

**Cambria County Regional Firefighters' Association**  
**march 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Summerhill Borough Volunteer Fire Company**  
**March 26, 2026**

- **Call Meeting to Order** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tony Sestrich called the monthly meeting to order at 1901 hours.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** – 1st Vice President Tony Sestrich then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Prayer** – Paul Sklodowski then gave the opening prayer.
- **Previous Meeting's Minutes** – Motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes by Larry Penatzer – Summerhill.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark Coleman - Beaverdale
  - No corrections or additions noted.
  - Vote – Passed
- **Communications** – Letter from Mr. Tom Bracken – Nanty Glo resigning as Chair of the Awards committee.
- **Reading of Bills** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod forwarded the bills for the month in the amount of \$12,559.96
  - **Motion to pay bills:** Pat Illig II – Patton
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Frank Hribar – St. Michael
  - **Question:** called
  - **Vote:** Passed
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Paul Kundrod reported:

Total Funds in Certificates:	\$269,225.66
Total Funds in Checking Accounts:	<u>\$135,010.21</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b> as of: 03/26/2026:	<b>\$404,235.87</b>

  - **Motion to approve:** Nick Wuckovich – Conemaugh Ind.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Nagle – Gallitzin
  - **Question:** called
  - **Vote:** Passed

- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Fire School/Training** – Lianna Weir
    - Update on FS Weekend registrations:
      - Registrations reopened and walk-ups will be permitted.
      - Read several classes that need more people registered to run
      - 50 people have registered since registrations were reopened.
    - Email Secretary Lehmann with names of departments attending Pumps, Rural Water Movement, Truck Co, Aerial Ops, Vehicle Rescue so we can line up apparatus.
  - **Certification** – RJ Wilson
    - Upcoming dates for tests:
      - Closed Exams:
        - May 15th and 17th - Cresson FF1
        - May 29th and 30th - Clearfield FF1
        - June 5th and June 6th - Philipsburg FF1
        - June 26th and 27th - Clymer FF1
      - All applications must be in 21 days before written exam and must be typed.
      - Open Exams:
        - June 12th and 13th - FF1 written and skills
        - June 12th and 14th - FF2 written and skills
        - Must register on Acadis and all applications have to be in on or before May 21st and must be typed. No exceptions.
      - All applicants must have their current CPR and First Aid and within 12 months of the written exam, their HMO or HMOR.
      - After July 1st, we will require \$500 deposit before scheduling any closed exam.
  - **Fire School Site** – Tony Sestrich – Richland
    - Verizon completed WiFi hook up. Working. Part of conduit was crushed during installation, they will repair at no charge.

- We had some winter storm damage at the site this winter. A fair amount of shingles blew off the oil separator building. Turned into insurance.
  - A large tree fell on to the maze building. Cracked the mortar joint on the top row of blocks. We can repoint those ourself. It also damaged the rain spouting on the back of the building. Turned into insurance.
  - On March 15, during Commodore burn started running the new pump and the gearbox went out. There was no oil in the box. They had checked the sight glass and so did Ed Link and believe it showed oil. Lonny checked the gear box and there was oil in it, but not enough. We're going to turn into insurance.
  - We need to seriously think about replacing at least the Southmont engine. It leaks water like a sieve and the body is rotting off of the vehicle.
  - From Akron Brass 4 new 30 gpm fixed gallonage fog nozzles. Also got a new 95 gpm foam eductor with a new nozzle free of charge.
  - The hose building needs major work. Will be replaced with a 20' Connex – no charge.
  - Rickey Price to obtain 3 quotes for replacement hose for burns since he did the hose for the contests. 1000'-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 250' of 4 different colors.
    - All American Fire \$3,916.20
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Out \$2,600.00
    - Johnstown Safety \$2,150.00
  - Motion by Joe Adams – Keystone Regional to go with low bid, \$2,150 from Johnstown Safety Services
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Micky Lutch – Spangler
    - Questions
    - Vote Passed.
  - There will be a Site Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the site.
- **Law & Legislative** – Nick Wuckovich
- **SB 782** – permit retirees in State Public School retirement system or State Employees retirement systems to teach state EMS, Police, or Fire without having their benefits stopped. Passes Senate 50-0, on to House

