

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

January 5, 2015

PRESENT: Ken Battaglini, Brianna Bealo, Bob Bealo, Sheila Bealo, Mark Belensky, Jim Brown, Bill Dieffenbacher, Debbie Dieffenbacher, Joe Drotar, Bill Frantz, Ashley Greenlee, Gordan Greenlee, Kim Greenlee, Rachel Greenlee, Dan Hoeflein, Chris Hoyt, Kelly Hoyt, Jack Mann, Tom Mason, Tomas Meschter, Karen Miga, Wes Miga, Barrilyn Polhamus, Henry Polhamus, Frank Trzcinski

CALLED TO ORDER: By Vice President Ken Battaglini 19:30

MINUTES FROM 12/02/2014 ACCEPTED: Motion by, Bob Bealo seconded by Joe Drotar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking:	\$7,937.52	Activity:	\$7,937.52
General checking:	\$15,471.56	2% Money:	\$3,240.24

First budget meeting is January 18th
Problem with the Weis card will have to figure out what is wrong with it
Audit preformed

Motion to accept: Bob Bealo, seconded by Joe Drotar

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Adam Holton requesting a leave of absence.
- Letter from Erin Belensky requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to the birth of her daughter.
- Letter from Cindi Vankuren requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to family illness
- Letter from Joe Drotar requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to work obligations.
- Letter received from Derinda Schaffer requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to work obligations.
- Letter received from Tomas Meschter requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to family obligations.
- Letter of Resignation received from Maxwell Hardin
- Received a Bill from Gary Dyer for the monument work.

- Letter from the Training Officer. The following members are in arrears for 4Q14. The number next to each name is the number of hours in arrears.
 Joe Barrie - 28.5
 Brianna Bealo - 8
 Erin Belensky - 10
 Joe Drotar - 7.5
 Bill Frantz - 12.5
 Bill Gazdik - 14
 Donna Glover - 15
 Josh Graupman - 40
 Chris Haight - 14.5
 Adam Holton - 20
 Dan Kerila - 10
 Mike Mason - 40
 Joey Pedro - 12.5
 Derinda Schaffer - 5.5
 Cameron Sorochman - 40
 Cindi VanKuren - 10

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

TJ Madison was contacted by Wes Miga about the door handles at the stations. An estimate was given to the board and waiting to hear when the work will be started.

- Reviewed a list of members still needing physicals, members were advised if you have not contacted the board that your physical was completed and or scheduled in January, you will be a member not in good standing. You will not be allowed to run calls and will not be allowed to run for office.
- Plymo Vent was contacted for the issue at Station 2, they will do the work when they come down for PM on the system.
- Looking into the awning overhangs that are rotted at Station 2
- Contacting heating repair for the heat intakes at Stations 2
- Looking into gutter covers for stations
- Will be publishing contracts for outdoor care for the stations
- Station 2 land update. The town has had the paperwork for 2 months and everything that was asked for by the lawyer was complete. The Town has sat on this for no reason. The lawyer is handling the issue. No member is to approach the Town and ask them what the status is on this. This is a legal matter in which the lawyer is handling.
- Cell Phone dialer for Station 1 is installed
- Siren at Station 2 needs to be removed and inspected more.

- Contractors have been contacted for work that is needed at both stations. Waiting on estimates for work This includes ceiling tiles at Station 2, tower at Station 2, and other numerous small stuff.
- The board discussed the no qualifications for the positions of Fire Police Capt. and Med Team Capt. It's suggested by the board that any member who runs for Fire Police Capt. have at least the NYS Fire Police Class. It also suggests that the any active member of the Med Team be allowed to run for the EMS Captain Position.
- The following members are members not in good standing due to physicals. Joe Barrie, and Joe Pedro

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Officer meeting is January 12, 2015 if you have any ideas of apparatus replacement contact an officer
- Brush Truck is at Har-Rob having the updated list of items that needed attention fixed

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Members please review all the BOG's, I know a few get explained in training, but there are many more to review.
- Rigs are supposed to be washed after use, especially during the winter time. If for some reason an Officer says it to not wash it, it should be washed the next day.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

No Report:

DAY CAPTAIN:

No Report

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Notable calls last month: (1) MVA rollover on Twist Run Road - The driver was wearing oversized slippers. It may or may not have contributed to the accident, but be sure to wear appropriate footwear when driving. (2) Automatic alarm at Maine Medical Center - We saw the layout of the building, so we know what it's like inside if we have a fire there.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- Glad to see a good response for the call in Endicott tonight

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- Thanks for running Engine 98
- New Helmets are ordered but are back ordered, there will helmets replaced for a handful of members.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- There will be a Fire Police seminar at the Montour Falls Fire Academy on Saturday March 14. If you are interested, fill out the form in link and give to me or put in my mailbox.

