

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

February 7 2015

PRESENT: Ken Battaglini, Bob Bealo, Sheila Bealo, Mark Belensky, Erin Belensky, Jim Brown, Bill Dieffenbacher, Debbie Dieffenbacher, Bill Frantz, Donna Glover, Ashley Greenlee, Gordan Greenlee, Kim Greenlee, Rachel Greenlee, Mark Henry, Dan Hoeflein, Chris Hoyt, Dan Kerila, Jack Mann, Karen Miga, Wes Miga, Barrilyn Polhamus, Henry Polhamus, Kathleen Serowik, Ray Serowik, Tony Silvestri, Cindi Vankuren, John Vankuren, Frank Trzcinski

CALLED TO ORDER: By President Mark Henry at 1:45 pm

MINUTES FROM 01/07/2015 ACCEPTED: Motion by, Bob Bealo seconded by Jim Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking:	\$7,090.52	Activity:	\$3,785.28
General checking:	\$13,334.31	2% Money:	\$3,305.24

Motion to accept: Bob Bealo, seconded by Ken Battaglini

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you letter from the Little Meadows Fire District.
- Thank you letter from the Little Meadows Fire Company members and officers
- NYS Bowling Tournament hosted by Endwell, April 17th Through May 3rd

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Still working on Construction quotes. More work being added and quotes need to be updated.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Good job on the call today before the meeting.
- Thanks to all the 2014 Officers.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Brush Truck: We are in need of ideas for where to mount hand lights, one in each side upper compartment. There wiring is already run for us; just need input on where people think they would be best located. It is in service, and lettered recently. This is a work in progress, thanks for everyone's' help and ideas.
- For those who remember the new Rescue Dummy that burned up at County Haz Mat training, a replacement has been reordered and should be here within a few weeks. I apologize in the delay of this replacement.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Thanks for a safe year this year.
- Decent turnout at Saturday Training

DAY CAPTAIN:

- Great job of driving today on the call by Dan

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Be careful when doing operations in a house when the power hasn't been turned off yet. We went to a mutual aid call in Endicott last month where the electricity was still on.
- We have a new hose load for the garbage line on the Squad. You can still pull it the old way, but there's now a loop that you can grab to deploy it like a triple lay, too.
- Thanks to the Engine 98 crew for making the 4x4 cribbing for the Squad.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- New Cribbing on Squad, two (2) 5 ft 4x4 and three (3ft) 4x4

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- Thanks for running Engine 98
- New Helmets are in. They are in the process of being handed out to members who need theirs replaced.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

No Report

EMS:

- Great Teamwork this morning on the call.
- Number of changes coming from NYS
- Spinal Immobilization protocol change coming. Training to come to all members
- CPAT coming to the Basic EMT level
- CPR Course coming possibly on a Saturday

FIRE MARSHAL:

- 2014 Reports sent into NYS
- Image trend changes coming

SAFETY OFFICER:

No Report

MAINTENANCE:

- Squad 53:
- The Pump Panel gauge heater keeps tripping its breaker, and it's believed a section of heat tape is shorting it out. We have disconnected the section that is believed to causing the problem, if it's not working, let me know.
- Tire Chains are working properly if needed this weekend.
- We are monitoring a slow coolant leak from the top of the radiator, if the check engine comes on (don't be alarmed), this is probably why; notify myself or the Chief ASAP.
- There is a broken exhaust pipe coming off the turbo charger, parts are ordered.
- Thank you to E98 crew yesterday for upgrading the Pump Panel lighting, to a new LED style. It made a big difference.
- They also replace a few adapters on the left hand rear discharges.

- It appears the fuel additive project is going well, thanks to the drivers. Reminder to document when you use the additive and get fuel, and replace the bottle in the truck's cab.

AIR/CASCADE:

Cascade bottles 1, 2, 3 are off the Rescue. They are being hydro's

TRAINING:

- In the trainings this past month we did "hit it hard from the yard" simulations with live fire at Vestal training center, a construction accident simulation at Maine training site, reading smoke videos, air bags and high lift jack, Maine's low pressure air bags, and fire police operations.
- New Training Schedule coming out in March

HEALTH/SAFETY:

Dress for the weather. :

AUDIT:

No Report

PARADE:

- Binghamton St Pats Parade March 7 2015

SOCIAL:

No Report

AUXILIARY:

- Will be electing new officers at the next meeting
- Working on the food menu for the Fire Association Meeting on March 6th

BYLAW:

No Report

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Recruitment Day is April 25th from Noon to 3pm

Firefighters Clam Bake is August 30th.

Senator Libous will be sponsoring a seminar on school emergencies.

WEB SITE:

- The new background check form is now on our Web site.
- The contacts have been updated for the Subjects of the On-line Repair Form in the Member's Area of our Web site.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Nicholas Merianos vote this month.
- We need to check the references for Mary Dennison and Bruce MacDonald.
- Vote to remove Nick Merianos from probation. Yea 21 No 0 Abstain 0

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

None:

ELECTIONS:

Election results are as follows.

Chief Chris Hoyt Yes: 19 No: 1 Abstain: 0	1 st Assistant Chief Mark Belensky Yes: 21 No: 0 Abstain: 0	2 nd Assistant Chief Tony Silvestri Yes: 20 No: 1 Abstain: 0
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Night Captain: Dan Hoeflein Yes: 17 No: 3 Abstain: 1	Day Captain John Vankuren Yes: 21 No: 0 Abstain: 0	1 st Lieutenant Jim Brown 16 Mike Wiley 4 Abstain 1
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2 nd Lieutenant Mike Wiley Yes: 18 No: 3 Abstain: 1	Fire Police Capt Henry Polhamus Yes: 20 No: 0 Abstain: 0	EMS Captain Shelia Bealo 15 Dan Kerila 5 Abstain: 1
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Board of Director: Bob Bealo Barrilyn Polhamus Abstain:	16 7 4
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Officers and Board Members for 2015

Chief: Chris Hoyt
1st Assistant: Mark Belensky
2nd Assistant: Tony Silvestri
Day Captain: John Vankuren
Night Captain: Dan Hoeflein
1st Lieutenant: Jim Brown
2nd Lieutenant: Mike Wiley
Fire Police Capt: Henry Polhamus
EMS Captain: Shelia Bealo

Board of Directors for 2015

President: Mark Henry
Vice President: Ken Battaglini
Treasurer: Bill Dieffenbacher
Secretary: Bob Bealo
Director at Large: Bill Frantz

SUNSHINE:

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Siren at Station 2 is down and out for repair

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on Chris Dyer and Brett Neely. Neither Chris Dyer nor Brett Neely were members of Union Center. With that being said, Chris Dyer can't stay a member because he wasn't one, and Brett Neely wasn't a MNIGS because he wasn't a member and he wasn't on the roster.

Bob Bealo discussed Center Learn and OSHA Training and what will be required by each membership class.

All the committees were disbanded from 2014 and the following are the 2015 Committees

Audit: Joe Drotar, Kathleen Serowik, Frank Trzcinski
Parade: Bob and Shelia Bealo
Social: Kim Greenlee, John Vankuren, Henry Polhamus
Website: Wes Miga, Mark Belensky
Bylaw: Karen Miga, Tom Mason, Wes Miga
Membership: John Vankuren, Wes Miga
Sunshine: Erin Belensky
Broome Co FF: Bob Bealo

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: None

NUMBER ATTENDING: 27

TIME ADJORNED: 15:15

NEXT MEETING: March 2 2015 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Frantz