

**UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY**  
**COMPANY MEETING**

July 11, 2011

**PRESENT:** M. Henry, A. Green, W. Miga, K. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, M. Belensky, C. Hoyt, G. Roberts, J. Mann, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, G. Greenlee

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 19:40

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking: \$16,154.97  
General checking: \$24,339.32

Activity: \$6,870.25  
2% Money: \$9,284.72

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Total checking: \$40,494.29

Motion to accept: J. Drotar, seconded by C. Hoyt

***BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

M. Henry would like to thank the company for sending a card to his wife. Kelley just started a new treatment in New Jersey and they are very optimistic. He appreciates all of the prayers; please keep them coming as they seem to be working.

The Board of Elections would like to use both stations for polling locations. This will occur on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 until 22:30 and on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 05:15 until 22:30.

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS***

Discussion regarding the detailed apparatus outlook plan which Bill created. He looked at the logs to determine how often each rig is used. He's asking for input from the chiefs regarding the condition of each piece of apparatus and if they are meeting our needs. He has a tentative plan for replacing each one; this will become more accurate as he adds new information.

Discussion regarding FEMA grants, which are coming up very soon. It was decided that we will pursue a grant to replace the brush truck.

Discussion regarding credit versus debit card for company use. At this point Bill favors a debit card, but will seek out more information about the pros and cons of each type of card. Mark H. brought up his concerns about having all of our funds located at the same bank; Bill will look into diversifying the location of our money.

Members not in good standing as of July 1<sup>st</sup>: J. Drotar, J. Graupman, C. Haight, J. Macuch, R. Serowik.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **CHIEF:**

- All fire extinguishers have been checked and put back on the apparatus.
- Hose check was done and all passed. Thanks to Tom Mason for his help with this.
- Cyanide sensor for the 5 gas meter on the Squad is now on order with no delivery time available.

### **FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- If you are a driver, stay with your rig unless you are told otherwise.

**SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:** No report.

**DAY CAPTAIN:** Not present.

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:** Not present.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT:** Vacant.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT:** Vacant.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:** Not present

### **MAINTENANCE:**

- Utility still has to get serviced locally, but everything else has been done. Numerous repairs were made at Har-Rob to all rigs which will enhance our safety. Overall our apparatus is in good shape. We have a solid 5 years of planning for new rigs. Every 3 to 5 years the apparatus should go to Har-Rob, but next year maintenance costs should be at least half of what they were this year. The Squad has new brake pads; please take it easy on them. Rescue has new brakes all around. Two additional water leaks were found on the pumper tanker which are being repaired, but it is still in good shape and is in service.

**AIR/CASCADE:**

- The gauge is fixed on the Rescue.
- Bottles and packs are all in service.
- There are old-style amplifiers in the back room which may be issued to the people with the highest response to calls at some point in the future.

**EMS:** (Report given by Mark H.)

- As far as Mark H. knows, nobody gave any input regarding the joint training between EMS and Fire.
- Class for CFR recertification was cancelled due to lack of interest.

**TRAINING:**

- Wednesday and Saturday trainings have been going well.
- The new smoke machine reportedly worked really well.
- I will try to get a class set up in a couple of weeks for our meters. I'll try to get a salesman to come in with a power point to answer our questions. (Mark H. says that if you smell gas around a gas meter, even if nothing registers on the 5-gas meter, shut off the gas and let NYSEG handle it.)
- If anyone has any requests to do anything at training, let me know.
- We will be going to Vestal soon for a live burn.

**HEALTH/SAFETY:** No report.

**FIRE MARSHAL:**

- We are looking at upgrades for the Firehouse software.
- ISO review was started and should be done by late summer.

**SAFETY OFFICER:**

- The temperature is rising and so is the humidity; dress for the conditions and STAY HYDRATED.

**AUDIT:** No report.

**PARADE:**

- Deposit parade is August 10th for their 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**SOCIAL:**

- It was brought to our attention that we should have voted on whether or not to have a summer party as 2% money is being used. The party is on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Country Pines.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

- It was brought to our attention that we can't use 2% money for alcohol, so we voted on whether to serve alcohol using the activity fund money as was done at the Christmas party.

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 3

**BYLAW:**

- Proposal to change Article IV, Section 3, Add G (put dues requirement back in bylaws).
- A discussion was held regarding whether we should or should not have dues. Joe D. believes that someone once told him that dues are required because of the way our company is incorporated. It was mentioned that a dues requirement will allow us to remove members who are basically inactive from the roster more easily. Dues may be paid at the January membership meeting, up to and including the annual meeting. (If you are an active member but are unable to attend the annual meeting and have not paid your dues, somebody in the company will probably loan you \$1 so that you won't become a member not in good standing).
- A motion was made by C. Hoyt to make dues \$1, seconded by J. Drotar.
- A motion made to accept the bylaw proposal as it is written with the exception of \$1 for dues by G. Roberts, seconded by M. Belensky.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

**B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

- FASNY convention in Alexandria Bay August 16-19<sup>th</sup>.
- George Ruck passed away on Saturday; details regarding calling hours and funeral services were sent out today in an e-mail.
- Contact the Legislature and let them know your feelings regarding cuts that are proposed for fire investigators and fire and EMS coordinators.

**WEB SITE:** No report.

**RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:**

- Application for Cameron Sorochman was read. He has EMT Basic and CRP. Full-time college student. Member of ambulance corp at SUNY Oswego. Interested in med team and firefighting. Would like to be active during breaks and summers.
- Regarding Sean Stewart, his references did not check out well. He is not recommended for membership.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** (Voted in pending background and arson checks)

- Sean Stewart.

