

The very beginning of the  
West Point Volunteer Fire Company  
Also known as,  
Upper Gwynedd Township Fire Department

Minute book of the volunteer Fire Company of West Point, PA  
Organized November 24, 1908  
Ellwood Hoot – President  
J.F. Fenstemacker – Secy.  
W. K. Heebner – Treas.

West Point, PA – November 24, 1908

A meeting of the citizens of West Point and vicinity was held at the above date in Hallmeyers Hall. The meeting was called to order by Harrison K. Moyer at 8 o'clock who announced that the object of the meeting was to organize, if possible, a fire company.

On motion, Ellwood Hoot Esq., was unanimously chosen as temporary president of the meeting and J. F. Fenstemacher as temporary secretary. General remarks were then made. Mr. Thomas of Lansdale gave the meeting some idea how to go about organizing a company of this kind. Remarks were made by L. W. Mattern, Thos. Gibson and others.

A motion was then made, and carried that all the officers of the company should be either business men or property holders. Another motion was then made to name the organization "The West Point Chemical Co. #1". Motion was lost. Another motion was made to name it "The West Point Volunteers". Motion was carried. On motion, the following officers were then nominated and elected by acclamation until a permanent organization can be formed.

President – Ellwood Hoot  
Vice Presiednt – L. W. Mattern  
Secretary – J. F. Fenstamacher  
Assistant Secy. – H. M. Nase  
Treasurer – Wm. K. Heebner

The following names were then received for enrollment as members of the company.

Harrison Moyer	J. F. Fenstemacher
L. W. Mattern	Oscar Holland
W.L. Beam	Earl Reiff
Wm. K. Heebner	H. H. Hallmeyer
F. W. Thomson	A. K. Hunsberger
H. M. Nase	D. C. Kepler
P. B. Miller	Frank Kriebel
Lukens Thomas	Clarence Walker
Thomas Gibson	John R. Reiff
I. W. Rosenberger	John Ritzinger
Geo. West	George Cook
David Powers	Abraham Alderfer
Henry Heffletreger	Elmer Moyer
E. C. Espenship	Samuel Delp
I. G. Leister	Morris Cassel
E. H. Wasser	Grover Zern
A. J. Stetler	Raymond Hoot
Jestus H. Snyder	Harry Mattern
Elmer Buckwalter	Edward Hallmeyer
Henry Hallmeyer, Jr.	Edward Vaughan
Wm. Quinn	Alvin Leole
Elmer Frederick	Joseph Nolan
Homer Heebner	Frank Nolan
Ellwood Hoot	

On motion, the president appointed two committees of five each. One for constitution and bylaws and the other for finance and contribution.

On motion, it was decided that the next meeting should be held at the call of the president in Hallmeyers Hall. Thomas Gibson, Supert. Of the Montgomery Traction Co. offered the company the service of a steam whistle for a fire alarm on the traction company's power house. The same was received by the members with applause. No further business. The meeting adjourned.

J. F. Fenstemacher – Secy.

The president appointed the following committees.

Finance and Contribution

E. C. Espenship  
L. W. Mattern  
F. W. Thomson  
H. H. Hallmeyer  
Wm. K. Heebner

Committee on constitution and bylaws.

Harrison K. Moyer  
W. L. Beam  
David Powers  
Oscar Holland  
P. B. Miller

West Point, PA – Dec. 14, 1908

A meeting of the Volunteer Fire Company was held at the above date in Hallmeyers Hall with Pres. Ellwood hoot in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The committee on constitution and bylaws reported progress in a greater part of their work.

The matter of initiation fees was brought up and discussed and the sentiment of the meeting was to fix the amount, which on motion was made \$1.00 including the first year's dues to all charter members.

The finance committee reported subscription on their book amounting to \$263.00.

The following names were then added to the roll for membership.

Frank Quinn	W. W. Cassel
J. Lawrence Geist	J. B. Quinn
Marvin Shoemaker	

The matter of territory the company wishes to obligate themselves to was discussed at length. Then a motion was made to obligate the company to calls within a 2 mile radius not including any boroughs. Motion carried.

Then being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9-30 to meet on Monday evening, Dec. 28/08 in Hallmeyers Hall at 7-30.

J. F. Fenstemacher - Secretary

West Point, PA – Dec. 28/08

A meeting of the fire company was held at the above date with Pres. Ellwood Hoot in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on constitution and bylaws reported had bylaws completed but not in the proper shape to present before the meeting for action.

The finance committee reported three hundred and seventy three dollars subscribed in their book.

A motion was then made to have a committee of three appointed to look into the matter and get prices on fire apparatus. Motion carried. The president appointed on that committee I. G. Leister , Thomas Gibson and J. F. Fenstemacher.

There being no further business before the meeting a motion to adjourn was in order.

The use of the P. O. S. of A. hall on Thursday evening , Jan 7 at 7-30 o'clock was then adopted.

J. F. Fenstemacher – Secy.

The following names were then added to the membership roll.

Frank Forker  
Abram Becker  
Arnold Becker  
A. A. Heebner  
Charles Ortman

Footnote: Making a total of 57 members up to date.

