

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

August 1, 2011

PRESENT: M. Henry, A. Green, W. Miga, K. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, M. Belensky, C. Hoyt, J. Mann, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, D. Hoeflein

CALLED TO ORDER: 20:00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$16,154.97
General checking: \$2,556.30

Activity: \$6,870.25
2% Money: \$9,284.72

Total checking: \$18,711.27

Motion to accept: J. Drotar, seconded by A. Green

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

J. Graupman requested a leave of absence due to his current circumstances and it was granted.

R. Serowik sent a letter stating that he is changing his status from Firefighter/EMS to EMS only.

The doors at Station 2 are locked due to the problem with the key fob system. There is no estimated date for the parts that are ordered for repairs. Most drivers and all officers, including Board members, have keys which will open the Station 2 doors.

We talked to the grant-writing guy from the town. He said that we are considered a suburban district and we do not qualify for the grant for the brush truck. In this case there is nothing that we qualify for which will allow us to gather specs in time to apply for another piece of apparatus. He will see if we will qualify for the rural portion of our district, which will allow us to apply for the brush truck.

The facility on South Washington Street will be doing physicals from now on. Mission in Motion van is no longer in service. Main Street facility will no longer be doing physicals. Bob will be updating all information to reflect this change.

The computers in the back room and radio room at Station 2 are not working and there seems to be a problem with internet access. Wes is trying to fix this.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Ladder testing will be done soon.
- I am on vacation for a few days.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

DAY CAPTAIN: Not present.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: Not present.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: Not present

MAINTENANCE:

- We have all receipts from Har-Rob and double-checked the numbers.
- Maintenance still needs to be done on the Utility.
- We spent a lot on maintenance this year as a whole, but there was a tremendous amount of work done on each piece of apparatus. In the long run we will be saving money. In the next 3 to 5 years the pump on the pumper tanker may need to be rebuilt or replaced.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is full and nothing is broken.

EMS: No report.

TRAINING:

- Wednesday training has involved driving and pumping and when I am here it has been going well. Saturday training has been for new-guy stuff and has been going well.

- Check the county list to see if there are any state classes you want to take.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

- Physicals will now be done at the South Washington Street facility in Binghamton and no longer at the Main Street facility.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- The chief and I will be meeting with the ISO person next week to look at the water supply in the district.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- The temperature is rising and so is the humidity; dress for the conditions and STAY HYDRATED.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Deposit parade is August 10th for their 200th birthday.

SOCIAL:

- Broome County Firefighters Association clambake is on August 21st from noon to 5 p.m. We voted to buy tickets for MEMBERS ONLY to attend this with 2% money. Let Karen know if you want to attend.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- Family barbecue at Country Pines on August 13th, noon to 4 p.m.

BYLAW: No report.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Meeting is this Friday.

WEB SITE:

- Web site is up to date.
- Orientation package is on the web site now, so new members can view that.
- C. Hoyt said that another fire department has pictures on their web site of their facility; B. Duffenbacher said we should get pictures of events going on here and put them on the web site. A. Green said that we should put information on the web site about prices, parking, etc. M. Henry reminded everyone that we rent only to residents who live in our district.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Cameron Sorochman was recommended for membership.
- C. Hoyt has a list of what required state courses have been taken by members and can share this with the Board. The Board will keep track of this.

- Gordie Greenlee's probation is up. He's doing great and has been to a lot of trainings. We voted to make him a permanent member.

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Cameron Sorochman

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

SUNSHINE:

- Flowers were sent to the family of George Ruck.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark B. asked about our profits from the Station 2 barbecue/benefit. We made \$31 which we donated to Preston; however, this is not a true reflection of our profits. We donated about 100 chicken halves to the benefit when they ran out, which they then sold for \$10. All in all the benefit was extremely successful. We are also donating an additional \$100 from the membership.

Union Center Church is holding their fireworks display on August 20th.

C. Hoyt made a motion to donate \$100 to Mark and Kelley Henry for travel expenses to New Jersey for Kelley's treatments, seconded by Mark B.

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Question regarding the key fob system at Station 2. Mark is having difficulty getting in touch with the person at the company and has made numerous calls.

Adrian said Doug's Fish Fry could do a fundraiser for us although the waiting list is about 2 years long. We just provide the parking lot for them to park their van. He'll call and get us on the list. Joe said that Gance's also does this.

Mark H. asked if we're going to do a barbecue of our own this fall. Mark B. said we need to streamline our costs to increase our profits. Tentative date is Saturday, September 10th.

Mark B. and Chris are getting information regarding a fundraiser where we sell advertising to local business which is placed on calendars. The calendars are then distributed and there is no selling of the calendars, only the advertising.

Thanks to Jack for ordering the food this month.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Hoyt will send out an e-mail confirming the firework detail at the church on August 20th.

Thanks to J. Mann for ordering the food this month and to J. Drotar for picking it up.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: M. Belensky

NUMBER ATTENDING: 11

VOTING: 9

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY: M. Belensky, seconded by C. Hoyt

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 21:09

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2011 (due to Labor Day)

Respectfully submitted by Karen S. Miga