EMS:

No Report

FIRE MARSHAL:

See attached:

SAFETY OFFICER:

- I do have the proper safety officer certification
- Looking at doing a FAST Class

MAINTENANCE:

- Squad 53 - Cab clearance lights repaired.
- Utility 53 - Window/Door lock issue on front passenger door repaired. If a message saying "service brake system" appears, please let me know ASAP, and DO NOT turn vehicle off. NO reason to be alarmed.
- Apparatus using Diesel fuel need the winter fuel additive EVERY OTHER time that truck gets fuel. Please document in the log book it was done. As of now, Station 1 apparatus has been treated, without getting fuel. We are not treating the gas vehicles.
- Please keep using the online repair form; it helps keeping track of things. If we don't use it, repairs go unreported and stay broke

AIR/CASCADE:

- Reminder that fit testing is tomorrow, 1/6/15 and is mandatory for all current and future green tags.
- Annual flow testing is this week, Thursday and Friday.
- Three of the six Rescue cascade bottles will be out of service at the end of January for hydro testing. If we need to fill more than a couple of bottles, please use the booster. Bottles should be out of service for about a week.

TRAINING:

- things are going well on Sat's- very healthy turnout....been doing 3 man engine crews, everyone learning a lot
- Went to vestal this past Sat to practice with live fire-will do more of these - weather permitting.
- Keep up the good work everyone
- In the trainings this month we went over winter operations, mayday drills, 3-person crews with the new approach to limiting ventilation, and bailout training.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

No Report:

AUDIT:

- Audit was performed for the period of April 15, 2014 through December 10, 2014 everything has been found to be in good order

PARADE:

- Binghamton St Pats Parade March 7 2015

SOCIAL:

- Thanks to those who came to the Christmas party

AUXILIARY:

- Talking about kids winter party Will inquiry on how many would be interested
- Will work on a date for the winter party

BYLAW:

By Law proposed by the bylaw committee.

Article IV Section 2

Add: "Members may be in multiple classes but must meet the educational requirements of each class. All requests for class transfers must be submitted to the board and approved by the membership. Any timed requirements for a new class start when membership approves transfer

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Mark Henry attended the Meeting on January 2, 2015
- Bill will be coming soon for dues for broome county firefighters association
- They are still looking for donations for safety trailer replacement fund
- FASNY open house will be April 25 2015 from 1200-1500
- Don't forget we are hosting Mar meeting at our station (please ask aux. if they could prepare refreshments for the meeting.)
- They are looking for a department to also host the September meeting. Are we interested?

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:

- We're still waiting on a 3rd reference for Raheem Green. This will be tabled.
- We're waiting for Michael Cole to return our call to set up a time for the membership committee to interview him and get his background check forms filled out.
- The background check forms came back for Stephan Meschter, and the results were favorable, so he is now a probationary member.
- Mary Dennison, a certified first responder, moved from Elmira to O'Day Drive last month, and she submitted an application.
- Bruce MacDonald, an EMT who lives on Boswell Hill Road, submitted an application.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

None:

ELECTIONS:

- Nomination board was closed. See attached final list of members who are running for office.
- Absentee ballots will be sent out as per the bylaws.
- If you submit an Absentee ballot, please make sure you sign across the seal of the envelope and place under the board of directors door
- Do not touch the board with the names that are on it
- If you wish to remove your name, contact Bill Frantz

SUNSHINE:

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Siren at Station 2 is not working still. Siren will have to be removed and looked into further repairs. Look into another solution for the siren
- Locks at station 1 need to be repaired and or replaced. Caulking did not work. Wes Miga to contact TJ Madison to have locks repaired.
- Land at Station 2 still a work in progress lawyers working on combing the property.
- Plymo-vent needs to be contacted problems with the motor outside station 2
- Physicals that are needed by members (see attached list)
- Vote for Stephen Meschter to become probationary member
- Yes 19 No 0 Abs

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board is asking what the membership would like for the meal at the annual meeting. Spiedi Rib Pit agreed upon.
- Mark Henry is asking if we would consider hosting the September Firefighters Association meeting. Membership declined to accept the 2nd meeting.
- Letter from Adam Holton requesting a leave of absence. Motion to accept: Wes Miga 2nd by: Bob Bealo
Yes: 23 No: 0 Abstain: 1
- Letter from Erin Belensky requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to the birth of her daughter. Motion to accept: Wes Miga 2nd by: Bob Bealo
Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- Letter from Cindi Vankuren requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to family illness Motion to accept: Bob Bealo 2nd by: Joe Drotar

Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- Letter from Joe Drotar requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to work obligations. Motion to accept: Bob Bealo 2nd by: Frank Trzcinski

Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- Letter received from Derinda Schaffer requesting hardship for the 4th quarter due to personal reasons: Motion to accept: Bob Bealo 2nd by: Frank Trzcinski

Yes: 23 No: 0 Abstain: 1

- Motion by Chris Hoyt 2nd by Bob Bealo to move Chris Haight from active to Honorary Member.

Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 0

- The following members have been inactive for the over 1 year. They will be dropped from the roster.

- Josh Graupman
- Mike Mason
- Cameron Sorochman

- The following members are now members not in good standing due to not having a physical

- Joe Barrie
- Joey Pedro

Proposed by law change:

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Mark Belensky made a motion to make a donation to the Broome County Firefighters Association for the new safety trailer of \$1000.00 2nd by Tom Mason

Yes: 23 No: 0 Abstain: 1
Bucket truck will be hear next Tuesday to get siren down for repair

Thank you to girls for the fine dinner this month

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting Spiedi Rib Pit.

NUMBER ATTENDING: 24

VOTING: 24

TIME ADJORNED: 21:24

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2015 at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Bill Frantz