

Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association
December 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Spangler Volunteer Fire Company
December 11, 2025

- **Call Meeting to Order** – President Josh Petrisko called the monthly meeting to order at 1904 hours.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – President Petrisko then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Prayer** – Pat Illig – Patton gave the opening prayer.
- **Resolutions** – Pat Illig read the names of John Kuhar III – Vinton dale & Michael Alexander – Northern Regional FD. All members assembled stood in silent reflection for 1 minute in memory of their departed brothers.
- **Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes** – minutes from the October 23, 2025 meeting was read. No corrections or additions noted. President Petrisko declared the minutes to stand as read.
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod forwarded the bills for the month in the amount of \$6,257.90
 - **Motion to pay bills:** Pat Illig II – Patton
 - **2nd:** Joel Offman – Portage
 - **Question:** called
 - **Vote:** Passed
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod reported:

Total Funds in Certificates:	\$166,855.76
Total Funds in Checking Accounts:	<u>\$126,010.50</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES as of: 08/02/2024:	\$292,866.26

Motion to approve report: Micky Lutch – Spangler

 - **2nd:** Mark Coleman – Beaverdale
 - **Question:** called
 - **Vote:** Passed
- **Communications** – Letter from Madera changing name of department to Moshannon Valley Fire Department

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland
 - We closed the site down on October 25, 2025 and we shut down the water on Wednesday, October 29, 2025
 - During the shut-down the skid steer began smoking badly, so we had it checked out by Weakland's garage and he found that all of the fuel injectors are worn out and the injector seals are shot. There's also a hole in the radiator. We are looking at \$3,500 for parts if we can find them. This does not include labor. We decided not to repair.
 - We found a military extendable forklift at the Federal Warehouse in Harrisburg. They're asking \$2,500. We're going to go look at it on Monday, November 10th and see what we can do, but we must have a forklift, but it's too large. We're on the list for a forklift or another skidsteer at the Federal Warehouse. Ed Link is going to check with a Caterpillar dealer that he knows also. If we can't find one by county fire school, we'll have to rent one.
 - Mickey Lutch got a band new safety ladder for the new tower, which we installed on November 1st. You can now get on top of the tower without going thru the inside.
 - We got the pump all wrapped up for winter.
 - Reviewed the new building plans.
 - We got quotes on WiFi and internet at the site since the state is going to all electronic, registration and testing. We were going to go with Verizon for \$149 a month, but McCann suggested that we check with T-Mobile. The committee agreed and Jim will set up a meeting with T-Mobile. (See Treasurer Kundrod's notes below.)
 - At the Holidaysburg meeting there was a motion passed that we could purchase up \$5000 of used equipment. Hawk and I met with Dan's Used Equipment guy and here's what transpired:
 - We removed the RotoRay light from Alum Bank engine and he gave us a \$1000 store credit. We traded the light for two brand new sets of irons. We purchased gated wyes for \$800 and he gave us four ladder belts for testing, a hose clamp for testing and several hydrant wrenches. So all said and done we spent \$800. We still

want to purchase two more halligan bars and maybe two foam eductors.

- Paul gave update on Wifi.
 - In the Stix doesn't have service for several years.
 - T-Mobile would require Association to purchase and install an antenna. About \$1,000.00 just for the antenna, plus we'd have to install and maintain. Then the service is \$80.00 month
 - Verizon is \$149/month and since we're seasonal, we could shut down in November and restart in March. 1000 gigabit.
 - Annualized cost –
 - T-Mobile 1st year \$79.44 x 12 = \$953.28 + \$1000.00 = \$1953.28
 - Verizon \$149 x 9 months = \$1,341.00
 - Verizon \$99 x 9 months = \$891.00 (500 g speed)
- Motion – Jeff Weir for the high-speed Verizon @ \$149/month
 - 2nd – Nick Wuckovich
 - Question called
 - Vote passed
- **Fire School/Training** – Lianna Weir
 - Resent link to all students for Essentials to reregister because many picked selections that didn't make the correct series to complete the training.
 - Billing as of 12-10-25:
 - Amount Billed: \$38,971.00
 - Amount Paid: \$36,616.00
 - Difference of: \$2,355.00
 - Numbers for Essentials student read but they're in flux.
 - Fire School weekends April 10, 11, 12; 17, 18, 19; 25, 26
 - Will have a meeting to finalize Fire School programs.
- **Law & Legislative** – Nick Wuckovich
 - PA – New legislation H8207 that would ensure that volunteer firefighters and EMTs would be covered under workmen's compensation if injured during fund raising

activities this proposed legislation is referred to House Local Government on t219.

