

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

December 3, 2012

PRESENT: M. Henry, W. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, K. Miga, R. Serowik, T. Mason, J. Brown, D. Hill, F. Trzcinski, A. Silvestri

(M. Belensky and C. Hoyt came to the meeting but left to go to an Officer Only call before the meeting started and missed the whole thing.)

CALLED TO ORDER: 20:10

MINUTES FROM 11/05/2012 ACCEPTED: Motion by F. Trzcinski seconded by A. Green pending correction. (Glenn Roberts found an error on the start time; this will be corrected on the website).

TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking:
General checking:

Activity:
2% Money:

Total checking:

Motion to accept:

***Bill forgot to bring his official report this evening; once he gives me the numbers I will fill them in before the minutes are posted on the website.

Discussion regarding who is paying for Tanker repairs; supposedly the State is paying for this. A. Green brought up that fuel receipts from Long Beach trip can also be submitted for reimbursement.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chris Haight sent a letter stating his intention to return to active status as of 01/01/2012.

We received the contract from Maine.

We tried to donate Engine 1 to the City. They said that they appreciated the offer, but are afraid that it will fall apart very soon as they run thousands of calls per month. M. Henry also heard that Rockaway needs rigs and A. Green mentioned Long Beach; we will continue to look for a place to donate the Engine.

We received quotes for ice machines for the auxiliary and the Station. Discussion regarding if this should be purchased and where it should be placed, as it would require arrangements for drainage. F. Trczinski suggested buying bags of ice and keeping them in the freezer instead of buying an ice machine, which seems like a good solution for the time being. We will do this as a trial and if we need an ice machine in the future, we will get one.

Renewal for FASNY has come up and M. Henry asked if there are any objections to renewing this. R. Serowik thinks that it is a good idea as it is a lobbying organization.

We received a thank you e-mail from Ed McManus for everyone's support when his father passed away.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Back door at Station 2 will hopefully be fixed in the next few weeks; the contractor just had back surgery.

The work on the Station 1 overhead doors for PESH violation is complete. Station 2 will be worked on after the holidays.

Downspouts in rear of Station 1 are fixed thanks to A. Green and G. Greenlee.

Our physicals will be handled by either UHS or Lourdes. We have ruled out the mobile company.

A decision is made regarding the type of racks to purchase at Station 2 and they are in the process of being ordered.

B. Dieffenbacher turned in the last report to FEMA from the flood and is waiting for acknowledgement that they received it. They are very busy with Sandy right now. Many thanks to B. Dieffenbacher for all of the work you did for us.

Land deal has hit another snafu and is on hold again while the situation is clarified.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF: Not report due to call.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: Not report due to call.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- I have been going to Saturday training and I am really impressed with the people who have been attending training on Saturdays, including our two new recruits, J. Pedro and J. Barrie. Everyone is doing a great job.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Forestry grant has been completed. We purchased a forestry pump, two sections of hard suction hose (low pressure), pump and hand primer, four rakes, and two Indian tanks that are more ergonomic. Everything is up in the cage until brush fire season.
- We have had complaints regarding our structural firefighting gloves. I have some demo gloves of different sizes; please try them out and let me know how you like them.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- We have lots of new equipment. I noticed that the batteries drain on the new red/green batons when not in use; please unscrew them a bit when they are not being used and remember to screw them tight when needed. The new batons are on the Squad, Pumper Tanker, Utility and Brush.

EMS:

- We had a team meeting a couple of weeks ago and came up with a plan to prioritize our spending.
- We have new regional protocols even affecting BLS agencies. We will be doing training during the first quarter next year. All EMS members will have to go through 3 hours of protocol update training. Rehab is becoming part of the protocol; I imagine that a lot of people will be coming here for advice on implementing a rehab program for their own agencies.
- Homeland Security is providing a cyanide antidote to some agencies. A cyanide antidote will be available from Union Ambulance. Fire smoke is the most common cause of cyanide poisoning; this antidote costs about \$750 a dose.
- Our equipment is all currently up to date, including medications.
- New EMTs are taking the written exam on 12/20/2012; results should be available in 4 weeks. Then crew chief evaluations will begin.
- Spring EMS course schedule is posted on the website.
- If you are in the CME recertification class, there will be a 13-hour class available on March 9th and 10th at the public safety building, which will count as part of the 48 hours of electives. There will be 13-hour class available in the fall as well.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Reports are getting better. Keep up the good work; 100% done for November.

AUXILIARY:

- Children's Christmas party will take place this weekend with adult Christmas party the following weekend. Please respond to invitations if you have not done so already.
- Thank you to R. Serowik and K. Serowik for presenting the rehab training session.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE: No report due to call.

AIR/CASCADE:

- One pack from the Rescue is OOS but has been replaced with one from the bags on the floor at Station 2.

TRAINING: No report due to call.

- D. Hill reported that Broome Fire has classes scheduled on their website for next year (including FF 1 and FF 2).

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT:

- Audit was completed on 11/14/2012 and all information was found to be accurate and in order.

PARADE:

- Thank you to all who attended and helped out with the parades.

SOCIAL: See Auxiliary section.

BYLAW:

- Nothing for this month, but we will work on correcting the bylaws regarding the fire officer classes, which have changed, for next month.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: No report (meeting this Friday).

WEB SITE: No report.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP: Currently no new applications.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Nothing currently.

OPENING OF NOMINATIONS BOARD: M. Henry opened the nominations board for the elections. The board will close on 01/07/2012. Please e-mail K. Miga with any other nominations. This is how the nomination board currently stands as of the end of this meeting.

CHIEF: C. Hoyt, M. Belensky

1st ASSIST: C. Hoyt, M. Belensky, D. Hill

2nd ASSIST: C. Hoyt, M. Belensky, D. Hill

FIRE POLICE: T. Mason

EMS: R. Serowik

CAPT 1 and CAPT 2: C. Haight, J. Mann, B. Gazdik, J. VanKuren, D. Hill

LIEUTENANT 1 and 2: J. Mann and B. Gazdik

BOARD: W. Miga, M. Henry

SUNSHINE:

- Sympathy card sent to the Dieffenbacher family.
- Sympathy card and sympathy arrangement sent to the McManus family.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Many thanks to Kelley Henry, who cooked a wonderful dinner for us that included pork roast, green bean casserole, roasted potatoes, salad, and cake.

A. Green reported that HAZMAT has a river and stream spill response trailer in place as of last Thursday. There is a whole trailer designated just for river and stream spills.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: No volunteers

NUMBER ATTENDING: 13 tried to attend, but 2 had to leave for a call, which left 11 for the entire meeting.

VOTING: 10

TIME ADJORNED: 21:00

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**