West Point, PA – Jan. 7, 1909

A meeting of the fire company was called to order at 7-45 by pres. Ellwood Hoot. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The finance committee reported subscriptions on their book amounting to \$416.00. The committee on constitution and bylaws presented the same in typewritten form and were read by the Secy. On motion, action on the constitution and bylaws was deferred until the next meeting and public notice be given to that effect. The committee on fire apparatus reported they had visited Skippack and Collegeville fire companies and examined their apparatus, Skippack having an 80 gallon chemical apparatus and two hand water pumps. The price of the chemical engine was \$500.00 and the water pumps about \$35.00 less hose. At Collegeville the committee reports a powerful water pump propelled by a four cylinder automobile gasoline engine of about 40 horse power. Prices were procured of the machine from the Howe Engine Co. of Indianapolis, IN for the sum of \$1600.00, a similar engine with 2 cylinders for \$1300.00. The Badger Chemical Engine Company also quoted price on a 40 gal. apparatus for \$250.00. On motion, the report of the committee was received and the committee continued.

On motion, it was decided to have a committee appointed to get prices on buckets, ladders and hand fire extinguishers. Committee is W. L. Beam, J. B. Quinn and W. U. Cassel.

On motion by F. W. Thomson the secretary was instructed to send Mr. Hallmeyer a note of thanks for the use of his hall for the meetings held there. The following name were then added to the roll of membership.

Howard Shultz  
Robert Lukenbach  
James Stroh

On motion a committee be appointed at the discretion of the president, to look into the matter of securing a place to house fire apparatus and a place to hold our meetings, permanently. Motion carried.

There bring no further business and the meeting adjourned to meet in P. O. S. of A hall on Tuesday evening, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at 7-30

J. F. Fenstemacher – Secretary

West Point, PA -- Jan. 19, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire company was called to order by president Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following new names were added to the membership list.

Howard C. Johnson  
Horace H. Kriebel  
Wilson H. Keller

The finance committee reported they had nothing to add to subscription list.

The apparatus committee reported a representative of the Waterous Engine Works Co. of St. Paul, Minnesota called on them with circulars and prices on gasoline fire engine with 1000 ft. hose complete for the sum of \$1900.00 and also circulars and pricelist of chemical apparatus from \$185.00 to \$900.00. The report of the committee was on motion received and committee continued.

The committee on ladders, buckets and chemical hand extinguishers reported prices as follows.

12 ft. ladders	\$5.00
20 " "	\$10.00
30 " "	\$18.00
30 ft. extension ladder	\$30.00
Rubber buckets	\$20.00 per doz.
Galvanized buckets	\$2.00 per doz.
Hand extinguishers	\$9.00 and up according to capacity

The constitution and bylaws were then red and after a few corrections and amendments on motion were adopted as read as a whole.

On motion, the basket was passed around to take a collection for hall rental which amounted to one dollar and sixty four cents (\$1.64/100). This was turned over to the trustees of the P. O. S. of A Hall.

President Ellwood Hoot made following appointments on the committee on property.

Edward Vaughan  
A. J. Stetler  
I. W. Rosenberger  
A. A. Heebner  
Horace Kriebel

President Hoot reported he had 150 notice blanks printed at the office of The North Wales Record. Mr. Kirkpatrick kindly donated the same to the company. On motion, the Secy. Was instructed to inform Mr. Kirkpatrick that a note of thanks was extended for his generosity.

Extended remarks were then made in regards to what kind of apparatus should be procured, bringing out a variety of ideas from the members present.

There being no further business and the meeting adjourned at 10-30 to meet on Monday evening Feb. 1 at 8 o'clock.

J. F. Fenstermacher – Secy.



West Point, PA – Feb. 1, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire co. was called to order by President Ellwood Hoot. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Committee on finance had nothing to report.

Committee on constitution and bylaws reported progress.

Committee on apparatus reported price on the Howe Engine Company's #75 gasoline engine including 1000 ft. of hose with hose reel for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Committee on hand extinguishers, buckets and ladders had various prices on hand extinguishers ranging from \$8.25 each to \$13 dollars each. The committee recommended the keystone extinguisher the price of which is thirteen dollars (\$13.00). On motion the committee was instructed to purchase four hand extinguishers and some galvanized buckets as recommended.

Committee on property reported as follows: The two story frame building size 32 x 14 owned by H. M. Nase could be bought for two hundred seventy five dollars (\$275.00) also two lots owned by Ms. Fryer of Bridgeport, PA located on Garfield St. could be bought for one hundred twenty dollar and one hundred ten dollars respectively and also a lot on the corner of Garfield St. adjoining the P. O. S. of A hall owned by the Custer Estate for the sum of \$75.00 On motion the report of the committee was received and the committee instructed to ascertain the cost of having Mr. Nase's building arranged suitable for the need of housing a fire apparatus and a place of meeting. The committee is to use their own judgment as to what changes may be required.

On motion the president and secretary be instructed to take legal steps to procure a charter.

On motion, the membership fees be collected at our next meeting from all members who are not prepared to pay now. Fees were then received amounting to sixteen dollars (\$16.00).