- House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness are considering moving on a series of Forest Fire Bills one of which HB 1379 which would provide reimbursement to the local fire wardens for activities and training if appioved by the Chief Forest Fire Warden.
- Senate Bill 522 in the Senate Comrnittee of Veterans Affairs and Emergency preparedness Committee are considering standards for billing of Services.
- House Bill 156 which would require any child care centers and Family Child Care Homes be required to have a CO detector if such facility is heated by Fossil fuels or has an attached garage.
- There is still activity which has included the last four sessions of the legislature to move SB 737 which establishes county EMS authorities due to the EMS crisis in the Commonwealth.
- SB 1078 which is to renew the 9-1-L surcharge on wireless which is set to expire in January 2A26.It had been asked to increase the charge to 52.20 but was reduced back to \$1.95 which has been established that the current amount isn't enough throwing the burden back on the county government.
- House bill 1875 and L893 which would increase real estate tax mill rate for fire tax from 3 mils to 10 mils for fire and EMS from1/2 mil to five mils.
- As of this week's report still no mention on activity for the \$30 million that the governor had indicted and there is talk of a new proposal for this session but at this point has gone nowhere.
- Federal – Defense Reauthorization passed by House includes Honoring our Fallen Heroes, goes to Senate SB 237 to expand eligibility retroactive to Jan 1, 2020 including COVID 19 claims to the extended deadline for DOJ for cancer presumption claims.
 - Motion for Association to support legislation and Secretary to send letters to Senators Fetterman and McCormick by Nick Wuckovich
 - 2nd by Jim Nagle

- Question called
 - Vote passed
- **Certification** – from RJ Wilson
 - Eval Workshops Cresson, Tuesday March 10th 6 pm, Logan Twp – United, Saturday March 14th 6 pm, St. Michael – still waiting on dates
 - Evaluators have to go on Acadis and register. This is the yearly required training.
- **Admin Secretary** – Lianna Weir
 - Need your deer posts if members want to post them
 - Streamed the November 9th Training meeting. 117 people watched the uploaded replay.
 - Year End Review Letters going out to Association sponsors
 - Expecting to send Fire School sponsorship letters in January.
 - Fire Academy Merch Color
 - Main Color : Dark Blue
 - Online Colors :
 - Carolina Blue and Dark Gray
 - Cups, Hats, and Challenge Coins
 - Presentation to the Winners of the Forcible Entry Contest:
 - Greg Hassen Jr., 1st – Hope
 - Zane Barrett 2nd – Patton
 - Zack Diandreth 3rd – Revloc
 - Carolyn Fisher Basket Party (Tremont Club) tentatively on February 28th
- Anthony's in Richland but looking for a Fire station/hall
- **Membership** – Nick Wuckovich/Jeff Weir
 - 5 departments request to join Association – see Application Review
- **Financial** – Treasurer Kundrod
 - The Association Treasurer reviewed the 2024 990 Federal Tax return of the Association. He reviewed the major highlights of the return and went over our income and expenses for the year. The Secretary was provided a copy and the Treasurer advised the delegates that a copy

is available to any member that requests a set. This return will be available at all our meetings for review.

- **Application Review** – Nick Wuckovich for Joe Adams

- The following Departments sent letters of application which were reviewed and found satisfactory and recommended for membership:
 - Imler – Bedford County
 - Morris Twp. – Clearfield County
 - Grampian – Clearfield County
 - Phillipsburg – Centre County
 - Blue Knob – Blair County

Motion to accept: Bob Nies

2nd: Jim Nagle – Gallitzin

Question: There was discussion about Departments sending the Application fees with the application. It is stated so in Bylaws but past practice is for Departments to send the fee after being accepted with those that haven't sent the fee having their membership rescinded. We can clarify with a motion. See New Business. Motion to accept these 5 Departments still stands.

Vote: Passed

- **Bylaws** - 2 amendments for 1st reading.

- Article IV, Section 16
 - The CRF Knock Down Cancer Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the president. The committee's duties are to provide a clearinghouse of information for all member fire department personnel, their families, and the general public on how to protect people from the risks of contracting cancers and other diseases while in the course of their duties or in the course of their job. The committee will also provide peer support for anyone in need of it.
 - Signed by 8 members in good standing.
- Article VI amend Procurement Committee Duties and add Section 16, composition of the Committee:
 - The Procurement Committee was established in 2024. The purpose of this committee is to review

proposed financial expenditures that meet or exceed the monetary threshold defined in the Procurement Policy of \$501.00 for the Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association. The committee shall evaluate such expenditures, review bids when required, ensure compliance with all established procurement procedures, and make recommendations to the appropriate governing body as outlined in the Procurement Policy.