- Legislation to be proposed to exempt 6% tax for equipment proposed by Michael Stender Dist 108.
- **Application Review** – No Report
- **Bylaws** - No Report
- **Fire Prevention** – No Report
- **Box 11** – Jeff Weir

**Balance as of 02/28/2026** \$8,902.01

**Income:**

First Responder Ball Doanation	\$6,000.00
Councilman Taylor Clark wages donation	\$294.87
Johnstown Firefighters Local 463 Pa	\$350.00

**Total Income Month** \$6,644.87

**Total Income** \$15,546.88

**Expenses:**

Gas for Box 11-1 Jim Boring	\$145.81
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**Total Expenses** \$145.81

**Total Income on hand 03/31/2026** \$15,401.07



- **Fundraising** – Lianna Weir
  - \$10,570.00 in sponsorships
  - 4 Chiefs level
  - T-Shirts – particularly for ladies sizes, the order is based on registrations so get registered ASAP.
- **9-1-1 EMA** – No Report
- **Fire Advisory** – Steve Verbosky – had a meeting Tuesday March 24, 2026 – reorganization
- **Convention** – Paul Kundrod
  - July 25 – August 1.
  - Delegates day July31
    - Registrations 8 AM
    - Memorial service 10 AM
    - Morning meeting 11 AM
    - Lunch – kitchen & bar open
    - Afternoon meeting 2 PM
    - Delegates dinner 6 PM
- **Membership** – Nick Wuckovich
  - April 1 – Delegates mailer going out
- **Historical** – No Report.
- **Awards** – No Report
- **Credentials** – No Report
- **Rules – Convention Contests and Parade** – No Report
- **New Building** – meeting April 9 – 1830 hours FS Site
- **Financial** – Paul Kundrod reported that Anheuser-Busch will be donating \$20,000.00 again
- **Knock Down Cancer Committee** – Lianna weir
  - May 3rd seminar from 10am to 3pm we will kick off our “Knock Down Cancer Initiative” at the Nanty Glo Fire Station. Commitments from a number of speakers, screenings, etc.

- Register in advance on website
- **Chernisky runs** – July 11<sup>th</sup> & Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Registrations open
  - Oct 4 – proceeds split with recreation and Fire School
  - July all proceeds to Fire School
  - FF in gear \$20 registrations
- **Roll Call of Officers** – All present except Josh Petrisko – wife just had daughter.
- **Roll Call of Companies** – 30 answered roll
  - Beaverdale, Colver, Commodore, Conemaugh Independence, Dale, Dauntless, Dunlo, East Taylor, Ferndale, Franklin, Gallitzin, Hastings, Hope, Irvona, Keystone Regional, Lower Yoder, Middle Taylor, Nanty Glo, Oakland, Patton, Portage, Reade Twp., Richland Twp., South Fork, Spangler, St. Michael, Summerhill Borough, Upper Yoder Township, West Taylor Township, Westover
- **Old and Unfinished Business** – Nothing
- **New Business** – Nothing
- **Good of the Association** – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sestrich recognized Mr. Tom Bracken for his many years of service as the Chair of the Awards Committee. The body rose for a round of applause.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sestrich appointed Mike Petrisko – Hope the new Chair of the Awards Committee.
  - Motion proposed by Pat Illig II – Patton to dispense with the Roll Call of Companies and for the Secretary to go by the sign-in list.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Verbosky
    - Discussion – Sec't Lehmann noted that the Roll Call is easier to use, plus gives the Companies the chance to answer in the event they didn't sign in for some reason. Also, since attendance is important for awards and voting, the Roll Call is important.
    - Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> were rescinded.
- **Standing rise** for host Summerhill Borough called for by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sestrich

- **Next Meeting** – Bellwood-Excelsior, April 27. There will be a meal.
- **50/50:** \$118.00 to winner,
- **Adjournment** –
  - **Motion:** Joe Adams
  - **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Joel Offman
  - **Vote:** Passed
  - **Time:** 19:48 hours

Respectfully submitted,

William K Lehmann, Secretary