

# UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

## BOARD MEETING

January 2, 2017

**PRESENT:** W. Miga, K. Battaglini, K. Miga, C. Hoyt, B. Dieffenbacher, D. Dieffenbacher, J. Drotar, R. Greenlee, T. Mason, K. Greenlee, G. Greenlee

**NOT PRESENT:** R. Bealo

Letter of objection: We received a letter of objection regarding John VanKuren being able to run for assistant chief 1 and 2; we will look into this.

Issues with building/parking lot lighting: Replacing the light bulbs of the lights in the parking lot at Station 1 did not repair them. Apparently the ballasts need to be replaced. The lights in the bay area at Station 2 also have some issues. Last year the board talked about installing LED lights at Station 2 and also talked about repairing the ceiling there and putting in insulation; this may be a good time to look into doing this. Ken said that his wife got some LED lights at Sam's Club which are extremely bright and might be a good thing to consider. Ken will look into whether or not we already had a quote for the bay ceiling. We will add this to the outlook discussion. Ken will also get an estimate for foam insulation rather than fiberglass insulation for the bay area ceiling at Station 2.

Broken door at Station 2: The control unit board for the side/rear door into the hallway at Station 2 needs to be replaced; it will probably cost about \$700 to repair this. Ken will talk to Syracuse Time and Alarm about this.

Budget/outlook meeting: This meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. Bill will send an e-mail out to all of the account holders notifying them of this meeting.

OSHA training: Bob was not present to update us on the current status of OSHA training. We will take about 10 or 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting on January 16, 2017 to talk about this. We need to start thinking about how to present this to the membership next year in terms of timing, etc. Chris wants something sent to the membership so that we know when and where we can get classes and the timing for completion of it. Bob has previously mentioned the insurance company website, county classes, and OSHA topics addressed during training as the means for members to obtain OSHA training hours. Members have also questioned whether OSHA training hours from their regular jobs could be counted as hours for UCFC, which is something we can look into. It was suggested that the information for OSHA training be sent out in March of each year, allowing 6 months for members (until the end of September) to

obtain this training, and then allowing 3 more months for tying up loose ends for anyone lacking hours.

PESH requirements regarding whether we should document completion of requirements for firefighter training: Chris and Ken said that the only required training from the state that is in writing pertains to OSHA training. Putting a system in place for documenting and testing competency on every member on every item each year will require a huge amount of time, which is in short supply in a volunteer organization. We feel that we are doing our best at this point to continuously address competency during training and document it via our training sheets.

New rig: Three financial options for the new truck are supposed to be delivered to Chris by tomorrow, who will then send it to the rest of the board for consideration. We already asked for information from the bank regarding financing of new trucks. Chris said that once the purchase of the new truck has been approved by the membership, we can start looking into obtaining grant money for it.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen S. Miga*

