

NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
PORT WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PROTECTION
HOSE COMPANY
JULY 16, 2025

President Edmund Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM. Salute to the Flag was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Donald McIntosh. The opening prayer was given by Second Vice President Jon Wicks, which was followed by a moment of silence in honor of those members who have passed as well as our service men and women serving either overseas or at home.

President Schmidt introduced Past Chief Chris Bollerman who welcomed us to the Protection Hose Company of the Port Washington Fire Department. President Schmidt thanked him for the use of his firehouse for the meeting tonight as well as for the dinner.

Roll Call of the Officers, Past Presidents, Directors, and Committee Chairs was taken, and excuses noted. Motion made by Past President Otto Kohlmier, Jr., seconded by First Vice President Fred Robinson, and carried to accept the Roll Call of Officers with the excuses noted.

Motion by Past President Kohlmier, seconded by Charles DeStafano and carried to accept the minutes of the May meeting as posted to our website.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: President Schmidt then introduced the following guests: FASNY Director Michael Karashay, FASNY Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Eric Orr, and Northern Central Volunteer Firefighter's Association President Marvin Tryon.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Both Marvin Tryon and Eric Orr spoke about their qualifications as they are both running for the position of FASNY Director to replace outgoing FASNY Director Diana Pfersick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Burn Center: Past President Thomas Gaffney gave the following report:

1. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has fired the director of NUMC, who was replaced by someone chosen by Governor Kathy Hochul.
2. New York State has taken over control of the NUMC Board with a super-majority.
3. New York State has short-funded the hospital for a number of years.
4. He will be watching the new Board carefully to see what happens next.

Executive Council: Past President Steve Klein reported that the next meeting is scheduled for July 24th in Albertson.

Exempts: Past President Leon Tucholski reported that the FASNY 2% Tax Forum is scheduled for Friday August 8th at the FASNY Convention in Hauppauge. Past President Klein reported that there will be a seminar on Thursday August 7th on Board Responsibilities at the FASNY Convention.

Explorer/Junior Firefighters: Past President Klein reported that the 10th Annual Camp Fahrenheit 516 is scheduled for July 21st – 25th at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy. Media Day is scheduled for Thursday July 24th and the graduation ceremony is scheduled for July 25th.

Fire Police: Second Vice President Wicks gave the following report:

1. Volunteer Fire Police Association of State of New York:
 - A. The Annual Convention was held on May 11th up in Kingston went well – I was elected President of the Association.
 - B. There will be a virtual training session via Zoom on August 27th at 7:00 PM.
 - C. The Fall Meeting will be on October 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy.
2. The next meeting of the Nassau County Fire Police Association will be held on July 26th at the Hicksville Fire Department – Strong Street Station with lunch being served at 1:00 PM and the meeting starting at 1:45 PM.

Legislative: Second Vice President Wicks reported that the following items were passed during this last legislative session up in Albany:

1. The EMS Cost Recovery Bill was extended until 2031.

2. The Heart & Lung Bill was extended another five (5) years.
3. Still working on Workman's Comp Parity.

He also reported that Nassau County has passed legislation that states people must stay back 15 feet while you are performing your duties on an emergency scene – this will be a misdemeanor offense which, if convicted, may be a \$1,000 fine, 1 year in jail, or both.

Meeting Sites: First Vice President Robinson reported that he is working on the sites for the October and January meetings.

Museum: First Vice President Robinson reported that the Museum has had 21,414 visitors to date and that the restoration committee is working on a 1931 Mack.

Muster: Sergeant-at-Arms McIntosh reported on the progress on the Muster, which is scheduled for August 23rd.

Nassau Day at the Home: Jose DaRocha reported that the date is September 21st – the bus from Albertson is full – please have your Associations bring their banners for the event.

Scholarship: Financial Secretary Anthony Tripp reported that the committee has awarded the member scholarship to Abigail Walters. The high school scholarship is still open, the deadline is September 1st and the applications can be found on the website.

State Campaign & Hospitality: Past President Klein reported that our own Walter Frame is up for his second 5-year term as FASNY Home Trustee at the FASNY Convention next month.

State Chiefs: Financial Secretary Tripp reported that the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs had their convention in June and a new President was elected.

United Memorial: Past President Tucholski gave the following report:

1. The 2026 United Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 3, 2026 hosted by the Glen Cove Fire Department at the Glen Cove Middle School.
2. The 2027 United Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 2, 2027 hosted by the Oceanside Fire Department at the Oceanside High School.

Motion made by Past President Richard Messina, seconded by Nicholas Briganti, and carried to accept the report of committees.

REPORT OF DELEGATES FASNY

DIRECTOR MICHEAL KRUMMENACKER: had no report.

DIRECTOR ROBERT OTTAVIANO: gave the following report:

1. The FASNY Convention will be held in Hauppauge on August 7th – 9th.
2. There will be a proposed bylaw change that will be voted on in regards to running for Vice President – should be in the magazine and an email blast to all members.

HOME TRUSTEE JAMES INTERDONATI: was excused for this meeting.

HOME TRUSTEE WALTER FRAME: was excused for this meeting.

SOUTHERN NY

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT STEVE KLEIN: reported that the next scheduled meeting will be on October 4th in Rockland County – place to be determined.

SECRETARY KEVIN McELYNN: was excused for this meeting.

