



**Old Fire Farts of York County  
Quarterly Meeting  
March 23, 2025**

Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 3604 East Market Street, York, PA

**Call to Order**

President Neil Gunnet called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with 26 members and guests in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a Moment of Silence was held.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 3, 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Halpin. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Fred Shilke, seconded by Alan Houser.

**Officers' Reports**

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Charlie Webb read the treasurer's report. The report was approved as read on a motion by Fred Shilke, seconded by Mike Beck.

**Secretary**

Secretary Greg Halpin reported that a sign-in sheet is being circulated. He also reported that annual memberships are due for renewal by the end of the month. He would like to get a newsletter out after the end of the month.

**Vice President**

Vice President Dick Staub reported that the Christmas party went well. He will contact the caterer again about getting a receipt for our payment to them.

**President**

President Neil Gunnet reported that an executive board meeting was held on February 2, 2025.

He also met with the county association regarding the joint muster/convention. A committee should be formed from our organization, the county association, and the hosting company. Patti Webb has been appointed as the liaison between the organizations. A meeting between representatives of the three groups was held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The county association met and approved to move forward with the venture. The proposed date for the muster is the last Saturday in September.

Gunnet also reported that we are registered for the Allentown meet.

He also reported that the trailer had never been registered after it was received. That has been rectified, and a tag was acquired.

Gunnet said it has been a busy year so far.



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### Committee Reports

#### Finance

Charlie Webb reported that our CD at Members 1<sup>st</sup> is soon due for renewal. He would like some guidance as to how we should proceed and suggested that we purchase a new CD now and let the current CD mature.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Bonnie Hunter-Shilke, to purchase an 11-month CD at Members 1<sup>st</sup> for \$5,000.00. Motion passed.

Charlie also reported on the issue of having accounts at two institutions, and some issues with dealing with Orrstown Bank, who bought out Peoples Bank.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Mike Beck, to move all our accounts to Members 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed.

**Communications:** Greg Halpin reported that we received a flyer from PA Pump Primers for their muster on July 12, 2025.

**Scholarship:** John Senft reported that we currently have not received any applications.

**Preservation:** Terry Fix reported that he continues to assist West Manchester Township Fire Department with their Ward LaFrance project as needed.

**Flea Market:** No report.

**Christmas Party:** Covered during the Vice President's report.

- **MOTION** by Bonnie Hunter-Shilke, seconded by Dean Saylor, to hold a party in 2025 and to try to pick a date in advance. Motion passed with one opposed.

The date of December 13<sup>th</sup> was tentatively selected.

**Trailer:** Marty Hoover reported that they are working on the lighting issues with the trailer. He also reported that the spare tire has a crack in the side wall.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Bonnie Hunter-Shilke, to replace the tire for the trailer. Motion passed.

**Benevolent:** Greg Halpin reported that several members are dealing with serious health issues.

**Nominations:** Rick Witten reported that he has not received any nominations.

**Muster:** Neil Gunnet reported that the plan is to partner with the Firefighters Association of York County and Southern Area Fire and Emergency Rescue to hold a muster in conjunction with the county convention at the Yorkana fire station on September 27, 2025. Our members would be allowed to attend the convention banquet on Friday evening. The awards would be funded jointly.

- **MOTION** by Rick Witten, seconded by Dean Saylor, to move forward with the joint muster/convention and appoint a committee of three to represent our organization. Motion passed.



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President Gunnet appointed the following committee: Neil Gunnet, Greg Moul, Fred Shilke.

**Organization Safety Officer:** Not in attendance, no report.

**Apparatus:** Roy Gentzler reported we had a successful turnout for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Seven pieces of apparatus were in the parade. An award was received for best antique vehicle.

### Old Business

Discussion was held regarding the table runner. Marty Hoover said he will look for it in the trailer.

- **MOTION** by Dick Staub, seconded by Greg Moul, to purchase a second table runner. Motion passed.

Greg Halpin reported that the Fire School is allowing us to use their address as our official address. They also have space for us to place a locked file cabinet for storage. President Gunnet will check with Bruce Yealy to see if we can purchase one from him.

### New Business

Charlie Webb asked about setting future meeting dates. The following tentative meeting dates for 2025 were selected at the recent board meeting: June 8<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, all to be held at Hoss's East York.

President Neil Gunnet suggested that we consider meeting more often in the future, perhaps every other month.

Allentown Spring Melt – This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Union Historical Fire Society. President Gunnet suggested that we get an economy hotel room for the members that will be manning our booth on Sunday.

- **MOTION** by Dean Saylor, seconded by Tim Pavlik, to get two economy rooms for Saturday night for the four members manning the stand at the Allentown Spring Melt. Motion passed.

Vice President Dick Staub discussed selling RADA knives and kitchen tools as a fund raiser.

- **MOTION** by Bonnie Hunter-Shilke, seconded by Judy Houser, to proceed with selling RADA products. Motion passed.

President Gunnet appointed the following committee: Dick Staub, Bonnie Hunter-Shilke, Judy Houser.

### Nominations

President Gunnet opened the floor for nominations. The following nominations were made and accepted:

President - Dick Staub

Vice President – Dean Saylor

Treasurer – Charlie Webb, Colleen Bublitz

Secretary – Greg Halpin



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Director-At-Large – Harold Reinhold, Greg Moul, Fred Shilke

Nominations were closed.

**SPAAMFAA Chapter Update**

The winter SPAAMFAA Conference is being held in Kissimmee, Florida from March 4-8, 2025, hosted by the Florida Antique Bucket Brigade.

**Open Floor Discussion**

Tim Pavlik reported that he and Neil Gunnet attended the Union Historical Fire Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch.

President Gunnet reminded the members that the Allentown Spring Melt and the PA Pump Primers events are coming up.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2025, at Hoss's East York.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory C. Halpin*  
Secretary