

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

July 1, 2013

**PRESENT:** G. Greenlee, K. Greenlee, R. Greenlee, A. Greenlee, R. Serowik, A. Green, C. Hoyt, B. Dieffenbacher, F. Trzcinski, W. Miga, D. Kerila, S. Bealo, B. Bealo, R. Bealo, M. Henry, K. Miga, D. Hoflein, J. Mann, A. Holton

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 20:00

**MINUTES FROM:** 06/03/2013     **ACCEPTED:** R. Bealo, seconded by D. Kerila

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking: \$17,130.20  
General checking: \$12,800.46

Activity: \$5485.77  
2% Money: \$11,644.43

Assuming that all receipts have been turned in, we made \$510.60 profit from the chicken barbecue and bake sale.

Motion to accept: F. Trzcinski, seconded by A. Green

***BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

Michael and Jaqueline Ponticello have turned in resignation letters because they ended up purchasing a new house in Vestal and moved out of the district.

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS***

We are going to be initiating CentreLearn classes on the computer within the next couple of months. OSHA requires even business members to take certain classes. W. Miga has been working with the PESH representative to determine exactly which courses the various classes of membership will need to take. Some OSHA requirements are being fulfilled at training and a system is in place to track these hours. The board is writing a policy which will take effect in January 2014 regarding completion of these requirements within an allotted timeframe.

We are currently awaiting a written estimate regarding the work on the bay doors at Station 2. A previous estimate included items which we do not need. Once we have received this estimate, the work will commence.

G. Greenlee discussed the security of our web site with respect to user IDs and passwords. He would like everyone to know that the site is "in the clear" and is not secure. The implication for members is that passwords can be easily obtained by someone who is interested in accessing personal information. For this reason, we are asking everyone to be careful regarding the password that is chosen for the web site. Please use a unique password and particularly not a password that you already use for e-mail or banking accounts. G. Greenlee suggests changing your password annually. This is easily done by contacting W. Miga or M. Belensky.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **CHIEF:**

- The two thermal imagers that were ordered have arrived; however there is a programming issue on Bullard's end. This is being addressed at this time.
- The officers are beginning to have a discussion regarding running calls with Maine 24/7. I would like opinions from the members regarding this that I can take back to the officers for further discussion.
- If you are the officer on the Squad, give quick size-ups during calls because M. Belensky and myself are requiring an extra 10 minutes to arrive due to the bridge closure. In the interim we would like to know what is happening.

### **FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- The new radio with the Tioga band for Tanker 53 has been purchased. It is at Tri-County being programmed.
- Four pagers have been purchased.
- The Fire and EMS reports are all up-to-date, except for the ones in the last few days.
- The bridge in Newark Valley just past the high school is out and it will be back in service sometime between next Wednesday and the end of July.
- This is a reminder that the bridge on Nanticoke Drive is out of service. We are considering moving the tanker fill site from Payne Road to either Twist Run Road and Taft Ave or to Station 2.
- We are still awaiting information from Motorola about radio programming.

### **SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- Fire extinguisher inspections are done.
- Hose testing will be rescheduled.
- Ladder testing will be done in October again.

### **DAY CAPTAIN:**

- Training went very well at Vestal and everybody worked together as a team.
- I have been very impressed by Capt. Gazdik and Lt. Mann the past month, from doing Engine 98 to Saturday trainings.

- Everything with the inventory is going well. J. Mann is doing most of it.
- Keep up the great work everybody, and thank you.

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:**

- Thanks to everyone who has been going to training and for all that attended the live burn.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT:**

- New gloves, helmets, hoods, and lights have been ordered. The lights and hoods are in and will be inventoried tomorrow and then John and I will work on issuing them.
- Engine 98 will be in service tomorrow and thanks to everyone who has been running.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT:**

- My Fire Officer 1 course is now done and I'm glad to be back at training on Tuesday nights.
- I did a demonstration of cleaning fog nozzles after the car fire training in Maine on 06/18/2013. If you missed it, I'd be happy to show you.
- We're looking into a flow meter to periodically check how many GPMs are coming out of our nozzles. The Chiefs will look into borrowing one, at least for the short term.
- We're going to work on creating a sheet or pamphlet with information about smoke detectors, CO detectors, open burning, etc. that can be given to homeowners during calls. If anyone is interested in working on this, please let me know.
- Pager programming hardware and software has been ordered.
- Maureen Adams (next-door neighbor at Station 2) is going to make hot dogs and hamburgers for the people who go to training on 08/10/2013.
- We need to clean up the maintenance room at station 2 and keep it clean. Who could be available for a 1-1½ hour work detail on an evening other than a Tuesday?
- I'll be on vacation and OOS Wednesday, 07/03/2013 through Monday, 07/08/2013, and from Saturday, 07/13/2013 through Monday, 07/29/2013.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:** No report.