TREASURER ROY DAHLEN: was excused for this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following was received by the Secretary:

1. Thank you letter from the Francis X Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center for our Tee Sponsorship at their Annual Golf Outing.
2. Thank you letter from the Francis X Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center for our donation from the proceeds from the 2024 Muster.
3. A copy of the North Shore Fire Council Meeting Minutes held on June 13th in Glenwood.
4. A copy of the Executive Council of Firematic Organizations of Nassau County Meeting Minutes held on May 22nd at the Albertson Fire Company.

The following was sent by the Secretary:

1. Letter to the Port Washington Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting.

Motion made by John Scalesi, seconded by Charles DeStefano, and carried to accept the communications as read.

BILLS:

Juan Batta	Secretary Stipend	\$400.00
Anthony Tripp	Financial Secretary Stipend	\$400.00
Stephen Goodman	Treasurer Stipend	\$400.00
Francis X Pendl Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center	Golf Tee Sponsorship	\$175.00
FASNY Credit Union	Update Account	\$10.00
Stephen Marsar	CIST Training Meals	\$300.91
Minuteman Press	Installation Dinner Journal	\$887.90
Crescent Beach Club	Deposit for 2026 Installation Dinner	\$500.00
Crescent Beach Club	2025 Installation Dinner	\$85.00
Crescent Beach	2025 Installation Dinner	\$11,515.00
R & R Trophies	2025 Installation Dinner	\$156.00
Edmund Schmidt	Food for Directors Meeting	<u>\$86.27</u>
	Total	\$14,915.08

Motion made by Past President Messina, seconded by Charles DeStefano, and carried to pay the bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Past President Kohlmier reported that the next meeting of the Long Island Exempts Association will be held on Friday July 25th in North Babylon.
2. Ken Noone reported that the website needs to be updated in regards to meeting sites. Secretary Batta reported that it will be done as soon as places are confirmed.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT EDMUND SCHMIDT: gave the following report:

1. Thanks all for coming tonight.
2. Looking forward to the Muster on August 23rd.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FREF ROBINSON: gave the following report:

1. Thank you to Port Washington Fire Department for the use of this firehouse for our meeting tonight. We are looking for meeting sites.
2. Attended the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Convention in Syracuse. The Nassau County Chiefs Council with the Suffolk County Chiefs Council did a great job with the Hospitality Room. The convention has been watered down over the years, but I did attend 4 seminars that were educational.
3. The Nassau County Motorized Drill is this coming Saturday July 19th at 10:00 AM in Hempstead.
4. The 2026 New York State Motorized Drill will be in Hempstead.
5. The 2026 Nassau County Parade will be in Oceanside.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JON WICKS: reported that he attended the following:

1. NCFE Annual Meeting on May 21st.
2. FASNY Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting on May 22nd.
3. Nassau County Executive Council Meeting on May 22nd.
4. Town of North Hempstead Fireworks Standby on May 24th.
5. United Memorial Service Chaplain on May 26th.
6. FASNY Credit Union Board Zoom Meeting on May 27th.
7. Southern NY Installation Dinner on May 30th.
8. South Shore FD Association Meeting on June 13th.
9. Nassau County Firefighters Association's Installation Dinner on June 17th.
10. Southern NY Reorg Board Meeting on June 18th.
11. LI Exempts and Benevolent Association Financial Review on June 20th.
12. South Shore FD Association Meeting on June 22nd.
13. FASNY Legislative Committee Zoom Meeting on June 24th.
14. FASNY Credit Union Board Zoom Meeting on June 26th.

He also thanked the members of the Port Washington Fire Department for the dinner tonight.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DONALD McINTOSH: gave the following report:

1. 32 people signed in for the meeting.
2. Dark Horse collected a total of \$185 – there will be 4 \$20 prizes along with 2 bottles of cheer and \$105 to the Association.

3. 50/50 Raffle collected \$200 with \$100 for the winner and \$100 for the Association.

TREASURER STEPHEN GOODMAN: read his report, which is on file.

SECRETARY JUAN BATTA: thanked everyone for their support and that he has copies of the list of committees up on the dias – everyone help themselves.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANTHONY TRIPP: gave the following report:

This month I have turned over to the Treasurer the sum of \$110 in dues. Of the 531 members, 285 have paid their dues for a total of \$110.

Dues bills will be mailed out for the current year at the end of July.

There are 28 out of the 101 Departments and Companies that owe their dues for the year beginning May 1 2024.

Status of Membership:

Dues Paying Members	531
Dept/Co Members	<u>101</u>
Total Membership	631

Members Not Paid	246
Dept/Co Not Paid	28

Motion made by Paul Yura, seconded by Pete Prudente, and carried to accept the reports of officers.

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. Past President Klein reported that Past President Kevin McElynn was hospitalized, but is home now recovering.
2. Gary Wargo reported that Nassau County Operation Wounded Warriors will be having their Annual Fundraiser in Greiss Park in Lynbrook on September 20th.
3. Marvin Tryon reported that he has raffles for the North Central Volunteer Firefighters Association – if interested, see him after the meeting.
4. Past President Klein reported that there will be a cash raffle at the FASNY Convention - \$5.00 per ticket.

DARK HORSE & 50/50:

4 \$20 prizes and 2 bottles of cheer were raffled off for the Dark Horse
50/50 raffle prize was \$100

CLOSING PRAYER: was given by Second Vice President Wicks.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: made by Pete Prudente, seconded by Sergeant-at-Arms McIntosh, and carried.

TIME: 9:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Juan Batta, Secretary