

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

May 6, 2013

PRESENT: M. Henry, G. Greenlee, A. Green, B. Dieffenbacher, K. Miga, S. Bealo, D. Hoeflein, K. Greenlee, B. Bealo, D. Kerila, J. Drotar, F. Tzcinski, A. Silvestri, A. Holton, W. Miga, H. Polhamus, C. Hoyt (plus J. Haggerty from Maine Fire)

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:53

MINUTES FROM: 04/01/2013 **ACCEPTED:** J. Drotar, seconded by B. Bealo

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$8687.00
General checking: \$24,123.89

Activity: \$4151.92
2% Money: \$4535.08

Motion to accept: A. Green, seconded by G. Greenlee

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We received a letter from Lourdes stating that their mobile physical unit is up and running again, which we will be looking into. We also received a letter from Lourdes regarding the shortage of testing materials for TB (PPD). They will no longer be able to do the PPD test and will be doing a questionnaire instead.

Locke Volunteer Fire Department is having a quilt raffle, steak dinner, field days and a parade; M. Henry has all of the information if anyone is interested.

Maine American Legion Post 1390 will hold a Memorial Day Parade on 05/27/2013 at 9 a.m. Participants to gather at Maine Memorial School on Route 26.

Apalachin Fire Department will hold Firemen Field Days parade on Saturday, 06/08/2013. Line up between Main Street and New Street between 5 and 6 p.m. Parade starts at 6 p.m.

Gerry Tull is willing to help us with a bottle and can drive for fundraising purposes, if we would like to do this.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The work on three of the bay doors at Station 2 is not complete as they are in need of new openers, which would be the most cost-effective way of handling this.

New gear rack has arrived and is assembled at Station2.

Land deal at Station 2 has finally closed and the land is ours. Our first project will be to enlarge the parking lot.

B. Dieffenbacher is in the process of updating the list of vendors that we use. He will post this in both stations so that it can be consulted quickly if someone needs food, equipment, etc.

If you are still in need of a physical this year, please try to have it completed by 05/31/2013 or contact K. Miga if this is a problem.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- I talked with Maine; we are going to send a representative to one another's meetings so that we know what is going on. J. Haggerty is here tonight from Maine. Maine's next business meeting will be 05/22/2013.
- Thanks to EMS for covering a much greater number of calls than previously. Please take the EMS home to answer calls directly from home now that the weather is warm.
- Officers had a meeting last night; the minutes from this meeting will be online ASAP.
- Our goal this year is to improve the ISO rating. W. Miga will be the lead person for this. We will train to do whatever we need to do in order to increase this rating and save the taxpayers \$\$.
- J. VanKuren and J. Mann will be in charge of gear inventory and ordering.
- B. Gazdik is the lead training officer; direct any training requests to him.
- Since J. Hardik has resigned from the company, R. Serowik has appointed A. Holton to the EMS lieutenant position.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Signup sheets will be placed at both stations for the school event on 05/31/2013. Meet at Station 2 at 5:30. Smoke trailer is reserved. Wear shorts and a T-shirt if you are going to be in the trailer as it gets kind of warm. My goal is to take least the Squad and maybe the EMS. This is a great opportunity to do some PR for the taxpayers in our district.
- I am concerned about moving the soldiers' monument in a timely fashion. I am not sure what is going on with the American Legion and the Boy Scouts that are

supposed to be working on this. (Discussion regarding how the Boy Scout Council can be contacted to regarding the status of this Eagle Scout project).

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- My Fire Officer class was moved to Tuesdays and Thursdays. I will not be around for Tuesday training until the middle of June.
- All 250-foot hose lines with fog nozzles are all triple-lay now. The hose with the smooth bore nozzle is the exception.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- Meetings for Fire Police Association will be posted in the stations, as per J. Haggerty of Maine (he is president of the Broome County Fire Police Association).

EMS:

- There is a new perspective EMS member on whom we are voting tonight.
- Take the EMS home to answer calls!

