



N.J. Retired Police & Firemen's Association

Meeting Minutes for 10Jan2020

Location: Willingboro FOP Hall

4136 US Route 130 North

Beverly, N.J. 08010

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hrs., by President Joseph VALDORA. A prayer for departed brothers and a moment of silence was offered by Trustee Bob DeSORDO.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present – President Joseph VALDORA, 1st VP David EARLE, 2nd VP Dennis DEAL, Treasurer Len MUNDY, Sec. Pat BRADY, Sgt @ Arms, Bill SEAMAN, Trustee Don SCALA, Trustee Bob DeSORDO.

Excused – 3rd VP Walt SZATJOWSKI, Financial Sec. John ALCHEVSKY

Locals Present – 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16.

New officers took the oath of office, and were sworn in by Trustee Bob DeSORDO for the upcoming year, 2020.

Report of Committee(s):

Pension Report – by President VALDORA. Funding level for P&F is 78-80% at this time. We are waiting for the actuary to look at for COLA. Rate of return on the pension investments is currently 7%, but in reality is closer to 16.9%. The pension increase in the last payment was a mistake in withholding (Tax) from Treasury, and will be paid back in installments over the following months.

Legislative Report - by Bob DeSORDO. Murphy has released funds from the state. Personnel from the state are looking into the plan used by (State of) UTAH for outsourcing of medical to other states to save money (Investigation ONLY, at this time). Gov. MURPHY and Nancy PELOSI are at Camden Comm. Col. to push Medicare Prescription HR3. A bill is pending to for churches to arm one (1) member in attendance for security, allegedly a church member. Spirited discussion on all topics by membership in attendance. *(Attached is pending legislative information concerning P&F Pensions)*

Treasurers Report – by Treasurer Len MUNDY.

Starting Balance as of 6Dec2019.....	\$15,276.05
Total Receipts.....	\$2,520.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$1,336.85
Total Finances on hand.....	\$16,459.20

(Attached is a detailed treasurers report submitted at meeting)

New Business – by Pres. Joseph VALDORA et al: The Pension Defense Fund (PDF) is currently at \$14,000.00. It needs more support from the membership. Essex County Local is now on the webpage. Still other locals are not involved with this media. Contact John DePANE to get included on the webpage this will surely drive membership up. E-mail address is available from Pres VALDORA. Tom ERNST, Local 8 President, spoke on updating websites and Face Book pages. He is willing to help others. He gave a very informative talk on the value of communication through the internet/e-mail/computers. His e-mail is available from Pres. VALDORA. If your local is not included on the website, it's time to move forward, ASAP!

Old Business – by Pres. Joseph VALDORA and Sgt@Arms Bill SEAMAN. Concerning Insurance to carry weapons for retired personnel... US Law Shield is not insurance, it provides legal representation for court action. A lawyer for Defense if you are charged with a weapons offense (Use or carry). President expounded on the what-ifs and hypotheticals, but at the end of the day, they do not supply money for lawsuits or fines, only legal defense.

Round Table – Guest Speaker Mark RAZZOLI, who is running against Rep Bonnie WATSON-COLEMAN (D). He is a retired Jersey City Detective, and currently an Old Bridge Councilman. He has sponsored legislation against

“Sanctuary State” (NJ). He is for Deportation of Criminal illegals and promotes the safety of cities. Further, NJ officials are disregarding the “911 Commission Report”, making it easier for (illegal) immigrants to obtain US identification. He considers himself a “Law Enforcement Candidate” and asked for our support. His brief talk as well received by the membership in attendance. A motion to endorse RAZZOLI made by Local 9. Seconded by Local 8. Floor vote – Unanimous. (*Go to this article and read his opinions*) <https://patch.com/new-jersey/eastbrunswick/mark-razzoli-grewal-should-resign-wake-ice-arrests>

Report of Locals:

Local 1 – Searching for new members.

