

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

May 4, 2015

PRESENT: M. Henry, K. Battaglini, R. Bealo, S. Bealo, K. Greenlee, H. Polhamus, B. Polhamus, J. Drotar, G. Greenlee, F. Trzcinski, J. Mann, D. Hoeflein, W. Miga, K. Miga, C. Hoyt, D. Dieffenbacher, B. Diffenbacher, A. Greenlee, A. Silvestri

CALLED TO ORDER: 20:10

MINUTES FROM: 04/06/2015 **ACCEPTED:** R. Bealo, seconded by A. Silvestri

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$5995.75
General checking: \$3536.65

Activity: \$2511.47
2% Money: \$3485.28

I should be getting a record of the monthly bills from Alice very soon; I will then forward them to everyone so that they can be checked for accuracy.

Motion to accept: R. Bealo, seconded by C. Hoyt

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

M. Henry would like to personally thank everyone who went to the funeral home for Kelley's calling hours. The funeral director thought it was awesome and said that he had never seen anything like it before.

The board will be signing a Workers' Compensation declaration which will cover anyone who arrives at the scene of an accident or other emergency in New York State and is injured while offering assistance, if this occurs prior to a responding officer arriving and assuming command. Coverage will continue if the officer gives permission for you to continue to assist. If permission is not given or at some point the officer tells you that your help is no longer needed, stop immediately because this is when coverage ends.

We received a letter from the Department of Labor regarding PESH annual firefighter best practices for fire department training programs. M. Henry does not think there will be any issues here; we are probably already going beyond everything that is required.

The board is currently looking for the Little League sponsorship letter which is received at about this time each year. If anyone has seen it, please notify a board member.

All records have currently been turned in to our accountant to start the yearly process of review.

After the blowout of the tire on the Rescue, M. Belensky is trying to find out if there is some kind of replacement program available.

We already voted on the structural work we need to have done to keep the stations standing. We now need to vote on upgrades to keep the stations looking decent and make them more usable. At Station 1 we would like to put stairs up to the storage area in the bay. We would like to make the following repairs at Station 2: Repair loose railing by compressor, repair loose heat deflector, and install drain line from compressor through exterior block wall on rear of building. In the upstairs room we would like to repair drop ceiling tiles and install insulation, install lighting fixtures and switches, paint all walls, install new smoke detectors by a licensed professional, and dispose of debris from construction. The quote is \$10,725. Because of this amount, we need a membership vote.

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

We are currently addressing how H. Polhamus's years as a member of Vestal Fire can be applied here.

We agreed to pay the towing bill for the Bates Road brush fire.

We agreed to match the \$1000 DEC grant if it is awarded to us.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- The County has changed the incident timer; it will now start automatically as soon as a working fire is declared. This is a County-wide change at the County level. We will be notified every 10 minutes and the timer can be stopped at any time, such as when overhaul is taking place. However, the timer should be running for as long as there is active firefighting occurring and especially if firefighters are still inside the building.
- Chainsaw gloves were replaced on the brush truck because we are missing the ones that were on it.
- Thank you to whoever cleaned out the maintenance room at Station 2 on Saturday so that the floor can be done in there. (A. Silvestri mentioned that the Saturday training crew did the work).
- I am going to call Gary Dyer to find out the status of the parking lot at station 2.
- We got approval to upgrade the MSA 5-gas meter on the pumper tanker. There will be a calibration station at Station 2, either in the SCBA room or the maintenance room. We will go over when and why to perform calibration.

- I know that the Auxiliary is buying flowers for the stations and would like to request that they add something to spruce up the monument at Station 1.
- The two thermal imagers we approved last month are in; they will be wired and mounted when we have time.
- We discussed having the Auxiliary automatically dispatched for second alarms; we just have to make changes up at County. These changes should be made in about a week or so.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- I have a question regarding when construction is starting on Route 26, which might alter our response. (C. Hoyt replied that construction is scheduled to start at the end of May and will continue until the fall. There will be alternating lanes open.)
- The veterans' monument dedication will take place on Memorial Day. I would like to have a work detail on the Saturday prior to that to clean up around Station 1. We have a request that the station be open for guests at the time of the dedication. I would also like to have a good representation from UCFC, including uniforms or other appropriate dress. I would also like to request flowers for around the monument. At this point I believe the dedication will take place during the afternoon on Memorial Day, but I will check on the exact time.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- Thank you to the Auxiliary for providing the dinner after the Bates Road brush fire.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- Thank you to all who were able to make it to the open house/recruitment day. We were a little short-handed but were still able to get the stations cleaned up and staff both stations for the event.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- The GPS has been mounted in the brush truck. (C. Hoyt says thanks to H. Polhamus for doing the work to make the bracket for it, as H. Polhamus is too modest to mention that he was the one who did all of the work.)

