

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

February 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mellott at 19:00 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: Alice Pinto presented the report; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of January there were a total of 114 calls; 63 fire calls and 51 QRS calls. The department failed to respond on 2 QRS calls. Average personal response was 4.9, with 6.0 for fire and 3.6 for QRS. There was no fire loss.

Township's Chief Report: No Report

Captain's Report: No Report

Chief Engineer's Report: Engineer Mellott reported that everything is in working order.

QRS Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: Mike Templeton asked for anyone plowing to please remember not to plow the sidewalk. Only run the plow on the driveway.

County/State Report: No report

Fire Council Report: Chief Slaymaker reported they met in January with nothing to report.

Junior's Report: Scott Weiser reported the schedule for the next 6 months of training is posted on the board in the engine bay. The first training of 2014 is February 11th.

Combined Relief Report: No Report

Banquet Report: No Report

Bulk Purchase: Asst. Chief Tom Hoffman reported there will be a meeting held to discuss the purchase of boots.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton reported registration is open and if anyone has any good ideas for this year, to let herself or Jenn Hollinger know.

Food Service: No Report

Live-ins: No Report

Township SOG: No Report

Standard Apparatus: No Report

Training: Asst. Chief Hoffman reported the statistics for the month of January will be posted next month. Training had been canceled Monday, February 3 due to weather. Tentatively, training for 2/10/14 will be discussing the art of reading smoke and the size ups. The 17th will be building on the size ups and talk about communications and initial actions. People who want to ride up front and feel more comfortable riding up front will want to attend. Hazmat Ops refresher is scheduled for February 24th, with the second night being March 3rd. There will be a training those nights for anyone not taking the class.

Asst. Chief Hoffman also reported the process for taking new classes at the Training Center, HACC or any other training agency requires filling out the forms specific to that agency. When you have finished filling out the form, please put it in Tom's mailbox, or hand it to him directly. There has been some confusion with the forms recently. Any class that has a cost, must also have the MTFR Relief Association paper filled out. Fill both forms out and give them to Tom and he takes it from there. Classes that do not have a cost to them do not require the MTFR Relief form, only the form for the agency.

Uniform: No Report

Website: No Report

Correspondence: None

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. One change that needs to be made is located under the Teddy Elmer Benefit Fund. The total should read \$5363.00, not \$6353.00 due to the \$1,000.00 in change that should not have been included in the total. Chief Slaymaker made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Deb Freysz, and the motion passed.

Old Business: Scott Weiser reported the new committee for P-Truck had been made, and held its first meeting. They are pursuing a new radiator cap replacement, and Brian has a good lead

on a company that can do that. The pump work will be continued and they are moving ahead with the repairs from the accident at Pump Primers.

New Business: Chief Slaymaker reported that Deb Hearn can be allowed 30 days of probation, which was the month of January. The motion was made to accept Deb Hearn as an administrative member. Seconded by Deb Freysz, and the motion passed.

Chief Slaymaker and Jeff Ober met extensively with two new members for the medical side, although one does have fire training, and will help out there as well. The first member is Randy Zimmerman who was a member at both Eden and Southern before he moved out of the area. He is now back in the area, living in West Earl where he is also a member, and works full time as an EMT at Ephrata Hospital. Chief Slaymaker would like to bring Randy up for 90 day probation. The second individual is Rebecca Camacho. She has taken an EMT class with Katelyn and Amber, works at County Radio as a dispatcher and works/volunteers part time with Leola Ambulance. He would like to bring her up for her 90 day probation as well. They will be duty crew for 12 hour shifts of 6pm-6am, mainly on a Friday night to give relief to the live-ins.

Chief Slaymaker reported that a grant was approved for new gear racks. There would be one wall rack and three rolling racks. Installed price of \$16,500. The department has to come up with 10% of the grant, which was for approximately \$13,600. The motion posed by Troy was seconded, and passed.

Chief Slaymaker reported there have been a lot of mechanical issues with the light bar on Squad 207. With Chief Slaymaker and Deputy Chief Elliott needing to replace the lights on their vehicles as well, he would like to replace the Vector bar on Squad 207 with a bar similar to Commands with the LED style. Chief Slaymaker had Nate Hamel come take a look, and give a price for replacing the light, including a discount for him taking the Vector bar for trade in. That price is \$1,050. Troy's motion was seconded by Cheryl Templeton, and the motion passed.

