

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

October 7, 2013

PRESENT: M. Henry, G. Greenlee, A. Green C. Hoyt, B. Dieffenbacher, K. Miga
R. Greenlee, A. Greenlee, M. Belensky, A. Silvestri, J. Mann, A. Holton, J. Brown, D.
Hoeflein, W. Miga, K. Greenlee, B. Polhamus, F. Trzcinski, R. Serowik, S. Bealo, R.
Bealo, J. Drotar

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:55

MINUTES FROM: 09/09/2013 **ACCEPTED:** F. Trzcinski, seconded by W. Miga

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$14,427.10
General checking: \$ 21,737.60

Activity: \$4543.74
2% Money: \$9883.36

- I sent out the latest account summaries and got a few comments back; thank you for checking those and for sending me the comments. I will be sending out more of these; please let me know if there are any errors.
- We are hoping to do an audit with the new CPA next month; currently we are providing answers to his questions.

Motion to accept: J. Drotar, seconded by R. Bealo

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

J. Graupman changed his status to EMS Only.

According to the report from the training officer, the following members are Members Not in Good Standing:

- Dennis Hill
- Dan Kerila
- Ken Battaglini
- Chris Haight
- Matt Phelan
- Mike Wiley

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Recently we have been discussing what to do about OSHA training requirements, many of which are currently being taken care of during training. We have received some input from various sources regarding CentreLearn classes and other methods of completing this training. D. Hill has agreed to join W. Miga and B. Gazdik in determining what the best options are and a decision will be made regarding this training in the future.

A. Green has the new doorknobs for installation for the three doors giving access to the bay area at Station 1. These will be locked on the non-bay side during times when the station is rented out for a public event so that nonmembers will have no access to the bay area; hopefully this will prevent problems with theft. Keys to these doors will be kept in both the board room and the chiefs' room.

There is a new refrigerator in the kitchen at Station 1 for use by the Auxiliary (although it is dented and is being replaced tomorrow). We will put a lock on this in the future so that this is secure during public events.

We are currently obtaining estimates for work on the land at Station 2. This would involve clearing the land from the end of the culvert to the pad and putting down stone for paving in the future. We are also obtaining estimates for repair of the blacktop at Station 1 in areas where it is cracked and falling apart.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Regarding mutual aid to Endicott, I want to clarify that there have been no changes to the run card. There was an error at the dispatch center which created some confusion during the mutual aid last call. The Rescue should be responding to Endicott.
- The thermal imagers on the Squad have all been used during the last couple of calls; thank you for remembering to use them.
- We will be having a discussion regarding issues with drivers and rigs at the officers' meeting. If a rig is present at a call but is down the road and is not being used, drivers need to stay with the rig at all times. If the rig is being used for something and the driver has a job to do, that is another story.
- The rehab trailer recently went to Maine on a mutual aid call when it was not requested. I will be happy to see it for sure when it arrives at a call where it is actually requested.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Taft Avenue is open after a temporary repair until possibly later this week. The lane with the sinkhole will be closed for 3 to 4 days when the repairs start. As soon as we hear something, we will send out a message.
- Property stake is missing at Station 2, but the Town is going to take care of this.
- Thanks to A. Holton for the hospital sheets which have been placed on the Squad on top of the crash kit. We have a couple of extras that can be placed on other rigs.

- Kelly's Bar in Maine will be hosting a party for Maine and Union Center firefighters (no family members) on 11/05/2013, which will take the place of training for that day.
- At the trailer fire in Maine while trying to hook up equipment to electrical adapters, we discovered that ours do not plug into Maine's junction boxes. We will be making our own adapters and will make a couple for Maine for ours.
- Calls are going well.
- After the fatal accident in August on 38 B, I wrote a letter to the County Chiefs Association regarding the current policy of law enforcement responding first to rollover accidents with unknown injuries to determine if there are injuries. I requested approval to submit a policy change that fire departments and EMS would be sent to confirmed rollovers with unknown injuries; this will decrease response time significantly for accidents where injuries have occurred and also where an overturned vehicle is a danger because it is leaking. The Chiefs Association will vote on this and then it will go to the fire advisory board for approval. I will probably not know anything about the status of this until the January meeting.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- I attended the POW Remembrance Day at the American Legion. We received a beautiful plaque and some small POW flags in appreciation for flying the POW flag at our station.
- The Legion has a check for \$250 ready for us to cover the cost of the moving the monument.
- Ladder testing is going to be done this month; I will need to have the pumper tanker moved up the hill. I do not have a date for this yet.
- The fall festival at George Johnson School on Taft Avenue will be on 10/18/2013. Meet at Station 2 at 17:30 to be at the school by 18:00. I would like to get as many people as possible, at least 10. Anyone can participate, including Auxiliary members. We have a lot of stuff to hand out and I would like to have firefighters in turnout gear. I have a sign-up sheet for this.
- Watch out for deer as they are all over the place.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- Things have been great at Saturday training. We have been doing tanker operations, which started slowly the first week and looked better this past Saturday. We have a couple of trainings coming up at the church on Boswell Hill Road.

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Training has been going well.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- Gear inventory is going well.
- Thanks to everyone who ran Engine 98 last month.