YES: 0

NO: 9

ABSTAIN: 0

### **SUNSHINE:**

- Sympathy card was sent to Besty.
- Thinking-of-you card was sent to Kelley Henry.
- Flowers will be sent to the Ruck family.

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

The Thomases are business members whom we have not seen in almost 3 years. We have made several attempts to contact them with no response; the last notification said that we would be voting on whether to continue their membership. Motion was made and seconded to remove them from the roster.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Max Adams is attending school in Buffalo. Mark H. talked to him and he said that he has resigned from the company.

J. Drotar made a motion to donate \$100 to Preston Winslow from UCFC, which was seconded by somebody but I forgot to write down who (sorry).

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Mark B. asked about our profits from the Station 2 barbecue/benefit. We made \$31 which we donated to Preston; however, this is not a true reflection of our profits. We donated about 100 chicken halves to the benefit when they ran out, which they then sold for \$10. All in all the benefit was extremely successful. We are also donating an additional \$100 from the membership.

Union Center Church is holding their fireworks display on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

C. Hoyt made a motion to donate \$100 to Mark and Kelley Henry for travel expenses to New Jersey for Kelley's treatments, seconded by Mark B.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Question regarding the key fob system at Station 2. Mark is having difficulty getting in touch with the person at the company and has made numerous calls.

Adrian said Doug's Fish Fry could do a fundraiser for us although the waiting list is about 2 years long. We just provide the parking lot for them to park their van. He'll call and get us on the list. Joe said that Gance's also does this.

Mark H. asked if we're going to do a barbecue of our own this fall. Mark B. said we need to streamline our costs to increase our profits. Tentative date is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mark B. and Chris are getting information regarding a fundraiser where we sell advertising to local business which is placed on calendars. The calendars are then distributed and there is no selling of the calendars, only the advertising.

Thanks to Jack for ordering the food this month.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Jack (again) because he did so well this time.

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** 12

**VOTING:** 10

**MINUTES ACCEPTED BY:** F. Trzcinski, seconded by C. Hoyt

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 21:10

Respectfully submitted by Karen S. Miga



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## Incident Type

### 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	10	23.80%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	2.38%	\$0	0.00%
341 Search for person on land	1	2.38%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>12</b>	<b>28.57%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	2.38%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>1</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 5 Service Call

553 Public service	2	4.76%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4	9.52%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>6</b>	<b>14.28%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 6 Good Intent Call

611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	21	50.00%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>21</b>	<b>50.00%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 7 False Alarm & False Call

733 Smoke detector activation due to	1	2.38%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>1</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

### 8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	2.38%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>1</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

Total Incident Count: 42

Total Est Loss: \$0



**Alarm**

<b>Alarm Hour</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
00:00	2	4.76%
01:00	1	2.38%
03:00	1	2.38%
05:00	2	4.76%
06:00	3	7.14%
07:00	2	4.76%
08:00	1	2.38%
09:00	2	4.76%
10:00	2	4.76%
11:00	1	2.38%
12:00	1	2.38%
13:00	1	2.38%
14:00	1	2.38%
15:00	4	9.52%
16:00	3	7.14%
17:00	1	2.38%
18:00	2	4.76%
19:00	3	7.14%
20:00	2	4.76%
21:00	3	7.14%
22:00	4	9.52%





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Day/Shift	Count	Pct
<b>Sunday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	3	7.14 %
	<u>3</u>	<u>7.14 %</u>
<b>Monday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	5	11.90 %
	<u>5</u>	<u>11.90 %</u>
<b>Tuesday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	8	19.04 %
	<u>8</u>	<u>19.04 %</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	9	21.42 %
	<u>9</u>	<u>21.42 %</u>
<b>Thursday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	12	28.57 %
	<u>12</u>	<u>28.57 %</u>
<b>Friday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	1	2.38 %
	<u>1</u>	<u>2.38 %</u>
<b>Saturday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	4	9.52 %
	<u>4</u>	<u>9.52 %</u>



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Alarm

Type of Aid	Count
<b>0001 New York State Police</b>	
Mutual aid received	1
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<b>0009 NYSEG</b>	
Mutual aid received	1
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<b>0331 Union Ambulance</b>	
Mutual aid received	1
Automatic aid received of Ambulance	7
	<hr/> 8
<b>04012 Endwell</b>	
Mutual aid given	4
	<hr/> 4
<b>04022A Maine Ambulance</b>	
Automatic aid received of Ambulance	2
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<b>54006 Newark Valley</b>	
Mutual aid given	1
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Act:



Calls

Staff Member

53-123	Bealo, Bob	10.32	9.00
53-101	Belensky, Mark Thomas	7.50	3.00
53-243	Drotar, Joe	6.18	2.00
GAZD01	Gazdik, Bill	0.93	2.00
53-228	Green, Adrian K	9.52	8.00
GREE01	Greenlee, Gordan	8.25	7.00
HARD01	Hardik, Jean	1.77	3.00
53-249	Henry, Mark Eugene	1.25	1.00
ASHL01	Hill, Dennis (Ashley)	1.25	1.00
HOEF01	Hoeflein, daniel J	7.38	3.00
53-112	Hoyt, Chris	8.60	5.00
MANN01	Mann, Jack	10.00	6.00
53-241	Mason, Mike	0.28	1.00
53-244	Mason, Tom	8.05	6.00
MIGA01	Miga, Karen	7.17	2.00
MIGA02	Miga, Wesley	2.57	2.00
ROBE01	Roberts, Glenn	0.37	1.00
53-215	Serowik, Ray	3.77	5.00
53-902	Silvestri, Tony	8.42	3.00
53-122	Trzcinski, Frank	1.36	2.00
53-229	VanKuren, John	0.98	3.00