Last month, Chief Slaymaker had asked for an allotted amount to replace the lights on Deputy Chief Elliott's vehicle in the undercover fashion. Since then, Troy's vehicle has been replaced, and needs outfitted as well. The first quote he received from 10-8 was for \$8,000.00. The second quote was from Nate Hamel for \$6,200.00. Troy had Nate come take a look at all the old equipment in P-Trucks bay. With the trade in value of the items found, it would cost \$3,860.00. Nate is giving almost five hundred for the Liberty bars and over six hundred for the sirens. Troy's motion to replace and install both he, and Mike's vehicle lights, radios and sirens was seconded by Asst. Chief Hoffman. The motion passed.

Chief Slaymaker made a motion to reimburse Asst. Chief Hoffman for installing his light bars, radio, and sirens last year on his truck for a total of \$571.32. Cheryl Templeton seconded the motion and it was passed.

Lastly, Chief Slaymaker reported that the committees operational responsibilities will be hung down on the board in the engine bay. There will be two, one for the fire side, and one for the QRS that he and Jeff Ober came up with for 2014.

President Don Mellott reported that the envelopes being handed out by Melissa Templeton held the incentive cards, the Cap statement ending in 2013, and your membership card if you have not received it yet.

The Cap payouts as voted on last month came to a total of \$14,333.45. The executive board has already asked Deputy Chief Elliott for a check from the account to get their payouts taken care of.

President Mellot reported on the committees for 2014. There was a very poor response from people willing to sit on committees. Therefore, several are not being named.

The committees are:

Banquet Committee: Co-chairs Debra Freysz and Gina Seace, Chris Castagna, Timna Fisher and Jeff Kozlowski

Bulk Purchase Committee: Will Herskowitz, Dionicio Acosta, and Asst. Chief Tom Hoffman

Cadet Camp Committee: Co-Chairs Jenn Hollinger and Melissa Templeton, Laura Oberle, Monique Acosta, Patrick Brennan, Rich Denlinger, Dave Harrower, Lisa Slaymaker and Tara Slaymaker

County and State Reps: There is no one currently.

Disciplinary Board: Chair Will Herskowitz, Laura Oberle, Larry Miller, Lisa Slaymaker, and Jeff Stoltzfus

Fire Council: Chief Troy Slaymaker and Deputy Chief Mike Elliott

Food Service: Co-Chairs Manny and Alice Pinto, Barry and Catherine Caldwell, Brian and Marilyn Collins, and Larry and Silvia Miller

Junior Advisor: Scott Weiser

Live-ins: Chair Brian Freysz, Deputy Chief Mike Elliot, David Johnson, President Don Mellott, and Chief Troy Slaymaker

Relief Association: Melissa Templeton- Treasurer, Jeff Ober- Vice President, Will Herskowitz- Equipment Officer, Ben Herskowitz, David Johnson and Don Mellott

Township SOG Committee: Chief Troy Slaymaker

Training: Asst. Chief Tom Hoffman and Will Herskowitz

Uniforms: Jenn Hollinger, Laura Oberle and Gina Seace

Ways and Means Committee: Jenn Hollinger, Laura Oberle and Gina Seace

Website Committee: Chair Dave Harrower and Patrick Brennan

P-Truck Committee: Chair Ray Seace, Mike Templeton, Brian Freysz, Scott Weiser, Ed Berilla, and Rich Denlinger

Lastly, President Mellott brought up that the Executive Board and Line Officers are looking into turning the bunk room into a real bunk room. They are currently getting prices on bunk beds. The broken sofa will be thrown out, and we will be trying to sell the pool table if possible, or throwing it out as well. Gina Seace is trying to advertise it, as well as we are making members aware if they care to purchase it. Prices of bunk beds will be proposed at next month's meeting.

Jenn Hollinger thanked the membership for their help in the recent Teddy Elmer Benefit we hosted. The family is very thankful for the support. We had a good turnout, despite the weather, and the family will be receiving the above mentioned \$5363.00.

For the Good of the Cause: Nothing

A motion was made by Debra Freysz to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1922.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle

Assistant Secretary