On motion, it was decided to make arrangements to give a supper for the benefit of the fire company. On motion a committee of seven be appointed to make necessary arrangements to hold supper.

Committee to hold supper was appointed.

Harrison K. Moyer  
I. W. Rosenberger  
Joseph Nolan  
Edward Hallmeyer  
Elmer Buckwalter  
Howard C. Johnson  
Frank Kriebel

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet on Monday evening Feb. 15 at 8 o'clock.

J. F. Fenstemacher – Secy.

West Point, PA – 2/15/09

A regular meeting of the fire company was called to order by president Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee Mr. L. W. Mattern received a check for twenty five dollars (\$25.00) as a donation from the Chester Co. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Coatsville, PA. On motion, a note of thanks was extended for the donation and the secretary instructed to notify the Insurance co. of the same.

Committee on constitution and bylaws reported progress.

Committee on apparatus reported progress.

Committee on hand extinguishers and buckets reported with a sample of a hand extinguisher called the Phoenix, price \$11.00 each. Orders have been placed for four of the same also reported had ordered two dozen galvanized buckets.

Committee on property reported cost of making alterations to H. M. Nase's building with new floors, new slate and all necessary plastering \$100.00. The cost of making alterations without a new floor and plastering would cost about forty five dollars (\$45.00). The committee also reported a new building could be built for about eleven hundred dollars (\$1100.00). On motion, the report of the committee be received and the committee be authorized to purchase building from Mr. Nase if possible and the president and secretary be instructed to make proper arrangements for the purchase of the building.

Supper committee reported progress, having received the promise of assistance by the ladies of the vicinity. The committee feels greatly encouraged and expects a grand success will follow.

Financial business – Fees were collected amounting to twelve dollars (\$12.00) making a total of \$37.00.

Meeting then adjourned until Mar. 1 at 8 o'clock.

J. F. Fenstemacher – Secy.

West Point, PA -- March 1, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire company was called to order by vice president L. W. Mattern.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee William K. Heebner received \$10.00 contribution in cash.

Committee on constitution and bylaws reported progress.

Committee on apparatus presented a recommendation as follows to the officers and members of West Point Volunteer Fire Co the undersigned committee on apparatus do recommend to this company the Howe two cylinder piston gasoline water engine #71 price thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300.00). Also recommended is 1000 ft. of 2 ½" fire hose and hose cart price of \$500.00. We feel that if the company should decide on the above apparatus that we could have the above prices shaved a little. If a vote should be taken and the company decides in favor of the chemical engine, our second choice is the McWilliams 70 gallon chemical engine for a price of \$850.00. Signed by I. G. Leister and Thomas Gibson. On motion, the report of the committee be received and a vote be taken on the kind of apparatus wanted on the first meeting night of April. Motion carried. On motion, it was decided to extend an invitation to Norris Finley of Norristown, PA to give a talk on fire apparatus at our next meeting.

Committee on hand extinguishers and buckets reported goods are here and are ready for service. On motion, it was decided to place two extinguishers in W. L. Beams engine house and two in the engine house of the Montgomery Traction Co. until such time when out building will be ready for same.

Committee on property reported arrangements perfected with Mr. Nase to purchase his building. On motion the sum of \$25.00 be paid on account at once and the president and sec'y be instructed to proceed at once to make the transfer of property.

Supper committee reporting receipts up to date amounting to \$164.99. Amount paid out \$29.25/100. The chairman of committee paid over to the sec'y this date \$115.00. On motion the committee to ask Mrs. Hallmeyer the privilege to keep fancy goods left over in her possession and sell same as they see fit. Motion carried.

Financial business: On motion an order was granted for twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for down money on property from H. M. Nase.

Membership fees received this date	\$2.00
Contribution received	\$10.00
Received from supper committee	<u>\$115.00</u>
Total receipts	\$127.00
Expense	\$25.00

On motion, the company accept with thanks the steam whistle which is to be placed on the power house of the Montgomery Traction Co. for service as a fire alarm.

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned to meet Monday evening Mar. 15 at 8 o'clock.

J. F. Fenstermacher - Secy

West Point, PA March 15/09

A meeting of the fire co. was called to order by president Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

One new member was added to the roll. Charles K. Kriebel, Jr.

Reports of the committees were as follows:

Committee on apparatus reported progress.

Committee on Ladders reported progress.

Committee on property the president reported an agreement made and signed between the company and Mr. Nase. Mr. Nase not being satisfied with agreement, it was on motion decided to have another agreement drawn and the property committee accompany the president and sec'y when agreement is made. Also if possible have Mr. Nolan present and report same at next meeting.

Supper committee report:

Total receipts of supper	\$169.85
Donation	<u>\$ .30</u>
Making at total of	\$170.15
Total expenditures up to date	<u>\$47.45</u>
Leaving a total balance of	\$122.70

On motion the report was received and the committee was discharged with thanks.

Financial business:

Membership fees collected	\$1.00
Chairman supper committee	<u>\$7.70</u>
Total	\$8.70

President Hoot reported the purchased the necessary books for the sec'y, including minute book, order book, receipt book and enrollment book. The whole of which Mr. Hoot presents to the company without cost. On motion, a note of thanks was extended to Pres. Hoot for the donation.

