Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.
Company Meeting Minutes March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Chris Wilson.

Pledge to the Flag by Sgt at Arms Gerry Cereghino

It was moved by Chet Lipka and seconded by Thom Taylor to approve the February 15, 2023 Company meeting minutes. M/C

Roll call was taken indicating 30 members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Financial Secretary Report

Deposits	$ 5,851.48

Treasurer Report:

Misc. Income (non town):	$196,362.35
Checking:	$ 17,496.50
Fund Drive:	$ 31,982.33
Ambulance Acct	$. 1,000.00
Bills	$ 38,386.05

Merrill Lynch Accounts:

Truck Acct:	$ 132,679.04
Renovation Acct:	$ 82,673.51
2 – CD's:	$ 488,035.69

COMPTROLLER REPORT:

- Working hard on the QuickBooks. Things are falling into place.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Wilson presented Matt Giacomini with his life membership pin and 20-year pin.
- President Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and happy to see so many members here tonight.
- Thank you to the painting crew – doing a great job
- Washing machine and elevator are both fixed

- Dues are due by next Board meeting on April 6, 2023 for: Justin Minton, Jon Good, James O'Neill Kim Strawbridge, Dylan Zielinski, Joel Winkelman. They will be notified via email.
- Desk in foyer is free. Please take it
- Contract with Town has been signed
- President Wilson stated that he will be out of town next week
- Thanked Stacy Flick for the great job she's doing with CPR classes. Next classes are April 13, 24, 30.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Received the new radios last week. They have been placed in the trucks. They are testing them out to make sure they are working properly. Chief Wilson demonstrated the radios. Any questions on them, please contact the Chief.
- New policies have been approved by the Board. If you need copies of them, please see the chief after the meeting.
- Possible selling some portables to Eden EMS
- Thank you to Roberta and Larry Januchowski for filling the bottles.
- Thank you to Mike Wiley and Mike VanWie for doing the
- Thank you to Chad Witkowski and Jim O'Neill for plowing during the storm.
- Lucas device. Did some training on it. Going to get mounted in #8. Many town companies have the same device.
- Congratulations to Matt Moshier for passing BFO.
- Congratulations to Stacy Flick and Matt Moshier working on a cardiac arrest. Was able to bring him back. He is the husband of a lady auxiliary member.
- Driver checks are not being done. These are so important. Chief office are going to meet with drivers personally. Starting in 2023 drivers will be fined for missing truck checks.
    - Fines are now $10.00 for missing a truck check.
    - B. Bleistein $20.00, Jim Crandall Jr $20.00, Matt Giacomini $30.00 and Jon Good $20.00.

1st Asst. Chief – per Chief

- Reminder of the PTSD Emergency Response Training this coming Tuesday at 6:00

Captain – Craig Staffeldt

- New truck check dates have gone out
- Reminder to submit both on line check and paper check
- Truck checks are to be done Sunday-Thursday. If you have a problem with doing your check or questions contact Craig.
- Read the upcoming truck checks

1st Lt – Thom Taylor

- Engine 1 – passenger rear compartment has a garbage can.
- Still need everyone's serial number from their radio and/or portable

2nd Lt – Chet Lipka

- Rescue 7 has an updated inventory sheet
- Time to change the gas in the gas power equipment
- Will be testing foam system soon

Sgt – Mike Wiley

- On Saturday he took some members downtown to Engine 2. Thank you Chief for allowing this.

EMS Lt – Gerry Cereghino

- Lucas Device is in service. It's located behind the jump seat.
- Training will be held on March 28 and April 17

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Joe Casper to purchase four (4) junctional torniquets not to exceed $1,500.00. M/C

Great things are going on with Lake Shore's EMS

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: Larry Januchowski

- Next Southtown Fire Police meetings will be at Lanford on March 20, 2023

VT – Chris Wilson

- Pay attention when plugging in #7 and #1. They have been found unplugged a few times.

Safety Officer – Tom Putman

- Reminder especially after last week – life is fragile. God Bless us all.

Chief Wilson spoke about contacting our Elective Officials to support things for the Volunteer Fire Service.

UTV – Joe Pierce

- Will be taking the tracks off around April 1
- It was moved into 5 bay and will need to bring the trailer down.

