



## Eastern Regional Millwright Counsel

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**Millwrights' Local #1163** meeting of March 12, 2019 was held at the Tonawanda Sportsmans Club. It was opened at 5:30pm by President Tom Cole.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Showed Warden Luke Rehm, Conductor Keith Lanzelotti and Trustees Ryan Barber and Ted Harrison were excused all others were present. At this time President Tom Cole appointed Mike Sullivan and Steve Russell as Protem Trustees

**Minutes:** Of the last meeting were read by Recording Secretary Kyle Toth

Motion to accept: Zack Middleton

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Scott Clemens

Motion carried

**Reading of bills and expenditures:** Financial Secretary Rodney Richer

Motion to accept Brian Scruton

2<sup>nd</sup> by Zack Middleton

Motion carried

**Treasure's Report:** Read by Financial Secretary Rodney Richer

### **Business Agents Report**

**Membership:** Total: 736.

**Rodney Richer:** Total man hours: 35410. As most of you know, I am a Senior Regional Director now. I more oversee the operations from the "40,000 foot view". I handle the operations more from the council wide aspect and make sure that Brian, Zack and Kyle have everything they need to do their job more efficiently. I have also been overseeing operations for 1121. Helping them out and assisting them grow and expand. And after spending time in the New England area I have come to realize how lucky 1163 is to have so many general maintenance contractors. Other areas do not have those types of contractors and miss out on a lot of that work. Other areas focus solely on power generation and that's it. To put it into perspective: 80% of 1121's man hours are in the power generation work. Ours is less that 30%. So outside of the power generation outage seasons, most the guys in 1121 do not work. (Open discussion about TIG welding and welding training). I have also been working with the international to help Boulter out with their Lift and Move event. We have been putting together videos to show at the event. I have also been attending a lot of trade shows with Reps from other locals. We are doing this to try and gain more of a market share in all fields of the millwright trade.

**Brian Scruton:** Work has been slow the past couple months in the center part of the state, but it now just starting to pick up. Nine Mile started yesterday, but this is a much smaller outage that usual. It is only about 46 going, but will be a longer outage because it is a rewind. There is also upcoming work that will be done at the Tomkins county airport. We also have our usual biweekly



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outage and Westrock. Burns brothers has work coming up at the Corning plant in Canton. Sithe has a small outage coming up in April. Boulter has been pretty steady, they still have 4 guys at Guarding Glass. I will be going out to the 212 Class in Vegas in June.

**Zack Middleton:** Work on the east side has been pretty steady. Athens just started an 80 day outage. BEC just ended the work on their steam turbine yesterday. There is a lot of pulp and paper work that is coming up. Irving tissue is putting a new machine in. Lafarge is starting their outage next week which will be about 5 weeks. IP Tie and Empire also have outages coming up. I have been spending a lot of time in Vermont helping out up there to grow our presences.

**Kyle Toth:** Work has slowed down quite a bit in the Western part of the state. State group has 2 guys still at the GM Lockport plant. They are mainly focusing on the Athenix plant in Dunkirk. Which is going along but our work is still a little ways off for that project. Hohl is starting to pick back up. The job at the Hydros in Lewiston turned into a much bigger job than expected. They will be back in Dunlop for another phase of the upgrade there. They have also picked up work at Greenpac as well. Hohl and State Group are also bidding work on the penstocks for the Robert Moses. That will be a very large long term job doing inspections and repairs to that. We are is talks with Chris Nowak to get his company Nowak Industrial signed. So that will be good to get another member as a local contractor in the area. He is also putting bids in on the penstock work for the Robert Moses. The Buffalo Niagara airport is doing a major upgrade to their airport, which a majority will be to the baggage handling system. ASI, who is an international contractor was awarded that bid, so the millwright work for that will go good for us.

Purina in Dunkirk has some major work coming up. (Matt Benedetto speaking). Benchly bid and was awarded an expansion line for the plant, which had normally going to non-union contractors. So we will most likely be adding a few more guys to our crew help with that work as well as keeping up with our normal work. So for the next year things look pretty busy for us.

Jim Majchrzak with TTI and I spent an entire day together at Reisdorf talking to maintenance personnel there. (Jim Majchrzak speaking) I have been going for the past 3 years now and things are now starting to grow pretty well for me. I have been focusing on getting the small and mid sized jobs. Getting my foot in the door and expanding to these smaller plants which we, as a union, have not been doing much work in lately. But the only way we are going to get and keep the work is to take ownership of our work and show that we are better than our non-union competition.



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**Training:** We started demolition on our new Training Center in Syracuse. We are hoping to be in there by the end of June. There were a lot of things that we did not expect to have to do, that we are now having to do due to the fact that we are qualifying this as a training center. We are having a self-contained welding booth's with smoke eaters. They work really well and lessen the outside noise. C&S is doing the work at the new facility.

**Communications:** Thank you card from John Tacks Mother.  
Oswego County Democratic Committee Golf Outing. \$200.00 for 4-some.

Motion: Kyle Toth  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Sullivan Motion Carried.

**Good of the Order:**

1163 display at the Syracuse Airport: \$450 a month  
Motion: Brian Scruton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Newberry. Motion Carried  
Donation for retirement gift for Doug Baines. \$2000

Motion: Rodney Richer  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Scott Clemens. Motion Carried.

**Motion to adjourn made by** Scott Clemens  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Sullivan  
Motion carried

**Next Meeting** is April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 being held at the Hyatt Place in Malta.