On motion a committee of 5 be appointed to see all members who have as yet not paid their membership fees and have a report by next meeting.

On motion the hat was passed around to collect money for hall rental, amount collected was \$1.55/100 which was turned over to the trustees of the P. O. S. of A hall.

The following members were appointed to look after delinquent members. H. K. Moyer, David W. Powers, W. U. Cassel, W. L. Beam and E. H. Wasser.

Mr. P. B. Miller reported Mr. Finley of Norristown could not attend meeting on account of recent illness. On motion it was decided that Mr. Miller and the sec'y go to Norristown and consult the gentlemen of the Hancock Fire Co. who offered their service in the way of furnishing such information as may be required in buying a fire apparatus and have them come out to a special meeting on Monday evening Mar. 22.

On motion, Mr. Moyer consult Mr. Gibson about having the fire whistle put up on the power house at once and have whistle blown every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Wm. K. Heebner offered to donate a whistle valve for same. On motion, a note of thanks was extended to Mr. Heebner for the donation.

On motion a signal system be established and territory be divided in districts and in case of fire the blast of whistle indicate the district, also that a committee be appointed to lay out the districts accordingly. The committee appointed is as follows – D. W. Powers, P. B. Miller and J. B. Quinn.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

J. F. Fenstermacher – Sec'y

West Point, PA – April 5, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire company was called to order by president Ellwood Hoot. The minutes of the of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Committee on bylaws reported progress.

Committee on apparatus reported progress.

Committee on ladders reports progress

Committee on property – I. W. Rosenberger being the only member present reported the committee was unable to have Mr. Nase and Mr. Nolan change or destroy their agreement on building and failed to arrange for a new agreement with Mr. Nase under the circumstances. On motion the committee be instructed to have agreement cancelled between this company and Mr. Nase and secure refund of down money paid to Mr. Nase. On motion, the property committee be instructed to look after suitable building lot.

Finance committee reported progress also. Subscription of \$5.00 from E. A. Perry and also a donation of \$2.00 from Chas Crosby of Pottstown.

Committee on delinquent members reported collection of fees from several members and the money was turned over to the secretary. On motion, the committee was continued.

Committee on fire alarm signal made the following report on the creation of districts:

- 1.2 – Covers territory between R. R. crossing and Nase's store both sides of the street
- 1.3 – Between Nase's store and L. W. Matterns
- 1.4 – Matterns corner and Morris Road
- 1.5 – Morris Road to Walnut St to Wissahickon Ave
- 2.1 – West Point Pike up Morris Road to Heebners Corner
- 2.2 – Heebners Corner to Ziebers Park
- 2.3 – Heebners Corner to Locust Corner
- 2.4 – Locust Corner to Sumneytown Pike
- 2.5 – Creamery to Gwynedd Square
- 3.1 – Gwynedd Square to Ziebers Park
- 3.2 – Gwynedd Square to West Point Pike
- 3.3 – Sumneytown Pike to R. R. Crossing / West Point Pike
- 3.4 – Garfield St. between Pike and Ziebers Park
- 3.5 – Jones Ave. from Pike

On motion, the report was received and committee was discharged with thanks.

Leonard Schuler's name was added to the membership list.

Deferred business:

After discussing the matter of voting on apparatus on motion, vote on same was deferred until Monday evening, April 19. All members requested to be present.

On motion it was decided to hold a Strawberry festival latter part of May and a committee be appointed in due time to take charge.

Financial business:

Membership fees collected	\$7.00
Donation from Chas Crosby	\$2.00
Contribution from E. A. Perry	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total	\$14.00
Orders granted for printing	\$2.00

Meeting adjourned to meet April 19.

P. B. Miller – Sec’y Pro Term



West Point, PA – April 19/09

A meeting of the fire company was called to order by president Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reported progress.

Constitution and bylaw committee report progress.

Apparatus committee reported progress.

Committee on ladders reported progress.

Committee on property reported as follows: We, the undersigned committee on property submit the following report on lots for sale. Lot on Garfield St. owned by Custer estate for \$75.00, lot on Garfield St. next to chapel owned by Miss Fryer for \$120.00 and a lot owned by Mr. Hallmeyer located next to Hallmeyer Hall size 35 x 80 ft. for the price \$30.00. In submitting this report the committee recommends Mr. Hallmeyers lot as first choice. Respectfully submitted – A. J. Stetler, I. W. Rosenberger and H. H. Heebner. On motion this report be received and filed. Motion lost. A motion was then made to purchase the corner lot on Garfield St. owned by the Custer estate for seventy five dollars (\$75.00). Motion carried. On motion the property committee was discharged with thanks.

Committee on membership fees report progress.

The president then appointed the following members on the festival committee: P. B. Miller, D. H. Powers, Wm. K. Heebner, E. H. Hasser and D. C. Kopley.

Finance business:

The property committee returned the seventy five dollars down money from Mr. Nase.

Membership fees were collected amounting to four dollars.

