

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

November 3, 2014 (A)

PRESENT: Bob Bealo, Sheila Bealo, Mark Belensky, Bill Dieffenbacher, Debbie Dieffenbacher, Ashley Greenlee, Gordan Greenlee, Kim Greenlee, Mark Henry, Dan Hoeflein, Micheal Cole, Chris Hoyt, Tom Mason, Karen Miga, Wes Miga, Barrilyn Polhamus, Henry Polhamus, Kurt Schaffer, Tony Silvestri, Frank Trzcinski, Mike Wiley

CALLED TO ORDER: By President Mark Henry at 19:34 PM

MINUTES FROM 10/06/2014 **ACCEPTED:** Motion by Bob Bealo, seconded by Wes Miga

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Activity Fund: \$14,107.12 Split between: Activity: \$4,345.36 & 2%: \$9,761.76
General checking: \$19,532.94

Treasurer emailed the account listing for October to all account owners. Please review and let him know if you see any errors or omissions.

Start collecting your thoughts for the 2015 budget. Budget meetings will start in January.

Motion to accept: Frank Trzcinski, seconded by Bob Bealo

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received describing a 5K Challenge. See Mark Henry if you want details.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Henry will find a contactor to fix the Station 1 Door locks. He ran out of time to complete the job.

REPORTS

CHIEF:

The new Brush Truck arrived tonight. Most Officers will be attending a hands-on service event tomorrow night. Tom Mason will lead brush truck training tomorrow night. The Chief wants a list of improvements necessary after we spend some time getting to know the new Brush Truck.

Thanks to Dave in Maine and others who did Fire Police work at the Maine Parade.
Thanks to Auxiliary and others who worked and attended the Trunk-n-Treat.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

A form needs to be sent to NY State if a fire is found to be started from a cigarette. A copy of the form will be put in vehicles and the Chief's vehicle. We cannot recall many fires started by cigarettes.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

Thanks to all who worked at the Buffalo Ave. school event.

New Knox Box was installed at a new building at 1505 Buffalo Ave. We are not sure how it works or where it is yet but the 2nd Assistant Chief will find out. The main entrance of this address may be too small for any vehicle other than the Brush Truck to get through.

If you need Code Enforcement to respond to a call then just call them. If things look odd, weird, or different than expected call Code Enforcement.

DAY CAPTAIN:

On fire side a thank you to the other officers for doing all they do training. Saturday training going great. We just went to the Vestal Tower this past Saturday. Everything went really great. Thank you to the Auxiliary for their help and a wonderful lunch. We will be getting together with Maine Fire to put together a training schedule.

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

We had several calls during October where we assisted Maine. One was smoke in the Maine Post Office, so we got to see the building. There were no working smoke detectors in one of the apartments.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

We purchased battery operated power tools. They are in the rear compartment of the Squad (Officers side).

Engine 98 will be running on Tuesday 11/4 at St 2.

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

We need some ideas for Fire Police Equipment. We expect to buy equipment for the new Brush Truck.

EMS:

Handling a little under 1/3rd of the calls. Most calls have been daytime or early morning. Late day calls have been covered better. Echos have been covered fairly well. We currently have 8-10 EMS people now.

FIRE MARSHAL:

Remember to either complete a fire report or send Bob Bealo information so he can complete the report.

SAFETY OFFICER:

No Report

MAINTENANCE:

We now have a new tire gauge in Station 2. Tallmudge recommends a straight chuck gauge. Mark will put it into service today.

The Squad is now back to a full water tank. We are still monitoring the suspected leak in the right rear corner. We are unsure where the water leak is. It has stopped for a short time.

Mark will be meeting with an E1 representative next week. 2 or 3 compartment doors may need some service. We are out of warranty in 6 months. E1 does repairs now in Hamburg. Mark thinks there is someone more local who could do the work.

Keep writing up repair requests.

AIR/CASCADE:

1 MES pack is out of service.

A piece of wood cribbing is holding something together in the Rescue. Maintenance is asked to look it over.

TRAINING:

Jon: See Day Captain's report

Wes: Had very good extrication training last month.

MSA for bailout training finally arrived. It will be put on the rescue for future training.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

No Report

AUDIT:

No Report

PARADE:

Thanks for helping in the parades in the past few weeks.
Bob Bealo has details on upcoming parades that will be send out.

SOCIAL:

Remember the Christmas party on Dec 6 at 6pm. Watch emails for your invitation.
Everyone must RSVP.

Auxiliary:

Proposed By-law changes were sent to the By-law Committee and we are working with them to complete the wording for Membership consideration.
A bake sale will be held in Station1 during the election.
We are working on a Kids Christmas Party and are looking for ideas and need a list of the kids.

BYLAW:

Committee has a proposal drafted but it is not ready for a vote tonight. It covers the Business Class and Auxiliary. In summary, we are considering making the Auxiliary an 8th membership category. Business and Auxiliary Members would have a right to voice their thoughts and could vote on Board Members but not Line Officers. Two Board positions could be opened to Business and or Auxiliary Members. Details are still being worked. The Board needs to determine if the new Business Class needs physicals. There was much spirited discussion about voting rights defined in the proposal. A record of the last 3 years voting records was compiled by Karen Miga and is copied at the end of these minutes.

Bob Bealo made a motion that the Bylaw Committee continue their effort to clarify the proposal and bring it to the Membership in time to vote on it. Frank Trzcinski seconded this motion.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Next meeting is in Windsor this coming Friday.

WEB SITE:

No report

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

Jason Tennant is coming off probation (from 3-month extension).

Stephan Meschter, Tomas Meschter's father, submitted an application. He is interested in Firefighting, Fire Police, and Business.

Michael Cole started an application a couple of weeks ago at a Saturday training, and submitted it tonight. He is interested in Firefighting and Fire Police.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Nothing

SUNSHINE:

No report

OLD BUSINESS

Phone line 1 in Station 1 is always picking up. It needs to be fixed.

The siren is not working at station 2. Bill Frantz called the electrician, and he will call again tomorrow.

Combination of the lands at Station 2 needs to be complete before we can work on improving the parking. Somehow it is stuck at the Lawyers or County for paperwork completion.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Tenet was Probationary. He has not been seen in 3 months. Nobody has talked to him since his extension. The Officers recommend he be terminated. The vote was unanimous to follow the Officers recommendation.

Make sure the gas grill is safely outdoors or very near an open door when used.

Mark Henry will be out of town from Nov 19 until Dec 9.

A motion was made to vote for funds for the Christmas party, using no more than \$8,000 of 2% Money. The motion was unanimously approved.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Thanks to Karen Miga for bringing refreshments for the November meeting.
Next meeting refreshments will be from: Chris Hoyt

NUMBER ATTENDING: 21

VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 16

TIME ADJORNED: Approximately 21:15

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2014

Respectfully submitted by: Bill Dieffenbacher

Following is the breakdown for what type of issues we voted on (and how many times) during business meetings during Karen Miga's 3-year tenure as secretary:

VOTING MARCH 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2014

(besides election of company officers)

Membership (new members/off probation/resignation/termination): 53

Bylaws: 26

Election issues: 10 (8 in 2012)

Social events/ Barbecues/ 2% money: 10

Donations: 6

Maine-Endwell baseball: 3

Allowing purchases of more than \$5000: 3

Website: 1

Recruitment Day participation: 1