

**UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY**  
**COMPANY MEETING**

May 7, 2012

**PRESENT:** M. Henry, W. Miga, A. Silvestri, R. Serowik, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, J. Brown, D. Hill, F. Trzcinski, S. Bealo, M. Belensky, C. Hoyt, K. Miga, B. Bealo, K. Greenlee, G. Greenlee

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 20:00

**MINUTES FROM** 04/02/2012 **ACCEPTED:** Motion by A. Green , seconded by F. Trzcinski

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking: \$9279.74  
General checking: \$21,167.28

Activity: \$5137.71  
2% Money: \$3585.26

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Total checking: \$30,447.02

We have sent up an account at Home Central, if anyone needs to purchase any hardware items.

Motion to accept: B. Bealo, seconded by D. Hill

***BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

We were notified by J. Graupman that he would like to be placed back on active status following his leave of absence.

J. Hardik has requested a leave of absence from the company to attend to family responsibilities.

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS***

In terms of physicals, we will draft a policy that new members can attend training but will not be allowed to actually physically participate in training or go to calls until they have their physicals. For existing members, a physical will be done every other year. A reminder will be sent out in January for those members who need them; they will need to be completed by June. For physicals not completed by the deadline, members will become Member Not in Good standing until the physical is done. We are still working on

where the physicals will ultimately occur, but for now people in need of physicals will go to Lourdes in Binghamton.

For the bay doors, we are going to purchase the needed equipment ( coil cords, junction boxes and wire), schedule a work detail, and do it ourselves. If needed, we will then have Overhead Doors check everything we have done.

All flood repairs have been approved. We need to decide on who will do the work. The work needs to be done by February 2013. This will include the grading in the rear and also the back wall at Station 1.

Regarding the land deal, there seems to be some question regarding the survey and it might need to be redone. All of this needs to be worked out between the lawyers.

## ***OFFICER REPORTS***

### **CHIEF:**

- The chiefs met with a sales rep and ordered new equipment for the year, which should be arriving in the next month or so.
- Captain Hill made appointments for four members to get new gear this year. We are switching manufacturers and will be going back to Morning Pride. The gear will look very similar to what we currently have, however.
- This is a reminder for when we are on the scene: no one except the incident commander should talk to family members or members of the press due to the sensitive nature of the situation.
- BOGs are completed. I am just doing some minor reviews. They will be printed this month. There are 58 of them, but here are only a couple of new ones. PESH documents have been signed off and will be put in a separate binder at each station.

### **FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- Thank you to the auxiliary members for participating in Saturday training, which went very well. We will be doing more training with the auxiliary in the future.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the open house.
- I am currently working on getting pictures and descriptions of equipment for sale together to put on the auction site, including Engine 1.

### **SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- Crew integrity is very important. Make sure that you stay with your crew; complete any assignments you are given and get back with your crew right away.
- The open house was very good and we had good participation. I appreciate all of the cleaning that was done by the members who were at Station 2 that day.

**DAY CAPTAIN:** No report.

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:** No report.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT:** No report.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT:** No report.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:** No report.

**EMS:**

- J. Hardik has taken a leave of absence, which creates a few issues for me. I will need someone from EMS to coordinate the airport drill on Saturday. Please let me know if you are able to do this. There is also an opening for EMS lieutenant; let me know if you are interested as the chief appoints this position.
- Next EMS training will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On June 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a live burn for Firefighter 1 class at Vestal. They need EMS people for this. I am going to try to get us on the schedule for this so that we can do more rehab training.
- Regarding the new electronic PCR system which also includes fire reporting, M. Henry signed the agreement for this. There is a workbook that we can start using; B. Bealo is beginning to review this. Our free year starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but we plan on starting to use this sooner. This system works very well on mobile devices as well as stationary computers.

**FIRE MARSHAL:**

- We will be able to start practicing and training on the new PCR/Fire reporting system from the second week of June through the last week of July. This will allow us to put fake calls into the system and learn how to use it. On August 1<sup>st</sup> we can go live after they dump the system and we are shooting for this date. W. Miga and I are working on putting in the hard data with names, vehicles, etc. so that it is all set up for us when we begin training.

**SAFETY OFFICER:**

- Keep hydrated in the warmer weather.
- During the last couple of incidents I was glad to see that we got the large traffic caution signs up to notify drivers of the situation ahead.

**AUXILIARY:**

- We had a successful training on Saturday. We would like to thank the firefighters who were there and gave us feedback to help us find ways to be more efficient.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- Our annual service week for large apparatus begins May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Next week state inspections will start for the large apparatus, which will be done two per day. Har-Rob can't do state inspections. S
- Small apparatus is all done for the year.

**AIR/CASCADE:**

- I am proud to announce that J. Brown will be taking over the air and cascade duties with my assistance for this year.
- J. Brown's first report is that everything is in service.

**TRAINING:**

- Congratulations to G. Greenlee, D. Kerila and A. Green for completion of the vehicle crash course in Ohio this past weekend.
- Reminder for those who signed up: Tranker drill in West Corners (both rigs) is tomorrow night. Be prompt for this as it will be a big evolution. Be there by 6:45 at West Corners Station 1.

**HEALTH/SAFETY:** No report.

**AUDIT:** No report.

**PARADE:**

- No Apalachin parade this year and no field days. Everything is cancelled due to the long-term effects of flooding.
- There will be a parade on May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) at 09:00 in Maine and one at 10:30 in Endicott. I need someone to be in charge of these as I will be working. I will send out announcements; please let me know if you would like to be in charge.

**SOCIAL:**

- M. Belensky talked to C. Haight about working on the barbecue for June 9<sup>th</sup> and C. Haight said that he would like to coordinate things with the auxiliary to do this. M. Belensky will speak with C. Haight further about this matter and get things going.

**BYLAW:** No report.

**B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:** No report.

**WEB SITE:**

- Updates have been completed.

**RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:**

- We received applications for three people during the recruiting day.

Henry Polhamus on Boswell Hill, who was with Vestal Fire Station 4 for 12 years. Interested in scene support and fire police. All references checked out.

YES: 13

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0



Mark has not heard back from the Boy Scouts who were thinking about moving the monument for their Eagle projects.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:** J. Brown or Auxiliary

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** 16

**VOTING:** 13

**TIME ADJORNED:** 20:55

**NEXT MEETING:** June 4, 2012

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**