phone app which allows a phone to act as a radio. Pricing has not yet been determined by various vendors. The county's Central Services group has some concerns with security of this app.

2. Legislators

- a. Flisnik inquired about the radio system expansion project. The radio system expansion had the bidding period extended. Revere expects a spring start of work.
- b. Flisnik inquired about the phase 1 distribution of radios. Revere stated that not all radios have been distributed yet.
- c. The status of the state's \$65M grant program was questioned. Revere noted that not all funding has been distributed yet..

3. Fire Prevention

- a. A grant for a second smoke house has been received. There is a trailer that could be used to transport the houses currently on the county's eBay site. Revere will check on its availability.

4. Expo

- a. Set for May 31 at MVCC. Revere to verify with MVCC officials. Letters have been sent to schools and fire departments. There is no rain date at this time.

5. Fire Police

- a. Fire police will work the Heart Run and Walk. There has been no inquiry from the Boilermaker yet for support.

6. Radio Committee

- a. In addition to the above discussion, Eaton asked how an individual can become a member of the radio committee. Revere will discuss with Fred Lampman.

7. EMS (No Report)

8. Cause and Origin (No Report)

9. Volunteers Association

- a. The Association has filled a vacant position on the FAB with David Portman

10. Chief's Association

- a. Pete Sobol is the new President.

11. Old Business

- a. Legislative breakfast January 26th at Deerfield.
- b. FASNY will be holding a meeting on December 8 to discuss the recruitment and retention questionnaire that was previously sent out. Departments are being asked to complete the survey if they had not yet done so.
- c. Scholarships are available from FASNY and the county association.
- d. The Firehawk is still active. Mandryck looking at options to use funding for fees and/or books as NYS now offers free tuition to students.
- e. Attendance at FAB meetings needs to be improved. Each group needs to push representatives to attend. If someone cannot attend, they should step aside and a replacement proposed. Eaton will draft a letter to each organization stressing the need for representative to attend the FAB meetings. The Volunteers have sent out a letter asking for volunteers interested in sitting on the FAB and on its Board of Directors.

12. New Business

- a. The availability of AirVan 279 was questioned. Some had been told that it was down and out of service. There is concern that the county's air van is not being made available by the city of Utica. As a result, some were concerned about only being able to rely on Verona for air van support. Revere noted that the van may not be going out due to a union issue within the Utica Fire Department. Some asked that If this was the case, was it a violation of the agreement between the County and City? Revere to contact the city in regards to this issue. Furgol also offered to contact the city fire department. If there is an issue with the city's ability to provide air van service, Revere will reach out to

other departments again to see if any have interest in housing the air van and providing service to other departments.

13. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held February 18, 2019 at 7 PM at DPW.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Mandryck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

Brian Mandryck, Secretary