

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

October 3, 2011

PRESENT: M. Henry, W. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, K. Miga, G. Greenlee, G. Roberts, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, D. Hill, M. Belensky, C. Hoyt, B. Haight, J. Hardik

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:55

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$14,908.01
General checking: \$12,162.18

Activity: \$5,940.25
2% Money: \$8,967.76

Total checking: \$27,070.19

Motion to accept: M. Belensky, seconded by A. Green

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- We received a resignation letter from Brian Pospisil.
- Brian Haight is regrettfully resigning from the company as his one-year leave is up tomorrow.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- All of the computers are fixed, including the one in the back room.
- Regarding the land deal, Wes looked into the fair market value and it is about \$8600 per acre. This is a long way from the \$30,000 that is being asked for it, which is just over \$17,000 for the full market value. The membership originally agreed to a retainer of \$10,000. We will ask Besty to take this matter to the lawyer and get something in writing regarding this offer so that we may be able to negotiate with the seller. We need to come up with a fair amount which we will offer, as there are a lot of improvements that are needed that will be added to the cost. After a discussion we agreed to offer \$20,000 to start and could potentially go up to \$25,000.
- Uniform issue has been postponed until next year at the annual meeting.
- Phone lines are all completed. No more Verizon or ACN, only Time-Warner.
- Faucet at Station 2 will be repaired after Mark H. gets the parts.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- I have faxed the FEMA education credit information.
- Tour of the school on Taft Ave. has been scheduled for this Wednesday, October 5th, with arrival time between 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- Ladder testing is taking place at Station 2 this Wednesday, October 5th. Adrian has agreed to help move the pumper tanker up to Station 2.
- Bill D. and I will be attending the FEMA Public Assistance meeting tomorrow.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- We should not be pumping basements if nobody is home, for future reference.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Thanks to everybody who was here for the flood and all of your hard work. We did around 140 calls in 2.5 days.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- The utility is going to Gault on Wednesday for a flood check. The Tahoe is already there for some work.
- The plan is to service the portable pumps again. Gordie will help out with this.
- Everything else is running pretty well, except for a few odds and ends and minor things that need attention.
- If there is something big that needs to be repaired, please give me a serious e-mail address on the maintenance forms and not a joke one so that I can reply to an actual person.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Nothing is broken that I know of.

EMS:

- On behalf of R. Serowik, J. Hardik says thank you to everyone who participated at the BU Events Center in helping out with the people who were evacuated there.

TRAINING:

- Tour at Taft Ave. school is on Wednesday, October 5th, with arrival time between 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- Training facility at Vestal is not open yet.
- We will set up a joint training with Maine in the near future.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

- It's time to talk about flu shots with your doctor.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- We will be doing the ISO review in November tentatively.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- The temperatures are starting to cool off, so remember to dress appropriately.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Christmas Parades will be coming up in the November/December timeframe.

SOCIAL:

- If you are working on the dinner on Friday, please come to set up at 5 p.m. if possible.

BYLAW:

- Regarding the bylaw proposal change to ARTICLE VI MEETINGS, eliminating the reading of the minutes for approval at the end of the monthly meeting. Minutes will now be sent out for everyone to read and approval will be at the next monthly meeting, right after the prayer.

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: No report.

WEB SITE:

- There are some upgrades available to make our site more efficient. The upgrades will help keep our costs down in the long run. We will try to get groupings of three to five items before things are sent for posting. We are working to make the site more user-friendly. The site has not been updated since late 2008. There are costs associated with the upgrade and the web master will work with Mark H. on this.
- Keep giving us ideas if you have them. If anybody is interested in working on the site map, let Wes or Mark B. know.
- G. Greenlee wondered if there is a way for us to do our own updates; this will be investigated.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Craig Bogart is not recommended for membership by the membership committee.

YES: 0

NO: 10

ABSTAIN: 3

- Bradley Bennett received excellent feedback from his references. He is 17 years old and lives on Talon. He is recommended for membership by the committee.

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- D. Hoeflein's probation is up and the officers have recommended that his probation end. Congratulations, Dan.

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- Mike Wiley's probation is up and the officers have recommended that his probation end. Congratulations, Mike.

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

SUNSHINE:

- Many thank you letters were sent out to people who provided food and donations to us during the flood.

OLD 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 (August) and to J. Drotar for picking it up.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Hoyt pointed out that the wall in the rear of Station 1 is still wet from the flood and is not straightening out. It may have to be ripped out and repaired.
- M. Henry said thank you to Brian Haight for everything he has done for us.
- M. Henry is very happy to report that Kelley's treatment appears to be working.

- D. Hill thanked everyone who worked at his nephew's benefit, which raised over \$11,000.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: A. Green

NUMBER ATTENDING: 14

VOTING: 13

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY: According to the new bylaws, acceptance of the minutes will take place at next month's meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 20:40

NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2011

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**