

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

November 7, 2011

PRESENT: W. Miga, K. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, A. Silvestri, R. Serowik, B. Bealo, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, C. Hoyt, M. Belensky, D. Hill, B. Smack, G. Greenlee (late), M. Henry (at very end)

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:50

MINUTES FROM 10/03/2011 ACCEPTED BY: YES, unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$15,325.99
General checking: \$19,268.41

Activity: \$6358.23
2% Money: \$8967.76

Total checking: \$34,594.40

Motion to accept: A. Silvestri, seconded by A. Green

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- We are moving forward with repair of sensors to the bay doors to be OSHA compliant.
- Mark has talked to two people from the insurance company about the back wall at Station 1. He has to call another person for an estimate. Bill has talked to another person from the insurance company. We have to handle the ditch in the back of Station 1 on our own as no one will touch that.
- There are two parts to the information disclosure policy, the policy and the BOG; the two will be put together before they are published for the membership. We are awaiting the BOG side.
- Town Assessor said that the land deal is probably reasonable and that we should not dicker over a couple of thousand dollars. This will be addressed further during New Business.
- M. Henry is looking into the OSHA class situation.
- K. Miga will ask the new auxiliary if they would like to handle future family events, such as the picnic that was held during the summer.

- The SCBA faucet at Station 2 is hooked up but is leaking considerably; this needs to be repaired but it is probably usable in the interim.
- New member guidelines are getting finishing touches. Once these are finished they will be put on the web site in the New Member section. This section is almost complete.
- We are looking into having a mobile unit come here to do our annual physicals; the cost very likely is less than what it costs us to get them through Lourdes.
- Rig tires are taking too long to fill, but this may just require an adjustment to the equipment. This is being looked into.
- Adrian is looking into pricing for lettering and street numbers for the stations.
- There is rebar in the ditch behind Station 1 that needs to be dug up and removed.
- We will be purchasing more chairs for Station 1; we just have to figure out what we want and how many.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Construction will be starting on Carrie Ann Drive with replacing the bridge. According to the schedule they will start excavation of this on November 14th. We have to provide fire protection and may leave a rig there if the weather will not damage it; M. Belensky will ask Har-Rob if there will be any problems with this. There will be a 5-foot wide temporary pedestrian bridge installed. This construction project is only supposed to take about a week or less.
- I called and asked about the Vestal training site. The only thing that is open is the main concrete training building. We have to bring our own hay if we do anything. I am trying to get something in writing regarding this.
- Christmas party planning is underway and the date is finalized: Friday, 12/16/2011, at Post 83. My cousin is catering this. I am making arrangements for a DJ.
- I am trying to schedule training for the new apartment building on Taft; this will be about the sprinkler system and new building codes and fire department connections.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Cornell Hollow has two driveways, 2109 and another one past that (I am not sure of the number), which we cannot get any rig across due to flood damage. They are at least 1000-foot driveways. They are on the right-hand side where the creek is; make sure that you have a driveway to cross if we get a call up there. (We suggested putting these addresses on the dry board in each station). I will find out the other address tomorrow.

- You might want to stay out of the stations tomorrow because voting is taking place. The Squad bay has to be open at Station 2. (Dennis will take care of this tonight).

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- I am working around Gordie's schedule to get the portable pumps serviced.
- I got the large chainsaw off the Squad running last weekend, but we don't feel that it was running properly. It is down at Endicott Tractor. The Squad has the Rescue saw on it now for the time being.
- We are going to rotate and change all of the fuel around for the saws, which may be part of our problem with the saws

AIR/CASCADE:

- All packs are in service.
- Amplifiers are being issued to green tags this week. Leave the amplifier on your mask, except when you are washing it.
- Gauge on #6 tank in the Rescue is working.

