

**Union Center Fire Company**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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Activity Checking	\$11,740.00	Activity	\$7,115.11
General Checking	\$11,924.35	2% Money	\$4,624.89
Total	\$23,664.35		

Motion to accept: C. Haight and Belensky

**Bills and Communications:**

- Received Sympathy card from Vestal Fire
- Received letter from Endicott Professional Firefighters Association to invite us to their party following the St. Patrick's Day parade. Tickets are \$20 prior to the party or pay at the door.
- Received letter from Southwestern Association of Volunteer Fireman, they have a new trustee
- Received a letter from the Broome County Health Department regarding a course to be trained to check child safety seats
- Blue Right Choose Right is hosting a Parade Day party after the St. Patrick's Day parade
- Received letter of resignation from Cherie Gurly  
22 yes 0 no 1 abstain

**Board Communications:**

- For PO's, please make sure you get approval BEFORE you make a purchase. Also, when filling out the PO, do not put a category on it. Leave it blank and we will make sure it goes to the correct account.
- We are going to revisit the in station policy. It will be changed to say call the Chief, not a Chief. Also, effective immediately, do not use the IAMRESPONDING site to put yourself "in service"
- Approved an AED purchase for the Tahoe
- Approved cone and vest purchases for Fire Police.

**Officer Report's**

**Chief:**

- We have signs posted regarding washing your vehicles in the station, please make sure to clean up after yourself.
- The gas meters we are getting from CFI sales, it has been a long and coming this however, because we requested something out of the ordinary, we are paying for it.
- PESH (a division of OSHA) has made some changes and we are going to have to have some training to get up to date with their requirements. I will be meeting with a consultant to let us know what we are lacking so we can pass the audit.
- Ray will be taking care the annual open house this year
- There are only 7 people allowed on the Rescue. There are 5 seat belts in the back and 2 in the front.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief:**

- I attend the county chief's meeting last Thursday. There was NYSEG rep present and they explained the reason for us responding to calls with them.
- The county has hired an engineer to check the radio systems within the county.
- February 22, there a new law going into effect called Amanda's Law. It states that any residential structure needs a minimum of 1 Carbon Monoxide detector in the residence.
- Coming soon we will have the ability to check sex offender background for new members
- Regarding FAST, there has been a State change stating the minimum number is 6
- We are going to have a new form regarding any type of fires within a structure. It has to be filled out and the Town needs to be notified.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief:**

- No Report

**Day Captain:**

- Thank you to all

**Night Captain:**

- No Report

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant:**

- No Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant:**

- Thank you to everyone for their support

**Fire Police Captain:**

- We have collapsible cones on the Rescue and also there are some on the Tahoe.
- There are new vests on the Utility, and Brush.

**Maintenance:**

- Slowly upgrading things
- Thank you to the Engine-98 crew who helped changed the LED lights on the Rescue. All the lights will be changed to LED.
- The MSA meter on the Squad has been bump tested and calibrated as of yesterday. Please remember when turning it on, turn it on in the vehicle.
- Captain Vankuren has asked for permission for Graupman to have access to the Maintenance Room.
- Thank you to Green for all the help with maintenance.
- Compartments have been re-lettered. They are numbered from front to back on each side.

**Air/Cascade:**

- 3 cascade bottles went out for hydro, they are back.
- Flow tests are done for all the SCBA's this year. HUD's are all fixed as well.
- Fit testing will be scheduled soon. We are waiting to hear back from MES
- There are two more SCBA's in compartment L-2 on the Rescue
- Please take a pack off the tanker if you need one for training purpose.

**EMS:**

- AED replacement, we have begun the 2 step process of replacing them.

- We did a CPR/AED course back in January. We had a very good turnout of membership. We are going to hold another cardiac class on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> at Station 1. It will be posted. It is a BLS level course.
- I was also asked to look into the possibility to reinstate a policy we had before regarding a personal health data sheet for members. It will have to be voluntary to fill out. It would be a sealed envelope only open in the event of an emergency.
- Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, UHS is holding their annual training.
- We had a cardiac arrest call on Monday, Thank you to those who went. I would like to encourage anyone to respond to Echo priority calls if you have CPR training.
- Thank you to Graupman for responding to calls during the day.
- We have just implemented, Condition Red, which would be an “all call” for EMS providers to stand-by in stations to wait for orders. This will only be done in a large emergency.

