

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

January 6, 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 December there were a total of 81 calls; 51 fire calls and 30 QRS calls. Failed to respond on 7 calls. Average response was 5.6 personnel with 5.7 for fire and 5.3 for QRS. No fire loss. Totals for the year were 838 calls; 475 fire and 363 QRS with 74 failed to respond. Average personnel for the year was 4.5. Total fire loss was \$300,000 due to the Ruthridge fire.

**Township's Chief Report:** No Report

**Captain's Report:** Captain Will Herskowitz reported one electrical adapter on Engine 207 needs replaced so we are currently down to one. In the process of working on the annual relief inventory.

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Engineer Mellott reported that once again, Tanker 207 went out of service, and is back in service as of January 3. It was determined the problem was with Peterbuilt and a corroded fuse and fuse holder between the battery and transmission. It has been replaced and it appears is no longer dropping power to the transmission.

**QRS Report:** No Report

**Trustee's Report:** No Report

**County/State Report:** No report

**Fire Council Report:** President Don Mellott reported the council did meet in December at Southern. The only change is the revision of by-laws to include how to elect officers and when to elect officers. They changed meetings to every other month on the odd numbered months,

and to meet at each of the three stations. Next meeting is in January at Eden, then March at Neffsville, May at Southern, July at Eden, September at Neffsville, and November at Southern. Meeting still begin at 6:30pm. Mike Roten was elected as the President of the council, with our own Troy Slaymaker as the Vice President for 2014.

**Junior's Report:** No Report

**Combined Relief Report:** There was to be a meeting January 2, but was rescheduled to January 9 at Station 204.

**Banquet Report:** Just "Save the Date" for Saturday, March 15, 2014.

**Bulk Purchase:** No Report

**Cadet Camp:** Melissa Templeton reported registration opened January 1. A committee meeting is scheduled for January 9, but may need to be rescheduled.

**Food Service:** No Report

**Live-ins:** No Report

**Township SOG:** No Report

**Standard Apparatus:** No Report

**Training:** Captain Herskowitz reported 8 classes, 64 attendees, and 154 hours total for December. There were 158 classes, 632 attendees, and 2,096 hours total for 2013. Will asked that you confirm you are on the email list from Don because he is sending out weekly emails to make you aware of the upcoming training.

**Uniform:** President Mellott reported that D.J. has the baseball hats available for purchase.

**Website:** No Report

**Correspondence:** Jenn Hollinger reported that we received a \$200.00 donation from Gary Overly in memory of the auxiliary members who passed away in 2013. Those members are Arlene Overly, Arlene Templeton, Peanut Rothfus, and Doris Reardon.

**Bills:** Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. Motion by Don Templeton to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Chris Castagna, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:** Brian Freysz made a motion to conclude the repairs to the primer pump on the 1936 P-Truck with Phoenix Fire. The motion was seconded by Troy Slaymaker and passed. Repairs to the P-truck from its July 2013 accident were mentioned, and Brian stated a committee has been created to have them taken care of.

Jenn Hollinger reported on the Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser January 25 benefiting Craig Elmer's grandson. It will be held from 4-8, and staff is being asked to arrive at 2 to begin setting up. A sign-up sheet was passed around to the members present. A request was emailed out county wide to chiefs asking for donations and help. We are looking to get help from some new sources due to having so many fundraisers, and ask across the county since Craig Elmer is known throughout the county. A discussion about what was needed and possible businesses to ask ensued, and Jenn said the committee is handling that, and has another meeting January 11. Some supplies have already been secured.

**New Business:** Chief Slaymaker had a past member to bring up for 90 day probation. Deb Hearn had been a member, but had missed on paying dues. It was asked if her 90 days could be waived, but the SOGs dictate we must give 90 days. Troy also made a motion to pay for the purchase and install of lights and radio on Deputy Chief Mike Elliott's new truck at \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Jeff Ober and the motion passed.

President Mellott reported that the forms were passed out for the incentive program to qualified members. If you needed to see what your points were, you can look at the back board to the far right. Just beside that, you will find the activity report for the first quarter of the 2015 membership year from October 1 to December 31. That is the next column over and will have the listing of administrative, active, social and so forth. You can see what your current status is after the one quarter.

The committee for P-truck has been created with Ray Seace as the chair, Ed Berilla, Brian Freysz, and Mike Templeton. The committee will be responsible for repairs, getting it ready for parades, and things of that nature.

The resignation of a member from the relief committee as stated last month left a position open. No one came to President Mellott asking to be on the committee, so he will be filling the sixth spot. As it is January, we always pay out member of the CAP fund who are no longer members of Neffsville. There are 6 people this year for a total of approximately \$16,200.00. That was the balance as of the end of 2012, and will be adjusted for January 31, 2014. The people are- Elijah Bernet, Christian Brooks, David Hartman, Chris Gast, Larry Marshall, and Todd Swintek. Melissa Templeton made a motion, but a question was posed about Todd Swintek having already been paid out. President Mellott stated that Todd needs to be paid out over 3 years due to the payout being over \$5,000.00. This is the final year, and he will be paid out entirely. The motion was then seconded by Don Templeton, and the motion passed.

President Mellott then began the changing of the officers for 2014. He would like to thank Mike Elliott in particular for his service as chief for the past 8 years. And thanks to Ben Herskowitz,

Deb Freysz, and Derek Duffy. Welcome aboard to Gina Seace and Laura "Boo" Oberle. Ed Berilla was asked to take care of any hard copies of keys that needed to be retrieved or given out.

Anyone interested in sitting on 2014 committees that are posted on the back wall are to see President Mellott before the end of the month so you can be appointed at the next monthly meeting.

**For the Good of the Cause:** Nothing

A motion was made by Chris Castagna to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Brian Freysz. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1920.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle

Assistant Secretary