

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

December 2, 2013

PRESENT: M. Henry, G. Greenlee, C. Hoyt, F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar, A. Holton, B. Polhamus, K. Greenlee, T. Mason, W. Miga, B. Dffenbacher, A. Silvestri, K. Miga, M. Wiley

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:40

MINUTES FROM: 11/04/2013 **ACCEPTED:** J. Drotar, seconded by W. Miga

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$14,638.06
General checking: \$9,034.40

Activity: \$5,011.70
2% Money: \$9,626.36

Last month's budget was sent out. Let me know if you have any issues. You may start thinking about what you would like to purchase next year. I have made two lists of businesses with which we have accounts; one for anyone to refer to and the other that will be mostly used by officers. I will post the general list at each station near the phones.

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

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

D. Kerila changed his status to EMS only due to time constraints.

We received a letter from a dispatcher with Hackensack Fire Department who is also a comedian. He does comedy fundraisers for fire departments and also is available to host dinners and other events. richcarucci.com is his website address if anyone is interested in investigating this further.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

We held a board work session on 11/21/2013 and met with the director of Lourdes Occupational Health. They are moving to a new location in Vestal in January which will be located behind Lowes. We are also investigating whether it would be worthwhile to use their mobile unit service. In any case, it appears that we will continue using Lourdes for our physicals for the time being.

Regarding the status of the monument, A. Silvestri said that the Town will dig the hole for it in the spring. He provided a copy of the letter from the Legion Post giving us permission to move the monument, so this project is moving forward.

There are various projects such as parking lot maintenance and grease-trap cleaning that are being placed on hold until the spring.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- Thank you to the Engine 98 crew for providing this service very frequently lately.
- Work is being done for the projector and training room computer, with only a few final touches needed. This may be completed by Friday.
- New batteries have been ordered for the thermal imagers on the Squad, Pumper-Tanker and Rescue.
- There are new extension cords on the Pumper-Tanker. (Discussion regarding the adapters that Maine provided and how they may not be working; this will be checked out.)
- Quick change blades for hacksaws are on the Squad and Pumper-Tanker.
- There are new snow shovels at both stations.
- I am working on BOG for hour-requirements for service or training for the different classes of membership. Currently the firefighter classification is the only one with requirements. I would like this to go into effect in January and we need ways of tracking this for EMS, Auxiliary, Fire Police and Business members. I have talked to T. Mason about Fire Police requirements being the same as Firefighter. I will talk to R. Serowik about EMS and K. Greenlee about Auxiliary. If anyone has any ideas, questions or input let me or any officer know.
- Changes to run cards for Maine allowing us to run 24/7 should be done this week. If these are not done by Friday, I will follow up to find out why.
- Silvestri asked about rollover response issue that was discussed a couple months ago.) Western Broome is looking at this currently. All departments in our district agree, so changes should go district-wide if not County-wide in the future.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Use extra caution when responding to stations and calls during slippery weather.
- I want to wish everyone a safe holiday season.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- My work on the monument was already mentioned under Board Communications.
- I went to the drill at the church. W. Miga did a really good job coordinating it with J. VanKuren and Steve (from the church). We found a lot of things that were lacking and what we could do better. I was really impressed with the whole thing and we worked out a lot of problems.
- Ladder testing is finished.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Training has been going well.
- Thank you everyone who has been running Engine 98!

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

- Gear inventory is up to date and going well.
- Thank you to everyone who has been running Engine 98 recently.

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- A. Silvestri already covered the church training; we seem to be developing a good relationship with the church staff and members and have been working well together.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- Thank you for running Engine 98.

EMS:

(Captain)

- CPR (both Original and Refresher) course will be held on Saturday 12/14/2013 beginning at **11:00 AM (note the time)** at Station 1. Members in all categories (and family members, if there is space in the course) are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a professional rescuer course that will cover victims in all age groups and will take 4 - 5 hours to complete.
- R. Bealo and I attended the ImageTrend "summit" on 11/21/2013 and learned a great deal. ImageTrend will launch a new platform next year called "ImageTrend Elite", which promises to be at the same time more powerful and simpler to use. The program will run in your internet browser, but will work the same whether or not you have a live internet connection as you use it. It will also work across multiple operating systems, including Windows, IOS, and Android, so it will work on a wide variety of mobile devices. Our region will probably be the first place in New York State to get it, but it may not arrive until the third quarter of next year. This may affect what type of device we choose for field data acquisition on EMS 53.
- There will be a FREE distance learning program on Trauma Triage and Helicopter Utilization on Wednesday 12/11/2013, beginning at 18:30 at the Broome County Public Safety Facility. Food and refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by calling 607-563-8116.**
- REMINDER: Please complete your medical history forms and give them to A. Holton ASAP. Contact me if you need an envelope.
- The next scheduled EMS training will be Thursday 12/19/2013 at 19:00 at Station 1.
- An EMT and CFR Refresher will begin on 01/04/2014. If you are an expired CFR or EMT, please consider recertifying if your certification has expired (there is no

limit on how long you can be expired and still take a refresher). Please contact me with any questions.