Fire Prevention – Craig Staffeldt

- Cloverbank Elementary has invited us again to their Field Days which will be held on June 9 from 9:30-3:00. Any help is appreciated.

Chief Wilson reported that everyone is up on the annual trainings and still waiting for a few physicals.
Thank you to the crew who went downtown to represent us for the Buffalo Firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty. (Chris Farris, Matt Moshier, Chad Witkowski, Dominick Vergalito, Dave Zimmer and Mark Heilig).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Gun Raffle – tickets are available. Return tickets to Dave Zimmer by April 14th.
- Dave Zimmer – painting is about 95% done.
- Brian Bleistein – key fob – trying to program the outside key pad. If need to have open you can for 60 minutes by using *60#. Also trying to get a meeting to go over things with the company.
- Tom Putman – Policies – all have been updated and on line
- Paul Wilson – security committee – cameras – called the company and they came down. Looking at using the keypads. Investigating what will work.
- Larry Januchowski – outside grounds – Spring Cleanup will be April 29 at 9:00 and May 6 at 9:00
  Looking into getting a lawn roller and lift for tractor

It was moved by Larry Januchowski and seconded by Dave Zimmer to purchase both a lawn roller and lift for tractor not to exceed $1,400.00. M/C

- Matt Giacomini – 9-3 vehicle. Still waiting on it
- Andy Nirelli – Entertainment committee – Sunday Funday bowling for everyone on Sunday, April 2 at 12:30 at Abbott Lanes. Sign up and spouses are invited too.

- Roberta Januchowski – work hours – when filling out the form just put a short message in it.
- Craig Staffeldt – membership
    - Getting information out there during the CPR classes
    - Received two new applicants
    - Recruitment Open House will be Sunday April 23 from 10:00 – 1:00 at the Amsdell Station.

It was moved by Craig Staffeldt and seconded by Andy Nirelli to approve a mailing for the Open House not to exceed $3,000.00. M/C

DELEGATE REPORT –

- Joe Casper - NYS has passed the property tax exception for firefighters but it has to now be approved by the Town. It will be for 10% on your assessment on Town taxes only. Or you can take the property tax exemption of $200.00
- Peggy Lipka – Southwestern Association Convention will be on August 2-5 at Highland.

It was moved by Peggy Lipka and seconded by Brian Bleistein to approve $1,000.00 for start-up for the convention. M/C

COMMUNICATION – Peggy Lipka – see attached

APPLICATIONS:

An application for Senior Company was received and read for Gregory Benstad. Fees received and sponsored by Craig Staffeldt. Referred to Sub Investigating.
An application for Senior Company was received and read for Matt Fischer. Fees received and sponsored by Craig Staffeldt. Referred to Sub Investigating.
An application for Junior Company was received and read for Benjamin Clark. Fees received and sponsored by Jon Good. Referred to Sub Investigating.

It was moved by Brian Bleistein and seconded by Kenny Erler to concur with the Board recommendation to approve Erik Sharpe.
Chief reported that he has heard some disturbing information and would like to table it until investigated further. Dan Walter stated he tried to contact his former company but had no response.

Brian Bleistein and Kenny Erler rescinded their motion.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Craig Staffeldt to suspend the recommendation of the Board. M/C

It was moved by Larry Januchowski and seconded by Brian Bleistein to purchase approve the concrete pad at the Amsdell station.
Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Ladies Auxiliary requested the use of the building for their chicken BBQ.

It was moved by Paul Wilson and seconded by Larry Januchowski to grant the auxiliary the use of the hall for June 7, 2023. M/C

It was moved by Mike Wiley and seconded by Dave Zimmer to pay for the Juniors CPR class. M/C

BILLS:

It was moved by Thom Taylor and seconded by Larry Januchowski to pay the Bills. M/C

GOOD OF THE COMPANY:

- Reminder, you have six months left to get in all of your requirements. Check your requirements.
- Thank you for the donation of 472
- NYS Department of Health – EMS Service – is coming up. Reminder to keep the rig clean and stocked. Call Kevin for date/time.
    - Clean inside the vehicles too. Pop cans were found in #8
    - Reminder there is to be no food or drinks in #8.

It was moved by Joe Casper and seconded by Ken Erler to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence for the Buffalo Firefighter who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Gates
Recording Secretary