**EMS:**

- Congratulations to D. Hill for his significant achievement in obtaining ALS certification.
- Congratulations to D. Kerila for becoming a rehab leader and rehab trailer operator.
- Thanks to the Bealos for running rehab at the live burn training.
- We did rehab for the 06/18/2013 Firefighter 1 class and it was very much appreciated.
- We will be doing rehab refresher training as we go along and have live burn training in the future.

- Swimming pool extrication rescue training will take place this summer; we trying to find the right Saturday for this.
- Winter coats are being issued to Med Team members this evening.

**FIRE MARSHAL:** No report.

**SAFETY OFFICER:** No report.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- Preventive maintenance for all the rigs except EMS 53 is complete.

**AIR/CASCADE:** No report.

**TRAINING:**

- If anyone is interested in running a month of training or has any ideas for training please let me know.
- I will have second-quarter hours done tomorrow.

**HEALTH/SAFETY:** No report.

**AUDIT:** No report.

**PARADE:**

- Thank you to everyone who helped cover parades last month. No new ones are listed at the moment.

**AUXILLIARY:**

- Thank you to everyone who worked at the barbecue. It was a big success. We will talk over procedural issues and make some improvements next time.
- We would like input from the members regarding the summer picnic venue, with the possibility of Highland Park, Greenwood Park, or Myers Park in Lansing. Myers Park offers a lot but is about 45 minutes to 1 hour away (on east side of Cayuga Lake). Those present at the meeting would prefer Greenwood. B. Dieffenbacher mentioned Glenwood Park and this will also be considered.

**BYLAW:** No report.

**B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

- Meeting is this Friday, 07/05/2013.

**WEB SITE:** No report.

**RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** None.

## **SUNSHINE:**

- Thank you sent to A. Silvestri for providing the dinner for the monthly meeting last month.
- Thank you sent to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lasher, whose son is a member of Endwell and who are friends of the Greenlees. They purchased three chicken dinners at the barbecue, donated another \$20, and donated bottles of water for us to either drink ourselves or sell at the barbecue.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Many thanks to A. Silvestri for providing the delicious made-from-scratch meatball and sauce dinner.

Engine 1 sale is on hold because it might greatly affect the grant we might get.

Thank you to A. Silvestri for securing four coat racks for Station 1.

Firefighter Clam Bake is the last Sunday in August; we talked about paying for members and one guest using Activity fund and 2% money. (Discussion regarding how this is more of an individual activity and not a fire company event like the summer picnic or the Christmas party and the fact that this could potentially be costly.) Vote for continuing to pay for MEMBERS ONLY:

YES: 12

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 1

W. Miga asked about cutting weeds at Station 2 which obstructs view when pulling out from the parking lot. Last year A. Green got poison ivy when he cut this. A. Green will call the County and ask them to mow.

C. Hoyt thanks the Tuesday night crew for getting up on the roof at Station 1 where there was a standing water problem. He does not know who came up with the idea to solve the problem, but thinks it is a good idea and that we should move ahead with this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Many thanks to the Greenlees for providing the wonderful dinner of chili, cornbread and pecan bars!

Firefighter clambake is the August, 08/25/2013. UCFC will pay for tickets for members. Let M. Henry know if you want to go and he will start keeping track of the number of tickets we need.

Ford Road between Twining and Frost will be closed on 08/03/2013 from noon to 4 p.m. for Taft Heights 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

B. Dieffenbacher found the shed unlocked up at Station 2. Please be sure that you lock this up again if you unlock it to use something.

It was brought to our attention by D. Hill that Neal Haight's family has a new addition: Tristan, who was born on 06/15/2013. He was born with the same health issue as their daughter, who passed away from it 5 years ago. The good news is that at this time Tristan appears to have a much milder form. The bad news is that they will need to make many trips to Rochester to see a specialist. People were asking what they could do to help the Haight family. Neal said that gas cards would be greatly appreciated. A motion was made by C. Hoyt to donate a \$100 gas card to the Haight's.

YES: 14

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

A. Green was informed by the DOT that the concrete basin in front of Station 1 will be installed after the July 4th weekend.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:** A. Holton

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** 19

**VOTING:** 14

**TIME ADJORNED:** 20:45

**NEXT MEETING:** August 5, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**