Local 3 – Acquired twenty (20) new members. They have been donating to Local members in need.

Local 5 – Won their arbitration for medical of retirees.

Local 6 – New president is Doug HOGATE. They have updated their by-laws. They are having problems fund raising. They have set up a Face Book page.

Local 7 - Recruited five (5) new members. Talks under way to combine meetings with Local 6.

Local 8 - Brought four (4) members to the meeting. Have made \$750.00 in donations to veterans. They have changed their meeting venue from Gilford Park Yacht Club to Ortley Beach.

Local 9- Recruited two (2) members. On 10Jul2020, they are co-sponsoring an event for the NJ Bar Assoc., at Bar-A. On 4March2020, they are hosting Court Review for 2019 cases effecting Law Enforcement. (*See attached pages for further information*)

Local 10 – No meetings since 2019. Board members are dropping out. They are looking for members to help. Next scheduled meeting in April.

Local 11 – Their elections are in two (2) weeks. They are working on new member recruitment. President VALDORA volunteered his assistance.

Local 12 – Acquired five (5) new members last month. Had an audiologist giving free exams at December meeting.

Local 16 – They have received many donations. Members delivered Christmas meals. Cong. Amy Kennedy to speak at 13February meeting on mental health problems

Questions and Comments from the floor:

There was a question about the Windfall Elimination Act from Social Security, and how it effected P&F members who did not make thirty-five years of contributions to the system. Would this affect their Medicare/Medicaid at sixty-five (65)? President VALDORA recommended contacting NAPO (National Assoc. of Police Officers). They are working on changing this.

There was talk of one hundred percent (100%) state tax exemption for First responders Injured on Duty. Just mentioned and briefly discussed. No further information or particulars were given

The next meeting is Monday 6Apr2020 @ 1300hrs.

Motion to adjourn by Local 6

Seconded by Local 8

Meeting Adjourned at 1425 hrs., 10Jan2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick J. BRADY

Secretary

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- [A245](#) Provides PFRS member in federal or State military service who is injured or killed with disability or death benefits.
- [A278](#) Extends certain benefits to veterans who received a badge, medal, or ribbon for serving in federal military campaign or expedition.
- [A402](#) Requires PFRS to attain and maintain target funded ratio prior to enhancement of member benefits.
- [A1660](#) Increases accidental death benefit for surviving spouse or surviving children of certain PERS members and retirants; provides accidental death benefit to beneficiary of certain PERS and PFRS members and retirants; redefines child.
- [A1676](#) Provides accidental death benefits in certain circumstances to surviving spouse and surviving child of SPRS member or retiree who participated in 9/11 World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations.
- [A1785](#) Sets level for health care benefits; requires employee contributions; prohibits reimbursement of Medicare Part B; adds member to SHBP/SEHBP plan design committees; requires retirees to purchase health benefits through exchanges; provides subsidies for out-of-pocket costs.
- [A1818](#) Allows PFRS death benefits to be paid to supplemental needs trust for unmarried disabled child.
- [A2317](#) Enhances PFRS accidental death benefit for surviving spouse who becomes eligible after effective date by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually.
- [A2531](#) Raises mandatory retirement age for SPRS members from 55 to 60.
- [A2562](#) Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.
- [S592](#) Allows certain members of PFRS to serve until age 70 upon approval by municipal governing body.
- [S602](#) Sets level for health benefits; requires employee contributions; prohibits reimbursement of Medicare Part B; adds member to SHBP/SEHBP plan design committees; requires retirees to purchase health benefits through exchanges; provides subsidies for out-of-pocket costs.
- [S1017](#) Provides retirement allowance after 20 years of service regardless of age for members of PFRS.
- [S1910](#) Reinstates automatic COLA for retirement benefits of members of the State-administered retirement systems.

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New Jersey State Retired Policemen and Firemen's
Association Inc.