Deferred business:

Vote on apparatus was in order. On motion, it was decided to take a secret ballot for either chemical or water apparatus. After a lengthy discussion of the subject the president appointed A. J. Stetler and A. A. Heebner as tellers and the ballot was taken with the following members voting: A. J. Stetler, A. A. Heebner, W. U. Cassel, Edward Vaughan, Frank Quinn, W. L. Beam, J. L. Geist, H. M. Nase, Harry Hallmeyer, Jr., I. W. Rosenberger, Henry Heffletreger, Thomas Gibson, D. C. Kepler, Elmer Frederick, I. B. Quinn, D. H. Powers, P. B. Miller, Marvin I. Shoemaker, Samuel Delp, Elmer Moyer, Charles Ortman, Wm. K. Heebner, J. R. Stroh, Raymond Hoot, Frank Kriebel, E. C. Espenship, Harrison Moyer, J. F. Fenstemacher, E. H. Wasser, Ellood Hoot, making a total of 30 ballots. The result being 26 for water and 4 for chemical.

Meeting then adjourned.

J. F. Fenstermacher – Sec’y.

West Point, PA – May 3, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire company was called to order by pres. Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reported progress.

Constitution and bylaws committee reported progress.

Apparatus committee was on motion , discharged.

Committee on ladders reported they had ordered two doz. Charges for chemical hand extinguishers. The committee also submitted the following written report: We the undersigned appointed to look into the subject of ladders. We make the following recommendations that we first procure ladders as follow: 1 -12 ft., 1 – 16 ft., 1 – 20 ft. and 1 – 30 ft. extension ladder and one ladder truck suitable to carry said ladders, buckets, hand extinguishers and hose. That the company have same made at home or in some local shop where ladders or wagons can be made, as they came be made to answer the company's purpose for about one half or less than the regular dealers ask for them. We recommend that the ladders be made first and the truck be given more time in order to get the best job at the lowest price. We can not give any definite price but have the following offers. One member offers to turn ladder wrongs free of cost, another offers a machine free to turn with and lumber at cost, another offers to paint same free of cost. We think you cannot figure out anything cheaper than that and we think the truck can be made for about \$150.00 or possibly for less. Signed by Walter U. Cassel and Wesley L. Beam – Committee. On motion, the report of the committee was received and committee instructed to proceed as suggested in their report.

Committee on fees reported progress.

Committee on the festival reported they decided to hold the festival on Sat. evening May 22, 1909.

President Ellwood Hoot then reported having had a talk with Mrs. Kriebel concerning lot and was told the first offer of \$75.00 for lot would not stand. The present price was \$100.00. On motion the president and secretary be instructed to buy lot at \$100.00 or as much less as possible.

On motion, it was decided to go into nominations of offices for the following officers: One Chief, one First Assistant Chief, one Second Assistant Chief and three trustee. Nominations for Chief: D. H. Powers. Nominations for First Assistant Chief: Henry Heffletreger. Nominations for Second Assistant Chief: I. W. Rosenberger. Nominations for Trustees: P. B. Miller and E. C. Espenship. On motion, nominations were closed for the evening.

A communication was there read from L. W. Mattern tendering his resignation as vice president and as a member of the finance committee. The same was on motion and accepted.

West Point, PA – May 5, 1909

A meeting of the fire company was called order by president Ellwood Hoot.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reports progress.

Constitution and bylaws reported. Had three corrected copies made in type written form. As the committee work was completed, on motion, the committee was discharged.

Committee on ladders reported progress.

Committee on fees reported progress.

Committee on festival reported progress.

President Hoot reported that an agreement was drawn and signed for purchase of lot from Mrs. Kriebel.

In financial business an order was granted for ten dollars (\$10.00) for down money on lot.

Nominations were then in order for one trustee. D. C. Delp was nominated there being no further nominations.

Election was in order, as there was but one candidate nominated for each office, on motion it was decided that the secretary cast the ballot. The result of which was as follows:

Chief – David H. Powers

First Assistant Chief – Henry Heffletreger

Second Assistant Chief – I. W. Rosenberger

Trustees – P. B. Miller, E. C. Espenship and D. C. Kepler

Vice President – H. K. Moyer

On motion a committee was appointed to solicit and collect old newspapers to sell for the benefit of the company's funds. Committee – P. B. Miller, W. K. Heebner and Raymond Hoot.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet Monday evening, June 7

J. F. Fenstemacher – Sec'y.

West Point, PA – June 7, 1909

A regular meeting of the fire co. was called to order by pres. Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The name of Irvin Schafer was presented and added to the membership list.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reports progress.

Committee on ladders reports progress.

Dues committee reported progress.