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Keep doing fire reports. People did not realize that those reports lock after 24 hours from the time you stop working on it. I can unlock it for another 24 hours if necessary. It will lock whether the report is finished or not. This pertains to both fire and EMS reports.
- There is a new app for IAMRESPONDING for iPhone and Android. If you want the system to push the system to the app, you have to get on the IAMRESPONDING website and checkmark the box that sends this to the app.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- All NYS inspections are done and Har-Rob is going to start the annual service process (Squad being first) on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

AIR/CASCADE:

- We still have three packs out of service. All have been replaced with spares from the bags at Station 2. UPDATE: One pack is done and will be getting dropped off Wednesday or Thursday this week. The others will be picked up on Wednesday or Thursday.

TRAINING:

- Bailout system for Maine tower is complete and the electric work is done.

- Hazardous Materials and Railcar class June 18th or 19th. There are four classes being offered. See B. Bealo for information.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

- It is getting warm outside, so remember to drink water to pre-hydrate and then rehydrate.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Apalachin Fire Department will be having their 100th anniversary parade on 06/08/2013.

AUXILLIARY:

- We have been working on the chicken barbecue, which is scheduled for 06/15/2013. Please take some posters and hang them up somewhere so we can get some advertising. We would also greatly appreciate everybody's help on the day of the barbecue.
- We are beginning to make plans for a company picnic, tentatively scheduled for 07/20/2013. (Suggestion was made about possibly doing this in conjunction with Maine Fire Department.)

BYLAW: No report.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Apalachin Firemen Field Days will be holding a hose race on 06/08/2013 at 13:00.
- Owego Fire Department will be holding a hose race on 06/15/2013 at 13:00.
- Norfolk and Sutheren will be holding a training on 06/18/2013 and 06/19/2013. Will need to RSVP how many will attend. See B. Bealo if interested.
- Next meeting will take place on 06/07/2013 at Town of Binghamton Station 1.
- BCFA is looking for stations to host meetings for 2014 (we volunteered to cover March 2013).

WEB SITE: No report.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Open house went well; five people requested applications and three were returned. All are recommended for membership.
 1. Raheem Greene; lives on Oak Hill Ave. Interested in firefighting and EMS.
 2. Dawn Pierce; interested in EMS and maybe firefighting. Father is chief of Nanticoke Fire Department.
 3. Brianna Bealo; interested in Auxiliary.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Raheem Greene:

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 5

- Dawn Pierce:

YES: 12

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

- Brianna Bealo:

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

SUNSHINE:

- Thank you sent to our biggest fan, Jake, (Maureen Adams's grandson) for the Easter candy.
- Congratulations sent to the new Mr. and Mrs. Mark Belensky on the occasion of their marriage.

ELECTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS

This is a vote for sponsorship of the Little League team and a sign at the field for \$350, which we have done in past years.

YES: 19

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

If you are interested in being on the committee for purchasing the new brush truck, please e-mail D. Hill, R. Serowik, or C. Hoyt.

This is a vote for obtaining more thermal imagers; we can get more lower-cost thermal imagers. A vote is necessary because this expense is more than \$5000.

YES: 19

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Engine 98 is going to run on Friday (we have a crew already).

W. Miga, who is hungry, would like to know ahead of time if refreshments are going to be served at the monthly meeting or not. This way we will all know whether we should eat dinner prior to attending the meeting. M. Henry said that he will provide the refreshments for the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to Kelley Henry for the delicious dinner.

C. Hoyt said that the officers are getting pricing for re-chassisising the Rescue. If anyone has any ideas for upgrades, send C. Hoyt an e-mail so that everything can be done at once.

W. Miga asked about a timeframe for the new parking lot at Station 2. There is no timeframe for the parking lot as all work and materials are being donated. At some point we will make arrangements to pick up the garbage from the land on a Saturday.

Boy Scouts are having a craft fair here on 05/18/2013. M. Henry will need some help getting the rigs out of Station 1 at about 7 a.m. so that they are able to set up. Please contact him if you can help.

Three people are interested in purchasing Engine 1.

For anyone who has yet to receive your incentive items, C. Hoyt will be in the office after the meeting. Everything has not come in yet, for those of you who are wondering.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: A. Silvestri

NUMBER ATTENDING: 17 (plus J. Haggerty from Maine)

VOTING: 14

TIME ADJORNED: 20:55

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**