

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2016

PRESENT: W. Miga, R. Bealo, K. Battaglini, B. Dieffenbacher, K. Miga, C. Hoyt, J. Drotar, D. Dieffenbacher

NOT PRESENT:

Cell tower: A request was made by Gordie for a summary of the terms outlined in the contract with the cell tower company, which Wes sent out to the members. Wes will remind the members that they cannot discuss the terms of the contract with anyone outside of the company.

Building committee: We need to figure out a plan for the things that need to be addressed by the building committee during the blacktopping season when Ken is busy with his business, since Mark Henry has not been around. Ken said that he would talk to Gordie, who is a member of the building committee, about taking over for him during that time to make sure that things are being accomplished.

Washing machine at Station 1: The washing machine seems to be mysteriously working again after Bill and Gordie pushed some of the buttons. Joe suggested that perhaps the machine did not work due to low water pressure this summer. At this point there no longer seems to be a problem.

Task event calendar: Bill will start preparing the budget worksheet for January.

OSHA training: Bob has submitted letters to everyone regarding OSHA training; he is just waiting to see if anyone completes it. There seems to be a bit of confusion regarding the letter that was sent out; Wes will tell the members to speak to Bob if they have any questions.

PESH requirements: Chris checked with Rob Holmes of Endwell and obtained a PESH equivalent training spreadsheet. Following a lengthy discussion, we came to the conclusion that we believe our current firefighters meet all of the requirements of PESH; we will review this if someone comes in from another company, which may actually be more of a subjective test than anything else. Mark Smarr of PESH says that competency should be tested every year for all members. Chris asks what happens if someone is not tested for some reason? Ken says the important thing is that we make the attempt. Wes says that there is a difference between annual competency and getting the required training to begin with; our major concern is if members are not

getting the necessary training and we are putting them into the job. Chris says that we currently have no one with instructor qualifications. This discussion was tabled for the time being due to time constraints.

Cancer study: After a discussion, we concluded that the FASNY communications as well as training should provide members with all of the relevant information regarding this issue. We will take all necessary preventative measures that are feasible regarding handling/washing dirty gear and air packs. We will encourage members to discuss all health concerns with their personal physicians and we will tell the members to have the results from their company physicals sent to their primary care provider.

Next meeting is December 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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