Festival committee reported as follows. We, the committee on the strawberry festival held May 22<sup>nd</sup> submit the following report. Receipts as follows:

Cash from sale of tickets	\$43.90
Cash from donations	\$1.50
Cash from sale of fancy articles	\$2.20
Cash from sale of fish pond	\$2.30
Cash from sale of candy table	\$3.95
Cash from sale of cake table	\$5.85
Cash from auction	\$10.22
Cash at festival	<u>\$13.75</u>
Total	\$83.67

Expenditures:

Purchase of Ice Cream	\$17.00
Purchase of Strawberries	\$3.20
Purchase of music	\$9.00
Purchase of peanuts	\$1.00
Purchase of printing	\$2.75
H. M. Nase Sundries	\$2.30
Laundry	<u>\$ .30</u>
Total	\$35.55

Leaving a balance of \$48.12

The committee desires to thank the members and the community in general for donations and assistance given in making the festival a success. Signed by: P.B. Miller, E. H. Wasser, Wm. K. Heeber, D. W. Powers and D. C. Kepler – Committee . On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged with thanks.

Committee on collecting old newspapers reported progress.

New business:

D. W. Powers reported Mr. F. B. Quinn offered the skating rink for one night for benefit of fire co. On motion, a committee was appointed to make proper arrangements for the co. Committee: W. K. Heebner, P. B. Miller and D. W. Powers

Financial business:

Receipts from Festival	\$48.12
Receipts from membership fee	<u>\$1.00</u>
Total	\$49.12

The meet then adjourned to meet Monday evening, June 21 at 8pm.

J. F. Fenstemacher – Sec'y.

West Point, PA – June 21-09

A meeting of the fire company was called to order by the president Ellwood Hoot.

The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Reports of Committees:

Finance committee reports progress.

Ladder committee reports progress.

Dues committee reported progress.

Old papers committee reported progress.

Skating rink committee reported progress.

New Business:

President Hoot presented paper of application for charters for members to sign.

Verbal resignation of J. F. Fentemacher as secretary was place before the members present and on motion same was accepted. On motion members present decide to elect secretary at the present meeting and following member placed in nomination: H. M. Nase and P. B. Miller. On motion, nominations closed and I. W. Rosenberger and Frank Driebel appointed tellers. Votes cast resulting as follows: H. M. Nase – 1 and P. B. Miller – 9

Meeting adjourned to meet in P. O. S. of A Hall, July 12.09

J. F. Fenstemacher – Sec'y.

West Point, PA – July 12-09

The regular monthly meeting of the fire company called to order by Pres. Hoot and the minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Isaac G. Leister elected to membership upon payment of year dues.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reported progress.

Ladder committee – W. U. Cassel reports Mr. W. L. Beam received two double and two single ladders but doubtful if they would be satisfactory for co. use. This matter deferred to next meeting and president instructed committee to procure chemicals for use in hand extinguishers and the fire chief have a drill to instruct members in handling same.

Committee on dues has no report and on motion, committee discharged with thanks for their efforts in that time.

Old papers committee reports progress and that 700 papers received to date.

Rink committee reported progress.

Financial business:

Dues amounting to \$1.00 collected.

New business:

On motion, a committee of 5 be appointed to look into plans and specifications for a company building and following committee was appointed: H. K. Moyer, E. C. Espenship, W. U. Cassel, I. G. Liester and E. H. Wasser.

Meeting adjourned to meet Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

P. B. Miller – Sec'y.



West Point, PA – 8/2-09

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co. held on the above date.  
President Ellwood Hoot in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Arnold Becker was nominated and elected to membership.

Reports of committees:

Finance committee reported progress.

Ladder committee reports progress and the purchase of one 16ft and one 24ft ladder and also chemicals purchased for use in hand extinguishers.

Dues collected amounting to \$1.00.

Meeting adjourned to meet Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Old paper committee reported progress

Rink committee reported progress.

P. B. Miller – Sec'y

West Point, PA Sept 13-09

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on the above date in the P.O.S of A. Hall.

Minutes of the last meeting after minor corrections were approved as read.

Report of Officers:

Trustee Espenship reports that he had moved grass on lot as it was in need of attention.

Report of Committee:

Finance Committee. Progress and chairman recommended the appointment of two members to fill vacancies caused by remand and resignations.

In motion a new Finance Committee of three (3) including E. C. Espenship and Wm. K. Heebner were appointed. And on motion of D. W. Powers that 3<sup>rd</sup> member of Finance Committee be appointed by company and Pres. Elwood Hoot elected as 3<sup>rd</sup> member of Committee.

Verbal resignation of F. W. Thompson as member of Finance Committee accepted.

Ladders and buckets + ECT Committee, progress.

Rink Committee reported clean. \$27.17 and Committee discharged with thanks.

Bylaw Committee, progress.

Building plans and specification Committee, Progress. On motion it was decided that Building plan and specification Committee be the Building building (construction) Committee after their plans are approved by the company.

On motion, Perry Trumbaur, A. J. Fell and Wilson Anderson elected to membership.

Secretary instructed to procure 200 printed postal cards to be use as mailing notices of Company meeting.

Receipts of the evening:

Dues \$2.00. Rink Committee \$27.17

Total \$29.17 same turned over to Treasurer and his receipt taken.

Meeting adjourned to meet Oct 4.09

P. B. Miller

West Point, PA Oct 4-09

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held in the POS of A. Camp room on the above date.

President Hoot in the chair and 16 members answering to roll call. Minutes of last regular meeting read & approved.

Report of officers.