- The Procurement Committee is also responsible for enforcing the Procurement Policy and ensuring that all committees of the Association follow the approved procedures when making expenditures.
- The President of the Association may appoint additional members to the committee as needed. Standing members of the committee shall include the following positions:
 - Sitting Treasurer (who shall serve as Chair)
 - Site Director Chairperson
 - Certification Chairperson
 - Sitting President
 - Sitting First Vice President
 - Sitting Second Vice President
 - Sitting Recording Secretary
 - Sitting Executive Committee Chairperson

○ **Box 11 – Jeff Weir**

Balance as of 09/30/2025	\$8,436.51
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Income:

\$0.00

\$0.00

Total Income Month

Total Income	\$8,436.51
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Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Total Income on hand 07/31/2025	\$8,436.51
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Box 11 Fund	\$6,086.51
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Box 11 Truck Fund	<u>\$2,350.00</u>
Total Income on hand	\$8,436.51

Box 11 Run Log 2025														
2025	Jan	Feb	Mar	APR	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	
Month Total	4	3	5	4	1	3	6	9	2	6	2		46	
Total Members as of 07/31/2025														
Incidents: 30														
Stand-by: 5														
Public Svc: 11														

- **Fire Advisory** – Jeff Weir
 - Good meeting Tuesday night
 - If nearest EMS is not available QRS is dispatched on cardiac related incident if closer than the due EMS.
 - Emergency Networking (EN) – Richland Twp is working on an LSA grant to fund the connectivity between CAD and EN. West Hills working on similar with Emergency Reporting.
 - Storm Mode coming out
- **Recruitment & Retention** – No Report
- **Junior FF** – No Report
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Awards** – No Report
- **Tuition Assistance** – Nick Wuckovich
 - Reminder that there are 3 awards, 4 year, 2 year, 2 year Technical/Trades
- **Fire Prevention** – John Hawksworth

- Put books together – he's seeing a lot of good work and putting it in a prevention book. It's worth money.
- **Contests and Parade** – No Report
- **Convention Planning Book** – No Report
- **Convention** – working on schedule, just about complete.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – Tom Davis
 - EMA is working with 2-1-1 as a call center for locations of warming shelters if needed. If Departments have facilities for warming notify EMA.
 - PEMA sent HazMat textbooks, 50 books available for loan. Contact EMA
 - 9-1-1 – the latest ambulance service closure had a ripple effect. Areas with delayed coverage is 1st due EMS is out, cardiac cases will get the nearest QRS dispatched if closer than primary ambulance.
 - EN – reported about Richland Twp applying for the LSA grant to tie in CAD with EN
- **Chernisky runs** – presentation at Nanty Glo – over \$31,000.00
- **Knock Down Cancer Committee – change from FACE Team**
 - Motion to approve name change: Tony Sestrich
 - 2nd: Mark Coleman
 - Question called
 - Vote passed
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 23 answered roll
 - Beaverdale, Bellwood-Excelsior, Colver, Conemaugh Independence, Conemaugh-610, Dauntless, East Taylor, Franklin, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Keystone Regional, Nicktown, Patton, Pine Twp., Portage, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Westover
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – Lianna Weir

- OSFC looking to schedule the Recruitment and Retention meeting that had been cancelled by the lack of a travel budget.
- Several Departments still owe for training. Lianna is working with Paul Kundrod to verify payments, Needs assistance with contacts for out of Association Departments who owe:
 - Central City
 - Homer City
 - Cherry Tree
- **New Business –**
 - Motion by Mike Blanchetti to require the dues and initiation fee prior to considering application for membership in the Association.
 - 2nd: Joel Offman
 - Question called
 - Vote passed
- **Good of the Association –**
 - John Hawksworth has Gallardy challenge coins – money goes to Gallardy scholarship.
 - Hawk recommends Departments look at Dan's equipment for good used equipment.
 - President Petrisko noted there is an Autonomous Drone * Autonomous Care presentation at St. Michael Tuesday December 16, 6 PM.
- Standing rise for host Spangler called for by President Petrisko
- Next Meeting – Conemaugh Twp. – 610 – January 22, 2026.
- **50/50:** \$81.00
- **Adjournment –**
 - **Motion:** Jim Nagle
 - **2nd:** Woodley
 - **Vote:** Passed
 - **Time:** 20:25 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary