



*New Jersey State
Retired Police And Firemen's
Association, Inc.*

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 4th 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the New Jersey State Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association was called to order by President Valdora on Monday December 4th 2017 at 12 Noon. The meeting convened at the Willingboro FOP Lodge, 4136 US Rt. 130, Beverly, Burlington County, New Jersey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – PRAYER IN MEMORY OF DEPARTED MEMBERS:

President Valdora led the members present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

Reverend Chief Richard Wise read a prayer of thanks, and in memory of our members and all policemen and firemen who have passed away, are in need or ill and asked for a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

President Valdora conducted a roll call of Officers/Delegates.

Officers present, except as such noted were:

President Joseph Valdora
2nd Vice President Dennis Deal
Treasurer Len Mundy
Sergeant at Arms Bill Seaman
Trustee Robert DelSordo Esq.
Financial Secretary James Stewart

1st Vice President David Earle
3rd Vice President Walt Sztatjowski
Secretary William McKnight
Trustee Ed Rappleyea

(absent)

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Local</u>		<u>Local</u>		<u>Local</u>	
1. Essex County	0	7. Cumberland Co	0	13. Morris County	0
2. Dissolved 12/31/08		8. Ocean County	0	14. (Merged with Local # 3)	
3. Union County	3	9. Middlesex-Monmouth Co	3	15. Cape May County	1
4. Hudson County	0	10. Burlington County	2	16. Atlantic County	4
5. Passaic County	0	11. Gloucester-Camden	5	22. Florida	0
6. Salem County	0	12. Mercer County	2		
				Total in attendance	20

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

President Valdora noted that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 25th 2017 had been distributed by email and by US Mail to those who do not have email available. A motion to accept the meeting’s minutes was made by Local # 16 and was seconded by Local # 10. The motion was carried.

GUEST SPEAKER :

No Guest Speaker.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

No Report.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

No Report.

PENSION BOARD ISSUES:

Member Frank Casey reported on the following pension board issues:
Things are quiet awaiting the swearing in of the new governor.
There have been 302 retirements since the last report. Seven members have passed away.
Member Casey reminded all that 40 credited quarters are needed for enrollment in Medicare and four quarters can be earned per year.
He also advised all to look into and take advantage of the NJ State Pension Exclusion subject to income restrictions and also if eligible the new \$3,000 income tax exemption for military veterans.
He added the salary cap for active members is scheduled to expire on January 1st 2018.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Len Mundy gave the financial report for the period of September 25th 2017 through December 3 2017. He reported the following:

Cash on hand as of September 25 th 2017	\$	8,979.90
Total Receipts	+ \$	20.00
Disbursements	- \$	<u>2,331.43</u>
Cash on hand as of December 3, 2017	\$	6,668.47

A motion was made by Local # 3 and seconded by Local # 9 to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

LEGISLATIVE

Trustee Robert DelSordo Esq. reported on the following:

Legislation is pending on the following items of interest to the organization :

Automatic fire sprinklers in all multi family structures undergoing more than 25% renovations.

- A ban on bump stock weapons.
- To eliminate the law enforcement authority including the carrying of weapons by SPCA enforcement officers.
- Legalizing recreational marihuana.
- A raise in the minimum wage.
- NJ to be a sanctuary state being considered by the Governor elect.
- Amazon on line retailer considering NJ as a 2nd World Headquarters.
- The NJEA (Teacher's Union) should expect any support from Senator Sweeney who they opposed in the November elections.
- Of Note: The Battleship New Jersey will have a special event on board commemorating December 7th from 10 AM to 2 PM.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No Report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No Report.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

No Report.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Local 1- No Report.

Local 3 – Working on by-law changes.

Local 4 - No Report.

Local 5 - No Report.

Local 6 - No Report.

Local 7 - No Report.

Local 8- No Report.

Local 9 - Preparing new by-laws, elections are upcoming and a new local president is being sought.

Local 10 - Christmas Party on December 13th at the Willingboro FOP Lodge, cost is \$ 15.00/person.

Local 11 - Luncheon this Saturday the 9th, Noon to 2PM at The Philly Diner in Runnemede NJ

Local 12 - Christmas Party on December 15th at Mercer Oaks, West Windsor NJ nearly sold out

Local 15 - No Report.

Local 16 - Christmas Party at Angelo's Fairmount Tavern (Mississippi and Fairmount Avenues, Atlantic City) on Saturday December 16th from 2 to 5 pm. \$ 15.00 per person Live auction. Local 16 had tabled the by-law changes on admitting other emergency service personnel and will revisit the proposal at follow up meetings.

Local 22 – No Report.

MEETING VENUE/REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Local 9 Mike Burns reported that have prepared revised by laws allowing state pensioned members of other emergency services be admitted to the Local. This is pending official approval and by law changes by the state association. President Valdora asked that Local # 9 make available the by-law changes which will be incorporated upon approval into the State By Laws. President Valdora asked all locals begin a similar process and explore the interest in same by all parties. Questions were raised regarding the qualifications. In general those eligible to join need to be government pensioned emergency services workers such as dispatchers, emergency medical personnel, crime prevention technicians and similar classifications. The details would be contained within the new by-laws.

The position of Public Information Officer was discussed with the Committee recommending a committee with a representative from the North, Central and South portions of the State be formed to fulfill this function. President Valdora asked the Locals to propose names for the Committee at the next meeting.

Elections for 2018 State Officers will be held at the next meeting on February 5th 2018. All are running unopposed. The Secretary will cast a single ballot and the swearing in of all officers will occur at that meeting.

A question on the raising of the per capita member fee was addressed . It was raised from the past \$ 2.00 to \$ 4.00 per member, payable to the State Organization. This was approved and voted on at the last meeting on September 25 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

The Governor elect Phil Murphy will be examining a proposal to allow the unions to manage the pension funds. President Valdora believes our organization should have a representative on any committee or board looking into and managing the pensions funds. He proposed Charles Ouslander Esq. be made an honorary member of our organization and serve in that capacity. Mr. Ouslander argued before the State Supreme Court for a return of the COLA. He has also spoken before and supported our organization.

A motion was made by Local # 16 to make Mr. Ouslander an associate member, this was seconded by Local # 11 and approved by all members. He will be invited to the next meeting.

President Valdora suggested the Locals consider waiving the Local dues for a current member if that current member recruits one or two new members into the organization.

President Valdora proposed a payment to the Willingboro FOP Lodge for the use of the facility and other expenses incurred as the result of the meetings our organizations holds here. Following a discussion a motion was proposed by President Valdora and seconded by Local 12 to provide a payment of \$ 150.00 to the FOP Lodge and a payment of \$ 100.00 to Officer Peyton for his continued service and assistance both prior, during and following each meeting. The motion was approved by all.

GOOD AND WELFARE

No Report.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday February 5th 2018
at the Willingboro FOP Lodge, 4136 RT 130, Beverly, Burlington County, NJ.**

MEETING DATES FOR 2018

Monday February 5th 2018
Monday April 2nd 2018
Monday June 18th 2018
Monday September 24th 2018
Monday December 3rd 2018

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made Local# 3 and seconded by Local# 11 to adjourn the meeting at 2 PM. The motion passed and the meeting closed.