**Training:**

- 2010 training BOG has been sent out twice. Thank you to N. Haight for your help. IF you have any questions, please let us know.
- Castle Creek has a boater safety course coming up. The cost will be \$45 that you would have to pay.
- Campville Fire is holding their annual cold water rescue on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be an advanced smoke-divers class being held March 20 – 21. There are pre-requisites for this class.
- There will be an officer orientation class on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 in Chenango.
- CP rail training will be hands on training along with the classroom. There will be one May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Binghamton training site.
- The County is scheduling 3 LZ classes through life flight. The closest one here will be at JC High School.
- Chief’s show at Turning Stone will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
- The Harrisburg show will be May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Saturday training has been going well
- There will be an intro to fire officer class starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- There will be a Fire officer 1 starting February 17<sup>th</sup> at the public safety facility.
- We are working with the academy secretary to get all our current members listed and take off the old members.
- Choconut Center will be holding a May Day class on March 27-28<sup>th</sup>

**Safety:**

- No Report

**Fire Marshal:**

- Changes in the NIMS requirement will be posted in the stations.

**Committee Report’s**

**Audit:**

- No Report

**Parade:**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> is the St. Patrick’s Day Parade; please meet at Station 1 at 11:45 AM. They are requesting class A uniforms.

**Social:**

- K. Miga is looking into the date of the garage sales so we can coordinate our chicken BBQ

**By-Law:**

- No Report

**B.C. Fire Fighters Association:**

- No Report

**Website:**

- No Report

**Retention/Recruiting:**

- April 24<sup>th</sup> 12-3 PM is the annual recruiting day.

**Membership:**

- No Report

**Election of New Members:**

- Jason Macuch

22 yes 0 no 0 abstain

- Ryan Hanzlik

21 yes 0 no 1 abstain

**Nomination Elections**

Chief – 19 yes 2 no 3 abstain

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant – 23 yes 1 no 0 abstain

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant – 24 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Day Captain – 21 Vankuren 2 C. Haight 1 abstain

Night Captain – 20 Yes 3 no 1 abstain

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant – 3 S. Gurley 2 B. Haight 18 Hill 1 abstain

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – 14 S. Gurley 7 B. Haight 3 abstain

Fire Police Captain – 24 yes 0 no 0 abstain

EMS Captain – 24 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Board (2) – 11 W. Miga 10 M. Henry 1 B. Bealo 2 B. Haight 0 Trzcinski (vote 1)

12 Henry 3 B. Haight 6 Trzcinski 3 Abstain

- New board meet, following are new positions:

President – M. Henry

Vice President – W. Miga – Question asked regarding eligibility for position, this was taken care of last month by a membership vote.

Treasurer – K. Serowik

Secretary – Sulger

Director at Large – Marci Urdanick

**Business**

**Old Business:**

- Received a letter of resignation from Drotar for his Board position, he is also asking for a leave of absence

- There are questions regarding some nomination requirements, since there are so many ways to interpret the By-Laws. The positions in question are for the Board.

Motion made by R. Serowik to count the probationary period toward active membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> B.

Bealo 18 yes 0 no 1 abstain

- Letter received from Phelan regarding his membership. He no longer works within our district.

Vote to keep him as an active member

14 yes 0 no 5 abstain

- Membership checklist was put together by the membership committee

- Motion made by B. Bealo and R. Serowik to close the nomination board

18 yes 0 no 1 abstain

- The flag out front may need to be replaced soon

- Thank you for fixing the door at Station 2

**New Business:**

- With the thanks of the Board, we would like to disband all committees

- Election of new committees

Audit - B. Bealo, Trzcinski

Parade – B. Bealo, Hill

B.C. FireFighters Association – Silvestri

Website – Belensky, Hill

Social – B. Haight, C. Haight

By-Law – B. Haight, Dieffenbacher, C. Haight, N. Haight

Retention/Recruiting/Membership – S. Gurley, R. Serowik, VanKuren, Green

Sunshine – Sulger, K. Serowik

- Motion made by B. Haight to allocate \$500 for the sunshine committee to begin.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vankuren 19 yes 0 no 0 abstain

- Question regarding the posting of the in station policy

Motion made by B. Bealo to table this memo, and have everyone send their ideas for this memo

to W. Miga, 2<sup>nd</sup> Belensky 14 yes 0 no 5 abstain

Attended: 26

Voting: 23 ( Changed to 19 due to members leaving)

Minutes accepted by:

- B. Bealo and Hoyt

19 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Meeting adjourned at 16:13