Fire Chief reports as follows.

To the officers and members, the Company answered an out of district alarm on Saturday evening Oct 2.09. Alarm turned in at 7.18PM. Fire at C. A. Cox's farm. Barn totally destroyed no chemical used. Men were held to protect adjoining buildings until 10 PM when they were dismissed. Cause of fire unknown. Damage about \$8.000 Dollars.

Signed

DW Powers  
Chief

Nomination for membership as follows.

E. Walt Pennipacker, Jules R. Buliung and Jestus Snyder.

Report of Committees

Ladders Chemicals + Buckets report 16., 20 and double extension 30 ft ladders on hand. On motion 2 hand extinguishers be placed at WL Beams office and the 3 ladders in his sheds also 2 hand extinguishers be placed at Power house and supplies for hand extinguishers be kept at Power house.

Paper Committee, progress.

Finance Committee, " "

Building plans and specification committee, progress and submitted one plan drawn by Mr. W L Beam for inspection of members. Committee instructed to make report soon as possible.

Financial Business dues to the amount of 2.00 collected and same turned over to treasurer and his receipt taken for same.

Following members EW Pennipacker, Jules R. Buliung, Jestus Snyder elected by acclamation.

New Business,, Fire Chief reports loss of one galvanized bucket at CA Cox's fire Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 09 and President Hoot stated he would look after recover of Bucket.

Meeting adjourned  
PB Weber

West Point, PA Oct 18-09

A special meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held in the POS of A Camp Room on the above date President Hoot in the chair and 19 members present.

Upon notice of chairman of Building plan and specification Committee to President of the company that the committee was ready to report. The Secretary mailed the following notice to each member. To all, West Point, PA Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. A special meeting of the West Point Volunteer fire Company will be held at the POS of A Hall on Monday evening the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1909 at 8 PM. to receive the report of the Committee on building a fire house.

Report of building committee read by Mr W.U. Cassel and in motion report received.

The following motions were made.

Motion. That the building be brick. Adopted. That there be 4 windows on each side. Adopted. That the entrance door be in center and center posts be moved 2 feet aside. Adopted. That door be substituted for 3<sup>rd</sup> window on Second St side of building. Adopted. That building be put on line with other buildings. Adopted. That slate roof be put on building. Motion lost. That building be roofed with shingles. Adopted. That building have stone foundation cellar included. Adopted. That building be placed in center of lot. Adopted. That doors open inward. Adopted.

On motion building plans & specification instructed to perfect plans accordingly and secure bids on same and report at next meeting. Secretary instructed to inform all members that building plans and specifications would be up for final adoption.

Secretary instructed to have Treasurer give report at next meeting. On motion, meeting adjourned.

PB Miller  
Sec'y

West Point, PA Nov 1-09

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held in POS of A Hall on the above date. Pres. Hoot in the chair. 14 members present.

Minutes of regular meeting Oct 4 and special meeting Oct 18<sup>th</sup> read and approved.

Sec'y and Treasurers report- received and filed.

Committees report as follows.

Ladders + ect, progress

Papers, progress

Building Committee, progress and submitted of proposed bulding.

Finance Committee, progress.

Following orders granted.

WL Beam	Chem Supplies	\$2.25
Pres. Hoot	Securing the charter	\$24.63
Pres. Hoot	Bal due on Lot	\$90.00
	Recording deed	<u>\$2.25</u>
		\$119.13

Deferred Business

Sec'y reported payment of 25.ct to cover bucket lost at CA Cox's fire.

New Business

On motion building committee was appointed a special ways and means committee for the purpose of raising money for the erection of the new building.

On motion a note of thanks were extended by the company to Mr. Harry Fox of Norristown and Pres. Hoot for giving their services free of charge in procuring charter for the company.

On motion, meeting adj.

PB Miller  
Sec'y

West Point, PA 12/6-09

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on the date in POS of A Hall. Pres. Elwood Hoot in the chair and 13 members present. Minutes of the last monthly meeting read and approved.

Reports of Committees.

Ladder Committee, progress and reported receipt of letter from Howe Engine Co granting permission to copy pattern of Schwencksville truck.

Paper committee report progress and on motion decided to sell old paper at 32.ct.

Building committee progress.

Finance committee progress.

Ways & means committee progress.

Financial business. One years dues \$1.20 received from JF Fenstemacher.

On motion company went into nominations of officers for ensuing year and following nominations made.

For President, Elwood Hoot  
Vice President, H. K. Moyer and Thos. Gibson  
Sec'y, Edward Hallmeyer and PB Miller  
Asst. Sec'y, HM Nase, Edward Hallmeyer and Raymond Hoot  
Treasurer, WK Heebner, WL Beam, HM Nase  
Chief, DW Powers, HK Moyer, Elmer Frederick  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief, Isaac Leister, IW Rosenberger and Wilson Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief, Oscar Holland, Amos Stetler, Edward Vaughan and Elmer Buckwalter  
Trustee, DC Kepler, EC Espenship, Isaac Leister, JR Stroh, Jestus Snyder, WL Beam, JB Quinn

On motion it was decided to create a special fund to meet sundry expenses of Co and take up collection every meeting for this purpose.

