

Oneida County Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

To: Anthony Picente
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cc: Those present (see attached list)

Meeting Date: September 17, 2018

Meeting Location: Oneida County DPW

The September 2018 meeting of the Oneida County Fire Advisory was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 17. Chairman Eaton led the pledge.

Mandryck read the minutes of the May 21, 2018 meeting. There were no revisions suggested. Sutherland made a motion to accept the minutes. Furgol seconded. The minutes were approved by the board.

The following topics were then discussed:

1. Emergency Services

- a. The new smoke house has been used twice, once at Kids Oneida and once at the Vienna FD. Any time it is used, department members are need to set it up and tear it down. Three people at the Kids Oneida site was not enough to tear it down. Eight to ten people would be ideal for this effort. There still needs to be a script prepared for its use.
- b. The Junior Fire Academy was canceled due a lack of enrollees.
- c. The Expo was cancelled due to the weather.
- d. The county has the FCC license for Phase 2 buildout. Towers are being strengthened and new generators will be installed. The county has not yet spent the \$206,000 for the rerouting yet.
- e. The radio committee will meet in October. A subcommittee is currently reviewing policies
- f. There have been distortion issues with simulcasting. The software fix has not cured this problem, but it is hopeful that it will be resolved soon. The County has not accepted the system yet and will not do so until the issues are resolved. There are still issues with reception in some parts of the county. Responsibility for system maintenance by the county has not yet been transferred to the county.
- g. The County is pursuing targeted grants for system work. \$65M is now available, up from \$10M in the past. Decisions on grants are expected before November. With the grants, additional bonding will not be necessary

2. Legislators

- a. The legislature has approved the contract with Mercy Flight. Mercy Flight has been busy. Mercy flight is working with fire departments to establish landing zones. Thirty (30) have been set up so far. In the future, signs will be installed at these sites.
 - b. Central Services has requested \$52,000 for system maintenance.
 - c. A Haz Mat grant for \$64,000 for monitor upgrades has been received. The county haz mat team needs the equipment and additional training to be designated as a level 2 Team.
 - d. The county has received a Homeland security grant for \$190,000 for computers for the next generation of 911 as well as fire/police tablets.
3. Fire Prevention
 - a. Meeting Thursday, September 20th at 7 PM in Westmoreland.
 - b. Revere and Glenn to discuss set up/tear down procedures and script.
 - c. The FAB will be sent notifications of where the smoke house will be used.
4. Expo
 - a. .No Report.
 - b. The Firemen's Association has applied for a grant for the expo.
 - c. There have been discussions about moving it to the Utica Armory.
5. Fire Police
 - a. Meeting at 7 PM on September 19 at New London.
 - b. Refresher classes will be held October 16th at 6:30 PM in New Hartford and on October 20th at Lake Delta.
6. Radio Committee
 - a. No Report. Meeting in October.
7. EMS (No Report)
8. Cause and Origin
 - a. A meeting was held two weeks prior to the FAB meeting. Twelve people attended including 6 members and 6 that are interested in becoming members.
 - b. If a department want the C&O team on site, they need to let the coordinator know as quickly as possible.
 - c. The C&O team is looking for younger members to join.
 - d. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2019.
 - e. As of January 2020, level 1 and 2 members will need national certifications. Two members currently have this certification.
9. Volunteers Association
 - a. Meeting set for September 20th.
 - b. Glenn is the new chairman for FASNY's recruitment and retention committee.
10. Chief's Association
 - a. October 11th meeting at New York Mills at 7:30 PM.
 - b. No report.
11. Old Business
 - a. None,
12. New Business

- a. BEFO class in Remsen is nearly complete.

13. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held October 22nd at 7 PM at DPW.





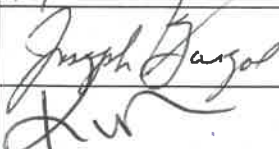
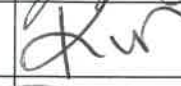

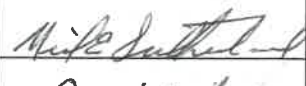


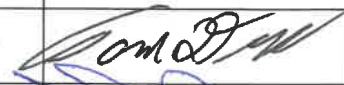


Respectfully submitted,



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Oneida County Fire Advisory Board

Meeting Date: ~~June 19, 2018~~ ^{September 17, 2018}

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