

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

April 2, 2012

PRESENT: M. Henry, W. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, B. Bealo, C. Hoyt, M. Belensky, A. Green, T. Mason, J. Brown, J. Drotar, F. Trzcinski, R. Serowik, D. Kerila, K. Miga, J. Hardik, G. Greenlee (at very end)

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:33

MINUTES FROM 03/05/2012 ACCEPTED: Motion by J. Drotar, seconded by R. Serowik.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$9289.24
General checking: \$22,129.04

Activity: \$3429.76
2% Money: \$5302.71

Total checking: \$31,418.28

Motion to accept: J. Drotar seconded by F. Trzcinski

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- We are working on the budget and are almost finished with it.
- Last Thursday Mark H. went to Newark Valley for a course regarding legal and liability for fire departments in case of an accident with a firefighter or piece of equipment. We have probably 99% of everything that was suggested already in place. Seatbelt laws were especially emphasized.
- We are awaiting a quote from an electrician to finish the work on the station bay doors.
- B. Dieffenbacher is assembling a list of all of the benefits that are available for members of the company so that everyone will be aware of what is available.
- B. Dieffenbacher is in contact with our FEMA representative and is working out the details of whether or not she needs to complete all of our reports before work can begin on repairing the flood damage at Station 1.

- Thanks to A. Green for arranging for the signage to be installed on Station 1 and street numbers at both stations. The work has been completed at Station 1 and will be finished at Station 2 this week.
- Land deal is in the hands of the lawyers; it has been fully surveyed and staked.
- Thanks to G. Greenlee for removing the rebar from the ditch at Station 1.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Updated House Fire run cards for Tanker districts was sent to website this morning for the members' side.
- BOG's have been updated and for the most part are complete. I am hoping to have them reviewed by the Officers and then have them published this month. PESH Policies are also complete and will be published with BOG's in a separate binder at each station.
- Manpower at alarms has been excellent, keep it up!
- There was a discussion at the officers' meeting yesterday about officially retiring Engine 53. This is mainly due to maintenance costs; it is very expensive for how little it gets used. More information to follow when available.
- Maine's House and Building Fire run cards are officially updated as of Friday. Squad and Tanker to the scene, 24hrs a day. Also, Endicott Fire will be FAST Team.
- Airport run cards and some new info (no changes) was sent to the website.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Response to calls has been very good. Thank you to everyone who is going to calls.
- I will be leaving on 04/05/2012 for vacation and will not be back until 04/17/2012.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- We were having discussions this week regarding getting called out by law enforcement to close roads for incidents that are not fire-related (such as weather-related) we are not covered by insurance; therefore Fire Police will not

be responding to these incidents. Assisting with traffic controls for parades is okay.

EMS:

- Full-scale airport drill which occurs every 3 years is scheduled for 05/12/2012. Our department (tanker) and med team respond to this. It will be taking place in the daytime this year and will run until roughly 13:00. Food will be provided afterwards.
- We are in the process of implementing an electronic PCR reporting system which will be phased in during this year. It is free initially for the first year and will include fire reporting at no extra cost. There is a demonstration of capabilities including fire capabilities at the public safety building on Wednesday, 04/25/2012 at 19:00 for about 2 hours. The old system will be shut down at the end of the year.
- UHS teaching day is 04/14/2012. Seven members were approved to attend this and are all registered. First program starts at 8 a.m.
- Transition to a new set of regional protocols is taking place, with target date of 07/01/2012 for ALS and BLS providers on 01/01/2013. I will send out an e-mail with a link to the members for review; I advise everyone to start looking at these.
- EMS training will be on the 04/19/2012 at Maine Ambulance at 19:00; this will be for preparation for the airport drill.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Electronic PCR system mentioned above will be stand-alone and web-based. There will be some training involved for the officers to get them up to speed on this.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- I am working on a schedule for physicals with the Board. More to follow.

MAINTENANCE:

- Portable battery has been put on the tanker; there was a charging issue during the last few weeks.
- Annual service will start once the budget has been approved. All small trucks except the Utility have been serviced. I will inform everyone of when the maintenance is scheduled and Har-Rob is coming.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service to my knowledge.

TRAINING:

- We have a lot of people signed up for County classes all over the place, so the Utility will be gone here and there.
- Airport drill is coming up (see above).
- D. Hill, M. Belensky, and myself passed the ICS-300 class (congrats!)

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

We voted on whether to participate in the County-wide Recruitment Day on Saturday, April 21st.

YES: 11

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 2

Thank you to Kelly Hoyt and Chris for providing the delicious dinner tonight, which was a welcome change from our usual take-out.

NEW BUSINESS

People should be at Station 1 and Station 2 at 09:00 on 04/21/2012 for the County-wide recruitment day in order to clean up and set up.

Bradley Bennett's 6-month probation period is up. Two officers recommend extending probation; two recommend termination. We voted to extend his probation for another 3 months:

YES: 9

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 5

J. Drotar brought up a question about a new entrance to the parking lot at Station 1 so we do not have to enter/exit from Spring Street; this apparently requires a variance from the Town. Mark H. will check with the DOT regarding this.

M. Henry is waiting for a call from two Boy Scouts working towards Eagle. If they call their project will be to move the monument on the corner of Nanticoke and Union Center-Maine Highway down to Station 1.

Thanks to D. Kerila for ordering the food for the meeting.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: J. Hardik

NUMBER ATTENDING: 15; then 16 for the last vote.

VOTING: 13; then 14 at very end.

TIME ADJORNED: 20:45

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 2012 at 19:30

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**