

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

January 6, 2014

PRESENT: G. Greenlee, B. Dieffenbacher, R. Bealo, C. Hoyt, K. Miga, J. Drotar, M. Wiley, F. Trzcinski, K. Greenlee, R. Greenlee, A. Greenlee, M. Belensky, H. Polhamus, B. Polhamus, T. Mason, R. Serowik, A. Green, J. Brown, W. Miga, K. Battaglini, M. Henry (late)

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:32

MINUTES FROM: 12/02/2013 **ACCEPTED:** J. Drotar, seconded by F. Trzcinski

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$7959.93
General checking: \$16,552.59

Activity: \$5034.46
2% Money: \$2925.47

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

I have a budget started for the coming year and we have two budget meetings scheduled. One will be on 01/27/2014 and the other on 02/17/2014; both at 6:30 at Station 1. You can start updating the wish list for 2014.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Charles and Mary Place of Apalachin donated \$50 to the company in honor of their friends K. and G. Greenlee.

We received an e-mail from A. Green that he is resigning from the board of directors as he is moving out of the district. This leaves a 1-year board term that will be filled during the elections next month.

We received an e-mail from A. Green that he has moved out of the district but would like to be a business member in the company. A motion was made and seconded that A. Green be allowed to remain in the company as a business member.

YES: 14

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

W. Miga presented an "objection of eligibility" to the secretary, as per the bylaws, as he completed the ICS-200 class after the board's list of members eligible to run for office was finalized and he now feels that he is eligible to run for the captain's position. He

included proof that he has completed the course. A motion was made and seconded that W. Miga would be considered eligible to run for captain.

YES: 14

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Members not in good standing for this quarter:

- R. Bealo (this is questioned and may not be correct; it is being investigated).
- D. Hill
- A. Green (although he is a business member now because of the earlier vote).

We received a note of thanks from Alice Fiacco for the Christmas gifts that we gave her. It has been posted on the bulletin board.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

M. Henry was held up at work and A. Green resigned from the board; we did not have a quorum to hold a board meeting. We had a work session instead, focusing mostly on board issues. The only item of general interest to members at present is that the roof at Station 2 was leaking. G. Greenlee made arrangements to have this repaired and it seems to be okay now; however, we are awaiting an estimate to possibly have more permanent work done on it.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- New hour BOG requirement went into effect as of 01/01/2014. Nothing changed for the fire category, which is the only one that had any requirements for remaining active. There are now requirements for everyone; everything has a measureable means of determining if you may retain your active status. There will be a 10-hour requirement for everyone, not just the fire category. The big change with EMS is that it is not a training requirement; it is to take the EMS home 10 hours per quarter. Auxiliary needs to turn sheets in when you are doing things to make sure that you get credit. January to March is the first quarter. This is a big change and we will see how things go. Everyone should try their best to meet the hours.
- Congratulations to A. Holton for completing the Firefighter 1 class and to D. Hoeflein for completing Firefighter 2.
- Thanks to all for running Engine 98.
- At the next Western Broome Chiefs meeting, we will be discussing instituting Rescue 98, where a Rescue can be run along with a Squad if we have the manpower to cover both.
- Chris Dyer is stepping in to work on audio text messaging. You will be able to get the dispatch audio with a text message. You can listen to the dispatch call on your phone. Once this is up and running, you may request to be added to the distribution list. This will not take the place of pagers.

- I am going to meet with B. Gazdik and make arrangements for the incentive program, which will be sent out soon.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- A case of flares was donated to us by the sheriff's department.
- Use caution in this bad weather. Dress for the weather and take your time answering calls. Remember that OUR lives come first.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Thanks to all for running Engine 98.
- Consider the fact that the weather is poor and remember to carry an extra pair of gloves and put extra clothes in your car to change into when you return from a call.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- I would like to thank everyone who has been running Engine 98.
- Saturday training has been going well.
- I would like to thank R. Serowik and K. Serowik for running the CPR class and B. Frantz for running the OSHA classes.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT:

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT:

- We took the Rescue and EMS to the Christmas parade in Johnson City last month. It was nice -- a lot warmer than previous years.
- I had an opportunity to join the regular Engine 98 crew last month and I encourage you to join them, too, when you get a chance. While I was at Engine 98, I reconciled the fob data between the old and new systems. Anyone who lost access due to the computer change before Election Day should have access again.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- I made a change on the map book on the Squad today. I split up the book so that it easier for the driver and officer to use.
- Thank you for running Engine 98.

EMS:

- Wind chill is going to get extremely low tonight. If you are outside, leave no exposed skin as it will freeze in about 5 minutes. Cover everything to keep the wind off of you. If there is a call and you are outdoors for extended periods, rotate personnel. No one should be off on his own and unsupervised. This weather can kill.

