

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

September 12, 2016

PRESENT: K. Hoyt, S. Hoyt, F. Trzcinski, R. Fiori, S. Meschter, A. Drake, J. Brown, D. Hoeflein, B. Dieffenbacher, D. Dieffenbacher, S. Bealo, R. Bealo, W. Miga, K. Miga, B. Polhamus, S. Drake, H. Polhamus, C. Hoyt

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:53

MINUTES FROM: 08/01/2016 **ACCEPTED:** F. Trzcinski, seconded by S. Drake

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: 16,023.42
General checking: 9,650.95

Activity: 3,779.09
2% Money: 12,244.33

We have paid the barbecue bill for the picnic.

We received \$362.61 from our online PayPal account. The account on our webpage has been updated to make it easier to get our money in the future.

ACCEPTED: S. Hoyt, seconded by R. Bealo

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A thank-you note was sent to Tracy Orassik, the person who donated the cases of bottled Culligan water which were left at Station 1.

The bill for the barbecue for the picnic was paid, as B. Dieffenbacher mentioned.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Members who still remain as Members Not in Good Standing status in regards to training hours from last quarter:

- B. Gazdik
- M. Henry
- A. Holton
- J. Pedro

Everyone has completed the Code of Ethics sign-off form.

Members Not in Good Standing because of physical status:

- M. Henry
- A. Holton

Many thanks to the Auxiliary for organizing a very nice picnic and for providing great weather as well!

All members now have key fob access to the maintenance room at Station 2.

In regards to fuel obtained from the Town versus purchased using WEX cards, the initial data shows that the cost of fuel purchased with the WEX cards at Sunoco is 26% higher (was 36% higher with Sunoco cards that we were using previously). Please get fuel from the Town whenever practical, as this saves us money. Let M. Belensky or W. Miga know if your name should be added to the list of people authorized to use the WEX cards.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- I am working on a joint grant with Endicott and West Corners for SCBA. I will be collecting data for this. This is a joint regional grant between three departments. We can also apply for a separate grant on top of this, which we will be discussing. At this point I am not sure how soon this needs to be completed.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- We had a great tour of the Broome Developmental Center building on upper Taft Avenue.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS: No report.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE: No report.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Two new binders were placed at each station; they are white 3/4-inch binders. They contain new sheets that need to be filled out every time an air pack is used (meaning only if the bottle is actually turned on, but not if the pack is merely strapped to your back). It is essentially a normal monthly check and it needs to be done immediately after calls or training. By doing this we are complying with a PESH suggestion.

TRAINING:

(J. VanKuren)

- I would like to thank A. Silvestri for teaching his fire extinguisher use class; it is always exciting. Thanks also to everyone who attended. Many thanks to the Auxiliary for providing lunch afterwards and for always being there for the members of our company.
- Saturday training is going well. We will be starting a new training schedule soon.
- I called to reserve the training site on October 1, 2016 (a Saturday) for a live burn. They are closed until Tuesday and I have not heard anything back yet. I will get back to all of you with this information.
- R. Fiori and S. Meschter are taking the BEFO class in Glen Aubrey. Good luck and have fun!

(C. Hoyt)

- Training sheets need to be turned in on time. We can't go back 2 months and add hours to the spreadsheet. I am going to start throwing out training sheets that are turned in too late.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT:

- We got the reports from the auditors. We will be reviewing them and scheduling a meeting.

PARADE: No report.

AUXILIARY:

- Thank you to all who helped with the picnic. The weather was great and everyone had a good time. Some people camped and it was suggested that we work on establishing a date for the picnic earlier next year, so that people have time to think about whether they want to make camping reservations. We can also check on the availability of the group campsite at Greenwood.
- The only available date at Atrios for the Christmas party is December 17, 2016. I have called DeGennero's to see if December 3, 2016 is available. Any other venue suggestions are appreciated.
- Last year the Christmas party cost \$3694. We would like to request a budget of \$4000 this year to cover a bit of an increase in the cost of Barb Fox's services, although she is still giving us a great deal.

BYLAW: No report.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- The dedication of the new fire safety trailer is this Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 2 p.m. in the rear of Endwell Fire Station 1 on Country Club Rd. It was used already for Maine's National Night Out. The old one is for sale, if anyone is interested.

WEBSITE: No report.

Thank you to H. Polhamus for fixing the hose reel at Station 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Erin Belensky sent a letter requesting to return to active status after her leave of absence.

YES: 17

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

(B. Polhamus): I make a motion on behalf of the Auxiliary, requesting a \$4000 budget for the Christmas party (this was seconded by R. Bealo):

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

(S. Meschter): I attended the I RUN FOR...half-marathon at the Town of Maine Park. <http://www.irunforhalfmarathon.com/faq.html>. It is a yearly fundraiser for cancer research that is held at the beginning of September. This year the event coincided with the 9/11 remembrance. Local firefighters were invited to enjoy a complimentary pancake breakfast at the Town of Maine Park. Most of the firefighters were from Maine Fire, but there were also participants from East Maine (and I was there from Union Center). Bill Newland, the president of the Retired Professional Firefighters Cancer Fund, was present. He offered to match all donations received at the race. Special thanks goes to Anne Seepersaud, the co-organizer of the event, and Jim Tokos (Town of Maine Supervisor) and his team for doing the pancake breakfast.

We received correspondence pertaining to the following items. The information is posted on the bulletin board at Station 1 if anyone is interested:

- Whitney Point Rotary Club "Dirty Cause Challenge", a 5-K race run on Ford Hill Golf Course on October 2, 2016 to raise money for Northern Broome responders, Tracy's Hope, and the Whitney Point Rotary Club.
- NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial Ceremony on October 11, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial located in the Empire State Plaza.
- Fire on Ice Hockey game to benefit the Burn Foundation. The Washington D. C. Fire Department Hockey Team will be in Central New York on November 5, 2016 to play a benefit game with local firefighters.
- The Red Cross is looking for disaster volunteers for deployment around the country; if anyone is interested call (607)785-7207 for information.

Endwell Fire is having their first annual 5K run/walk on September 25, 2016. This is in addition to a day of events celebrating their 95th anniversary. The race starts and finishes at Endwell Station 1 on Country Club Rd. You can sign up online <https://runsignup.com>

Thank you very much, R. Bealo, for providing the homemade dinner this evening!

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: S. Meschter

NUMBER ATTENDING: 18

VOTING: 17

TIME ADJORNED: 20:39

Motion for adjournment was made by K. Hoyt and was seconded by S. Hoyt. All were in favor.

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2016

Respectfully submitted, *Karen S. Miga*