

Meeting was called to order by President Barlow at 7:45 P.M. in the Hartly Fire Station.

In attendance were Edwin Barlow, George Diamond, Elmer Steele, Allen Metheny, William Carrow, James Cabbage, Harry Warner, Fred Jester, Norman Armendt, Ray Krett, Robert Sweetman, Joann Sweetman, William Matthews, Hal Barber, "Spuck" Bennett, John Mitchell, B.J. Caniford, and Frank King.

President Barlow turned the meeting over to George Diamond.

John Mitchell updated the meeting on legislation pending and the possibility of increasing Fire Prevention monies.

Ray Krett indicated New Castle's main concern other than monies was the 800 MZH; Harry Warner also indicated progress in this area was being made.

Fred Jester indicated that Kent County's concerns were essentially the same as were New Castle.

Norman Armendt likewise stated the same for Sussex County.

James Cabbage stated that the main concern would seem to be to hold our own in the monies, new projects would appear to be out of the question this year.

After much discussion it would appear that the priorities from last year would also appear as this year's.

Larry Mergenthaler expressed his feelings on the possibilities of a cut in monies and feels we would be the last to receive any reduction.

President Barlow stated that in the Paramedic situation the DVFA has done all it can at this point and we are mainly interested in seeing that it is being administered correctly.

William Matthews, Chairman Fire Prevention Committee, addressed the fire prevention reimbursible monies for this program. There were a great influx of requests for reimbursements this year and cuts had to be made to all companies. The Fire Prevention Committee recommends an increase of \$25,000 to make a total of \$75,000 for funds reimbursement.

Some large corporate firms have indicated a desire to donate monies to DVFA, however, until our tax exempt status under 501(c)(3) is resolved this is on hold, hopefully this should be resolved by June.

Fire Prevention Commission budget was discussed, Chairman Bennett does not feel this is the year to ask for more monies - Joint Finance has indeed been good to the Commission.

Secretary Carrow indicated there were 23 companies who had not filed their Financial Statement with the State Fire School which goes to the Joint Finance Committee. Allen Metheny stated he had received some while on vacation and had not had a chance to go through them as yet, he also alluded to the fact that very few are filled out accurately.

Following priorities presented as listed below:

1. Maintain the Grant-In-Aid funds for all Companies, including the leveling up monies for Kent/Sussex Counties at the present funding formula.
2. Increase the fire prevention program funds to a total of \$75,000.
3. Support the 800 MHZ Statewide Communication System.
4. Support the fire burn training center in New Castle.
5. Funding of Hepatitis innoculations monies.
6. Contingency Fund in amount of \$20,000.

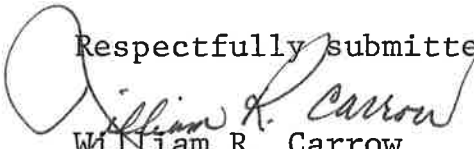
Moved by Ray Krett (Goodwill), seconded by Fred Jester (Camden-Wyoming) to approve the priorities as listed in order and recommend same to the DVFA - so carried.

Hal Barber presented a problem with the Gaming Commission concerning Casion Nites - he just wants to made the DVFA aware of the problem and the fact that Betheny Beach Fire Company intends to pursue for a suitable solution.

Moved by William Carrow (Clayton), seconded by Fred Jester (Camden-Wyoming) to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


William R. Carrow
Secretary