- If you have not gotten a flu shot yet, there is a free flu shot clinic on 01/15/2014 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the health department. Show your fire department ID and get a free shot. It is not too late to get one.
- Training for the Narcan program will take place on 01/16/2013 at 7 p.m. at Station 1 for all EMS personnel. This is administered differently than for the ALS environment. I have ordered the necessary equipment. We have seen a lot of opioid overdoses here and Narcan can make a difference in these cases. I will work on putting this into service as soon as we get it.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Thanks to everyone who has been running Engine 98.
- All fire reports are done for 2013.

SAFETY OFFICER:

- I am going to do training for the month of January, except on 01/21/2014. This will include strategy, tactics, ventilation, etc. It is a repeat of the stuff that I did a year ago. I encourage you to attend. We will be inside tomorrow night!

MAINTENANCE:

- Driver's seat in the Pumper Tanker was reupholstered.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service as of right now.
- Flow testing will be done this week at Station 1 on Thursday and Station 2 on Friday. The Engine 98 crew has volunteered to help at Station 2 on Friday.
- Fit testing will be on a Tuesday night in January; I will let everyone know the date as soon as I know. We will run training simultaneously with fit testing on that night.

TRAINING:

- K. Battaglini will be doing training for the month of January.
- Training hours have been completed for the year.
- I am still looking for someone to run training in March; if anyone is interested, let me know.
- We are sending four people to the fire academy in January and the County will be paying for this. It is a course on cold water and ice rescue. M. Wiley, A. Holton, B. Gazdik, and D. Hoeflein are going.

HEALTH/SAFETY:

- OSHA PESH report will be done this week and will be posted by the first of next month.

AUDIT:

- We are setting up a time and date for the next audit.

PARADE:

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas parades.

AUXILIARY:

- We had successful Christmas parties for the adults and children.
- We purchased new Christmas decorations for next year.
- The auxiliary will be voting for officers in February.

BYLAW:

- This proposal was a clarification of the unclear bylaw regarding what position business members may serve. The proposal is to allow business members to hold any board position.

YES: 14

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- This proposal is to change the bylaws from only allowing one business member on the board to allowing two business members to serve simultaneously on the board. (Note that the number of voting members changed to 15 members as M. Henry arrived).

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: No report.

WEBSITE:

- The website is up to date.
- G. Greenlee asked whether a feature could be added to the website so that people can make a donation through the website. M. Henry said that our PayPal needs to be set up so that it can accept payments as well as make them. The website committee will look into this.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP: No report.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: None.

MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION: None.

SUNSHINE:

- Thank you sent to the owners of Kelli's Too for hosting the joint Maine Fire/Union Center event.
- Thank you sent to Charles and Mary Place of Apalachin, who donated \$50 to the company in honor of their friends K. and G. Greenlee.

OLD 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
- Silvestri

ASSISTANT CHIEF 1 and 2:

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

CAPTAIN Day and Night:

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

- J. VanKuren
- M. Wiley

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you to K. Greenlee for ordering dinner.

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

R. Serowik nominated A. Holton for EMS captain and declined the nomination for himself. R. Bealo nominated W. Miga for both captain positions; W. Miga agreed to the nomination for night captain only. M. Belensky declined the nomination for the captains, lieutenants and board positions.

Motion made by R. Bealo to close the nomination board, seconded by R. Serowik. The nomination board is closed and no more names can be added prior to the elections; however, names can be removed up to and including the elections on 02/01/2014.

As of now, the nomination board looks like this:

CHIEF:

- Belensky
- Hoyt

ASSISTANT CHIEF 1 and 2:

- Belensky
- Hoyt
- Silvestri

CAPTAIN (DAY):

- Gazdik
- Mann
- Silvestri
- VanKuren

CAPTAIN (NIGHT):

- Gazdik
- Mann
- W. Miga
- VanKuren

LIEUTENANT 1:

- Frantz
- Gazdik
- Hoeflein
- Mann
- W. Miga
- Silvestri
- VanKuren
- Wiley

LIEUTENANT 2:

- Frantz
- Gazdik
- Hoeflein
- Mann
- W. Miga
- VanKuren
- Wiley

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:

- T. Mason

EMS CAPTAIN:

- Holton
- Kerila

BOARD MEMBERS: (Two 3-year terms and one 1-year term.)

- S. Bealo
- R. Bealo
- E. Belensky
- Dieffenbacher
- Frantz
- Gazdik
- Haight (if not inactive as of February.)
- Silvestri
- Trzcinski
- VanKuren

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual meeting; lunch will be provided by the board.

NUMBER ATTENDING: 20 at first; then M. Henry arrived and the total went up to 21.

VOTING: 14 at first; then 15 after M. Henry's arrival.

TIME ADJORNED: 20:20

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 1, 2014 (annual meeting)

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**