State of Condition as of December 6, 2019

\$ 15,276.05

Cash Receipts

Local #1 Essex Cty. P.C.T.

Local #3 Union-Somerset P.C.T.

Local #5 Passaic Cty. – P.C.T.

Total

\$ 1,480.00

\$ 720.00

\$ 320.00

\$ 2,520.00

Total Receipts

\$ 2,520.00

Disbursements

President Valdora Expense: Printing Cards+Website

Gaetanos-Food 12-10-19 Meeting

Donation to F.O.P. Lodge #38

Bill Payton – Donation Food Service

New Checks Ordered

Total

\$ 957.50

\$ 144.41

\$ 100.00

\$ 100.00

\$ 34.94

\$ 1,336.85

Total Disbursements

\$ 1,336.85

Total Finances on Hand as of February 8, 2020

\$ 16,459.20

Treasurer, Len Mundy

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To: Retired Police & Fire Middlesex & Monmouth Local 9

Request to Co-Sponsor Happy Hour and
Networking Social at Bar Anticipation in
Belmar at Jersey Shore July 10, 2020

Every year different Professional groups and Sections of the NJ State Bar Association have co-sponsored a Happy Hour and Social event at the Jersey Shore. Local 9 has been a free co-sponsor for the past four years. The Annual Jersey Shore Summer Networking Happy Hour is July 10, 2020 at Bar Anticipation from 5:30-7:30. We ask each attendee to bring a canned food donation for the St. Matthews St. Vincent Food Bank in Edison.

We are requesting Local 9 again serve as co-sponsor for this Happy Hour. There will be no cost to your group, and great benefit for your members. It may even be a source of new members. We only ask that you help publicize the event. There will be a will have a small table to greet members.

Location: Bar Anticipation
703 16th Avenue
Lake Como/ Belmar, NJ 07719

6 blocks from ocean and 4 blocks from train station

Free food 5:15-7:15. The reduced price Happy Hour is 6-7PM with \$2.00 House Drink, House Wine Special or Bud/Bud Light draft. We provide special VIP wristband.

I hope you will speak to your officers and get back to me as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

KENNETH A. VERCAMMEN Esq.

Annual Review of the Major Municipal Court Cases affecting Law Enforcement 2019-2020

March 4, 2020 at 12 noon

Sponsored by Retired Police & Fire Middlesex & Monmouth Local 9 meeting NJRPFA at South Amboy Ancient Order of Hibernians AOH 271 2nd St, South Amboy, NJ 08879

This is an opportunity for both Retired and active Police and Fire to meet members of Local 9 and receive a quick update in cases affecting law enforcement. The 15-minute discussion on recent cases will be followed by monthly meeting of Retired and active Police can also discuss issues regarding COLA and the pending legal battles in Trenton.

For information or membership in Local 9, contact **President JohnLeo Fedorka** <jlaf57@gmail.com> **Retired Police & Fire Middlesex & Monmouth Local 9 meeting NJRPFA**. This pre-business meeting is not limited to just Middlesex & Monmouth. Any interested active and retired law enforcement and fire can attend the update on Municipal Court. Please share

Speaker: KENNETH VERCAMMEN, Esq. of Edison

Contributing writer for the NJ Police Chief Magazine

Editor: NJ Municipal Court Law Review

Past President Middlesex Municipal Court Prosecutors Assoc

We welcome all who have retired Honorably from these jobs, as well as those who support us as associate members. Thank You.

New Jersey Retired Police & Firemen's Association, Inc.
<http://www.njrpfa.org>

About the NJ Retired Police and Firefighters Association, Local 9 of Middlesex and Monmouth Counties Local 9 NJRPFA. The NJRPFA was established in 1987 to promote and develop a friendly spirit among its members, both retired and associate members. develop a friendly spirit among its members, both retired and associate members. Its main mission is to promote and encourage legislative action at the Federal, State and Municipal levels of government in protecting and improving the pensions.

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