Receipts

Special Funds	.75
Dues	<u>1.20</u>
	1.95

Meeting adjourned PB Miller Sec'y

West Point, PA Jan 3-10

Regular monthly meeting of the West Point Volunteer fire Co. held this date in POS of A Hall. Pres. Elwood Hoot in the chair and 13 members present.

Mins of previous regular meeting read and approved.

Verbal resignation of Henry Heffletreger received and accepted.

Report of Committees.

Ladder + ect Committee, progress and reported material on hand for truck.

Paper Committee, progress.

Financial Committee, " "

Ways + means, " "

Building Committee, " "

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Financial Business

Bill from North Wales Record for 300 postal cards amt. 3.00. On motion, bill ordered paid and order granted for same.

On motion, Company proceeded with annual election of officers for year 1910.

On motion it was decided to hold election by ballot and where no opposition same by acclamation. On motion the president Hoot appointed Elmer Fredereick and E Walt Pennipacker as tellers. Election resulting as follows.

President, Elwood Hoot  
Vice President, Thomas Gibson  
Secretary, PB Miller  
Asst. Secretary, Edward Hallmeyer  
Treasurer, Wm K Heebner  
Chief, Harrison K Moyer  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief, IW Rosenberger  
2<sup>nd</sup> " " , Edw Vaughan  
Trustees, EC Espenship  
" WL Beam  
" JB Quinn

On motion all committees appointed be continued until such time as their work be completed or are discharged.

On motion committee of 3 was appointed to arrange for a literary entertainment at the ontlly meeting Feby 7<sup>th</sup>, and Edward Hallmeyer Homer Heebner and James Stroh appointed as committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Rink fund 62 cnts. PB Miller Sec'y



West Point, PA Feby 7-10

The regular monthly meeting of West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on this date in POS of A Hall. President Hoot in the chair and 17 members present.

Committees report as follows.

Ladders	Progress
Paper	"
Finance	"
Bldg Com.	"

Ways – means, progress and that fair would be held. Beginning Mar 5<sup>th</sup> to continue until further notice, the literary committee , having prepared a program for the entertainment, the same was now given being participated in by M. Claude Leister with several readings and M Russell Espenship with several piano selections.

New Business

On motion a vote of thanks were extended to Russell Espenship and Claude Leister for their entertainment.

On motion literary committee was continued for the next monthly meeting.

On motion it was decided that company do the digging and grading for new building and all members assist with same.

Motion that cementing of floors be done by the company.

Financial statement for evening special fund collection 63c

Dues	<u>1.20</u>
	\$1.83

PB Miller  
Sec'y

West Point, PA Mar 7- 1910

Regular montly meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on the above date and EC Espenship acting president and 12 members present. Report of officers.

EC Espenship chairman of trustees reported Camp 33 had agreed with him to charge Fire Co 25c per month including February. Payment to be made at pleasure of fire co.

Report of committees

Ladders	Progress
Paper	"
Finance	"

Building committee progress and submitted specifications which were read and on motion decided to hold special meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> to consider the plan and specifications for new building.

Ways + means committee report progress and starting of fair March 5<sup>th</sup> and meeting with good success in way of patronage and donations by the community.

Literary committee not present continued to next regular meeting.

New Business

Sec'y instructed to purchase 300 postal notices.

Dues collected 2.80. Special fund 41ct. Meeting adj. PB Miller

West Point, PA March 14<sup>th</sup>

Special meeting of West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on this date and vice president Thos. Gibson in the chair and 18 members present.

Meeting called for purpose of considering the plans and specifications.

On motion it was decided that company have the new building erected by day work and on motion specifications were accepted.

PB Miller

West Point, PA 4/4.10

Regular monthly meeting held on the above date in POS of A Camp Room. President Hoot in chair and 10 members present.

Report of officers and committees.

Finance committee	Progress
Ladders	"
Papers	"
Bldg Committee	"
Ways + Means	"

Financial Business. Dues collected 1.20

New Business

On motion, it was decided to instruct treasurer to have company's money placed on deposit at interest.

On motion, treasurer instructed to furnish statement at next meeting (cont.)

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of all moneys on hand.

On motion, company instructed treasurer to bond of security to the amount of \$1000 effective at next monthly meeting.

Special fund collected 40 ct.

Order granted to Treasurer of POSA for hall rent to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1910 \$1.00

Order WB Kirkpatrick furnishing 300 postal notices 3.75

Meeting adjourned

PB Miller

West Point, PA May 2-1910

A regular meeting of the West Point Volunteer Fire Co held on the above date in POS of A Hall. Pres Hoot in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved with the exception that they should have mentioned that minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Report of officers and committees. Ladders, progress. Paper committee, a member of company reported that ways and means committee had taken hold of papers and they were all tied up and ready for sale and remarks made by the members of the committee.

Building committee chairman Moyer reported committee was receiving bids on different kinds of work so as to get an estimate on cost of building.

Finance Committee, progress.

Ways and means committee submitted report showing a balance 581.76 from fair and on motion decided that report be spread upon the minutes.