

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

November 2, 2017 - Linville Fire Station

The Annual Meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. The Awards Committee was introduced and they presented the following awards:

Firefighter of the Year - Jesse Downing - Newland Fire Department

Fire Officer of the Year - Jason Clark

Special Recognition Award - Bob Garland - Linville Central rescue and Avery Ladder Company

The Chief's meeting was cancelled and there was no treasurer's report.

Paul Buchanan thanked all departments for their help during the recent flood. He also announced a drill at the Adam's Apple Condominiums with water hauling, turbo drafting and hose stream practice. All departments were invited to attend on November 18th at 8:00am.

Melissa Phillips sent word from Mayland Tech asking for class requests. Fall Creek announced a chainsaw class beginning December 4th.

The 911 committee reported that their next meeting would be the following Monday and asked for suggestions. Paul Buchanan thought that the county was getting ready to hire a consultant to evaluate the communications system.

Bobby Powell agreed to try to schedule a 9S rating changes class this winter.

Joe Shoupe announced that the Forestry Grant would be coming out soon and would be expanded to \$ 5,000 for \$10,000 total.

Paul Buchanan reported that he had found a bell that we voted to buy several years ago priced at \$ 389.00. Bob Garland moved that : 'we buy the bell and have a stand made for it using the Association's reserve monies", The motion was seconded by Bob Pudney and passed unanimously.

Paul also brought an idea for a Firemen's Memorial wall on the square in Newland to recognize in line of duty deaths and retired firemen. Brian Bodford moved that " the Association let Paul Buchanan work with the county to plan for a Memorial wall" Bob Garland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bobby Powell reported that Scott Stansbury had agreed accept the Vice President's position. Paul Buchanan moved : "to let Scott fill the position for the remainder of the year". Jeremy Hayes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Members discussed the Burn Building which is supposed to be finished this winter. Members were upset that the association spent a great deal of time and money on the old building and were never consulted about the new one. Bobby agreed to ask for a copy of the engineers report and discuss the matter with Edwina Sluder and Melissa Phillips.

Bobby Powell also agreed to invite the DOT to a future meeting.

Brian Bodford asked that the bottle water on the air truck be replaced after calls. members discussed purchasing water in bulk like the county foam purchases.

Paul reminded members that he would be visiting each department - with the exception of Beech & Seven Devils to get the \$ 2,000 uniform budget ordered.

Dick Gorham announced his retirement and thanked members for their business.

The next meeting was set for December 7th at the Newland Fire Station - Chief's at 6:30 and Association at 7:00.