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- Overall the tanker drill at the Maine training tower went well. We were able to flow ~600GPM through Maine's engine and the West Corners tower for much of the time. West Corners is interested in participating in more drills with us.
- Jack and I ran training on chimney fires and Maine is continuing the series this month.
- I'm helping Captain VanKuren with a simulation at the Union Center Christian Church. There will be a walk-through on 10/29/2013 and the simulation will be on 11/09/2013.
- There is now a pipe wrench in the hydrant bag on the Squad. Our hydrant wrenches did not work on a hydrant at the Vestal training site.
- A leaf blower is now in service. It will be used for road cleanup after MVAs and also for blowing leaves at Station 2.
- The gas grill for Station 2 has been purchased. Also, thanks to D. Hoeflein and M. Wiley for exchanging it with one that has straight knobs.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS:

- Thank you to S. Bealo, R. Bealo and K. Serowik for taking the rehab trailer on Saturday to Lowe's for Fire Prevention week.
- A. Holton is working on getting medical history forms updated and exchanged with old ones. If you have not done this, please do so. You can update the forms as often as necessary to keep them current.
- Within the next 6 months we will be carrying an additional medication – naloxone (Narcan), which reverses narcotic overdoses. It has just been authorized for use by all levels of providers, including CFRs, with additional training. We can replace this off the ambulance if we use it. We will be holding training for this for CFRs and up. It is dosed by squirting it into the nostrils.
- I apologize for all of the training changes lately. I was admitted into a course that takes place on Thursday nights at the last minute. I have one more class on 10/17/2013 and will need to get someone to cover training for that; otherwise we will not have training.
- Two EMS members are currently taking refresher classes.
- Conference on Concepts in Trauma and Critical Care will take place at the Owego Treadway on 11/01/2013 and 11/02/2013. You can get CME credits for this.
- There are now two additional chairs in the rehab trailer (for a total of eight).
- Please respond with the rehab trailer to any working fires in our district. Mutual aid calls require a specific request for the rehab trailer.
- CPR class will probably take place the first or second Saturday in December.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Thank you for doing reports in a timely manner.
- I am starting to learn how to make more reports out of data that I have acquired and how to pull out more information.

- This is still in the process of being tested, but I had requests to have calls recorded from a scanner and forwarded to phones, so that you may listen to the audio version of the call. If you are interested, send Wes or me an e-mail and we will set it up for you.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- We purchased ten cans of fuel for saws and leaf-blower. We filled everything up and the Squad has a new can. There are five cans in maintenance room.
- We made some adjustments on the Brush Truck saw and it seems to running very well, but there is a problem with oil leaking out. I am going to get the leak fixed, but otherwise it is running well.
- EMS is going to After Hours tomorrow to get the tailpipe fixed.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Two packs are currently out of service and are awaiting repairs.
- MES has made a mistake regarding the warranty on the air packs. They believed that the warranty was going to expire in October, but it actually expired in the middle of March. This means that everything that is broken has to be paid for now. Everything found in flow testing next year will also need to be paid for too.

TRAINING:

- W. Miga and J. Mann have been doing a great job with Tuesday training. They are also doing the month of December together. W. Miga and I have been discussing doing more joint training. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Endicott Parade will take place on 12/07/2013. Lineup will be at 15:00. More information to come. W. Miga has volunteered to be in charge of this as I will be out of town.
- Johnson City's parade will take place on 12/05/2013; no further information on this yet.
- Saturday is the M-E homecoming parade and we will be participating. It starts at 11:30 a.m. Lineup is at Brothers 2.

AUXILIARY:

- Christmas party will take place on Friday, 12/13/2013, at Orlando's, with more details to follow.
- We are working on the children's Christmas party, with more details to follow.

- There is some discrepancy as to whether Tomas Meschter had enough guidance going through the process of getting a physical and getting set up to start attending training. D. Hoefflein will get in touch with him regarding whether he would like to have his probation extended for 3 months so that he can get a physical and start going to training, or if he would like to resign and turn in another application. This would allow him to start from scratch with a 6-month probation period.

SUNSHINE:

- Thank you sent to H. and B. Polhamus for providing dinner for our September meeting.
- Thank you sent to A. Holton's mother for providing the hilarious dessert for the September meeting.
- Thank you sent to K. and R. Greenlee for their assistance with the dinner for the September meeting.
- Congratulations sent to Donna Kerila, who married Dave Glover on 09/20/2013.
- Thank you sent to Constance Legos of Binghamton, who gave a donation in memory of Larry Thompson.

OLD BUSINESS

Congratulations to A. Silvestri for completing Fire Officer 1 class.

Thank you to the Polhamuses for providing the great meal and to K. Greenlee and R. Greenlee for helping with the final preparations. Thank you to A. Holton's mother for providing the entertaining dessert!

M. Henry is getting pricing for a new alarm system at Station 2, which is most likely causing the problems with the phone lines. Cordless phones are currently plugged in and they are working for the time being.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you to J. Mann for providing the dinner for this evening.

W. Miga asked whether M. Henry had looked into cancelling HBO/Showtime to save on the cost of a service which is not being used.

Question from W. Miga regarding clarification of the status of J. Graupman, B. Smack, and M. Phelan.

M. Henry has not heard anything back from United regarding the alarm system; he has talked to the representative a couple of times is awaiting a call.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: Brianna Bealo

NUMBER ATTENDING: 22

VOTING: 16

TIME ADJORNED: 21:43

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**