EMS: No report.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- H. Polhamus and G. Greenlee are working on making a new, quieter muffler for the brush truck.
- The next time it rains and we do not need to use the brush truck, the bumper needs to be repaired as something has been wrong with it since the Bates Road fire.
- A seatbelt was removed from a rear seat in the pumper tanker to replace another seatbelt in another vehicle, so there is no seatbelt for the pumper tanker seat. DO NOT SIT THERE.

AIR/CASCADE:

- The pack from the Squad that was out of service has been fixed and is now back in service.
- There is a pack on the pumper tanker that is out of service. It was not replaced with a spare, so that rig has only four packs on it for the time being.

TRAINING:

- T. Meschter is starting Firefighter 1 boot camp in July. Orientation will take place at the end of May and we will probably be asked to provide something for boot camp. Watch for an e-mail from D. Hoeflein.
- Training is going well on Saturdays. We missed two Saturdays because of the Maine parade and the open house the week after that. Thank you to everyone who helped with those events.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Apalachin Field Days schedule has no parade listed on it. I will find out if they are having one this year.

SOCIAL: No report.

AUXILIARY:

- We got a good portion of the kitchen cleaned on Recruitment Day. Thank you to those who helped and thank you to K. Hoyt for getting it started. Drawers and cabinets have been marked; please put items back where they belong after you use them.
- If you are interested, volunteer "victims" are needed for training at the airport on 06/06/2015. More information to follow.
- Auxiliary will be meeting on Tuesday, 05/12/2015, at 6:30 at Station 1 to purchase flowers for both stations.
- We will be meeting at Station 2 for our Wednesday, 05/13/2015 meeting at 6:30 to plant flowers and get a tour of EMS 53 in case we are asked to retrieve items

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the siren at Station 2, a digital/electronic siren will cost \$30,000 so we will not be getting a digital one. The type that we have already would cost \$3000 to \$4000 and it has already been rebuilt two or three times. R. Bealo pointed out that we are already fulfilling ISO requirements of having two different forms of notification for calls (IAMRESPONDING and pagers) so we really do not need the siren any longer. G. Greenlee questioned whether the siren would be used for severe weather alerts such as tornados; the answer was that this is an outdated practice that is no longer in use. K. Battaglini made a motion to vote on whether we should replace the siren at Station 2:

YES: 3

NO: 14

ABSTAIN: 1

Hallway door at Station 2 is not fixed yet; M. Henry will continue to try to get the person to get the work done ASAP.

Parking lot paperwork is all done; we are just waiting for the timeframe for the work to start.

M. Henry will call the exterminator to take care of the ants at Station 1 now that it has been cleaned of cobwebs.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to G. Greenlee for building hose washers for both stations. If you have any suggestions for improvements, let him know.

C. Hoyt asked if we can get the monument guy to repair and clean the monument before the big dedication. A. Silvestri said that Mr. Davis is supposed to be taking care of this; however, he will talk to him about making sure that it is clean and in good repair.

There have been problems with IAMREPPONDING at Station 1. W. Miga will look into this. You may use the computer in the radio room at Station 1, but when you are finished be sure to return to the IAMRESPONDING home screen and leave it up and running so that we can see who is responding when a call comes in.

There must be a company vote on whether to pay the mortgage payment and insurance bill as they amount to more than \$5000.

YES: 17

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

There is an open board position as W. Frantz has resigned from the board. F. Trzcinski accepted the nomination and voting results are as follows:

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: No one volunteered ☹️

NUMBER ATTENDING: 19

VOTING: 18

TIME ADJORNED: 21:15

NEXT MEETING: 06/01/2015

Respectfully submitted by Assistant to the Secretary, *Karen S. Miga*