(Lieutenant)

- Take EMS home and put it in service.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- Speaker microphone was replaced on the Tanker's portable.
- A radio strap was put on the Pumper-Tanker driver's portable.
- Numerous replacement batteries were purchased for the thermal imagers. If any other batteries are needed, let the Chief or myself know.
- All major repairs are up to date. The electrical issue on the Pumper-Tanker was located and repaired, fixing the speedometer back-lighting. The wiper arm was replaced on the Utility.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service at this time.
- I will be scheduling annual flow testing on all of the packs for early January.
- I also plan to schedule fit testing for one Tuesday night in January, since January is our month to host Tuesday drill. I'm assuming Maine will schedule a night in February for their fit testing, which provides our members a second opportunity to complete their fit test. Please remember that ALL current green tags and anyone working towards their green tags must complete a fit test each year. Anyone who doesn't complete their fit test at one of these two sessions will have to make arrangements with another neighboring department to get it completed.

TRAINING:

- On Saturday, 12/07/2013 Bill Frantz will be holding an OSHA training day covering bloodborne pathogens, station responder safety and sexual harassment at station 1 at 9 a.m. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.
- I am looking for someone to cover the month of January for training. If interested, let me know.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Johnson City's Holiday Parade is 12/05/2013. Meet at Station 2 at 18:00. W. Miga is the contact person.
- Endicott Holiday Parade is 12/07/2013 meet at Station 2 at 15:00. W. Miga will be the contact person. (UPDATE: W. Miga will be out of town at the time of the

MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION: None.

SUNSHINE:

- Thank you sent to Brianna Bealo for providing the great dinner for the November meeting.
- Thank you sent to Union Center Christian Church for two donations: one for our participation in the Fall Festival and one for the simulated call done there last month for training.

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you to Brianna Bealo for the great dinner of chili and homemade cornbread and chocolate zucchini bread.

W. Miga said that the back/side door at Station 2 (into the hallway) is not working properly. M. Henry said to try listening for a click and then turning the handle.

NEW BUSINESS

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you to C. Hoyt for ordering dinner.

A. Holton questioned whether the hydrant at Station 2 was still broken as it appeared to have water bubbling up around it. C. Hoyt said that it is fixed but is just settling now.

C. Hoyt said that if there is any equipment needed, we can start the wish list for next year.

Nomination board was open for the upcoming elections. It will be open through 01/06/2013, when it will close. After 01/06/2013 no new nominations will be added, but anyone whose name appears on the nomination board can remove his/her name up to and including the day of the elections.

Someone nominated everyone whose name still appeared on the eligibility list that was sent out previously; if you did not contact K. Miga to remove your name, then you are now nominated for each and every position where your name appears. If you want to decline the nomination, notify K. Miga. As no names were previously listed for Fire Police and EMS Captains, feel free to continue to make nominations for these two offices (some nominations have been made).

CHIEF:

- M. Belensky
- C. Hoyt
- A. Silvestri

ASSISTANT CHIEF 1 and 2:

- M. Belensky
- D. Hill
- C. Hoyt
- A. Silvestri

CAPTAIN Day and Night:

- M. Belensky
- D. Hill
- C. Hoyt
- B. Gazdik
- J. Mann
- A. Silvestri
- J. VanKuren

LIEUTENANT 1 and 2:

- K. Battaglini
- R. Bealo
- M. Belensky
- B. Frantz
- B. Gazdik
- D. Hill
- D. Hoeflein
- C. Hoyt
- J. Mann
- W. Miga
- A. Silvestri
- J. VanKuren
- M. Wiley

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- T. Mason

EMS CAPTAIN:

- R. Serowik
- D. Kerila

BOARD MEMBERS: (Two 3-year terms are open and one 1-year term as A. Green is moving and will be resigning from the board.)

- K. Battaglini
- S. Bealo
- R. Bealo
- E. Belensky
- M. Belensky
- B. Dieffenbacher

- B. Frantz
- B. Gazdik
- J. Graupman
- C. Haight (if not inactive as of February.)
- D. Hill
- D. Hoeflein
- C. Hoyt
- J. Mann
- M. Mason
- G. Roberts
- K. Serowik
- R. Serowik
- A. Silvestri
- C. Sorochman
- J. VanKuren
- M. Wiley

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: M. Henry

NUMBER ATTENDING: 14

VOTING: 10

TIME ADJORNED: 21:10

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2014

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**