EMS:

- Third successful CPR of this year happened on Saturday. I want to say thank you to the assistant chiefs for their help.
- This weekend, Friday 6-8 pm and then Saturday 8-5, is the annual Critical Care Conference. This is at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton.
- On Thursday, 11/17/2011, will be in-house training on inhalation poisoning at Station 1 starting at 19:00.
- On Saturday, 12/03/2011, at 10 a.m. at Station 1 will be our annual CPR course. I recommend this for anybody who has not had the new updates yet.
- On Monday, 11/14/2011, there is a free flu shot clinic 7:30 to 9 and then 2:30 to 5 at the Broome County Health Department on Front Street. Free with fire department ID.
- Chris and I have been talking about a joint EMS/Fire training for auto extrication to be held on 11/19/2011.

TRAINING:

- NYS Association of Fire Chiefs training at JC High School on Tuesday, 11/29/2011. I will send an e-mail and we will meet somewhere and pay when we get there, without trying to preregister.
- We are trying to get cars in order to do auto extrication training. Getting the cars has been a big challenge.
- This Wednesday will be a new equipment and lighting demo from two companies.
- Working with Whitney Point for train-the-trainer on the bail-out system so that people can train others on this equipment. Hopefully this will take place in the next month, but no date is set yet.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

- Remember that is cold out there, so cover up your ears and fingers during calls.
- Don't forget about flu shots.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Had a meeting with the ISO representative last week. We are still working on a few last-minute things. Once everything is finished we won't hear anything back from them until April or May.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- See Health and Safety.

AUDIT:

- We had an audit and everything went fine.

PARADE:

- There are three parades taking place in the next few weeks; all details have been sent out in an e-mail.

SOCIAL: No report.

BYLAW:

- Bylaw proposal to amend Section II of Article IV

YES: 9

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: No report.

WEB SITE:

- M. Henry will try to get John Hussar come to one of our meetings to discuss the changes proposed for the web site.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Jim Brown lives on Milan Ave in Endicott. He is a former employee of Corning Fire Department. His references checked out with positive feedback. He is recommended for membership.

YES: 10

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

(We need to get a fire buddy for him.)

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- None this month.

SUNSHINE:

- Thank you letters were sent out for flood-related donations and also to the Boswell Hill Church for inviting us to Trunk-or-Treat.

OLD 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- Regarding the land deal, 10 years ago we did not pursue purchasing the land by Station 2 because we did not have the money. It is now available again. The owner has offered \$15,000 an acre; he will be paying all of the closing costs. Besty requested some information from the Town of Union assessor, who thought that the \$15,000 was reasonable. The Board looked into the fair market value and other things and also had a budget outlook meeting last week. The Board came to the conclusion that although this might be a little high, it is not unreasonable for something that is bordering our station. Bill has looked at our funds and says that this is something we can afford. Road frontage is 260 feet downhill, with 230 feet back from the road, and 200 feet behind the existing building. Besty will make some calls and ask the surveyor put in stakes for what we want. Bill said that we should use no more than three stakes to mark the property, squaring the parcel off. Bob thinks that we should get another acre if we can afford it to square the parcel off. Another option would be to shorten the 260

frontage to and divide the property differently, squaring it off behind the station. Mark B. suggested getting the land surveyed with drawings made up to show our options. J. Drotar suggested inviting the owner to the next Board meeting to talk about our options and what is possible.

- The decision was to have a meeting with the owner before making any decisions regarding this. On Saturday Bill and Besty will stake out the property and take a look at this.
- B. Bealo made a motion that we go up to 3 acres or \$45,000, depending upon what will give us our most optimal result.

YES: 8

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 5

- D. Hill brought up the issue of getting ideas from the members regarding getting members both old and new to be more involved with the company. If anyone has any ideas, please bring them to the Board or any of the officers.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: We will be having the leftovers that were frozen after the community dinner (ziti and meatballs that Joe's mom made).

NUMBER ATTENDING: 13 at first, 14 later.

VOTING: 11 at first, then 12, and then 13 later, with G. Greenlee arriving and M. Henry returning in time for the land deal, so that W. Miga could vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT: 21:20, made by B. Bealo and seconded by A. Silvestri

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2011

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**