

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

May 7, 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: Treasurer Melissa Templeton presented the report in Financial Secretary Alice Pinto's absence, and concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of April there were a total of 70 calls; 46 fire calls and 24 QRS calls. The department failed to respond on 6 calls. Average personal response was 5.3, with 6.1 for fire and 3.8 for QRS. A total hours in service of 160.78. There was no fire loss.

Township's Chief Report: Deputy Chief Borry reported for Chief Kane an update on Southern and Eden. A letter of intent is being written up on expectations between the Township and the departments before moving forward on further consolidation. It is to be approved by the commissioners at their May 27 meeting, and then voted on by each company at their business meetings at month's end.

A reminder of the new incentive program that was mentioned at the April 7th MTFR meeting. Flyers have been posted in all stations with the public education events and other requirements to earn points. The safety health week classes are also posted, which will work toward the program as well. Chief Kane will have check off sheets done soon for anyone interested in keeping track themselves, but he and Borry will have it tracked in their office as well.

Also, if there are any equipment/apparatus problems at night or on weekends when Chief Kane or Borry are not working, please remember to use the MTFR fleet and equipment email to report to them so they can have the repairs scheduled immediately.

The week of May 19th there may be problems staffing due to a lot of people training, so if you are available, please help cover the calls.

Lastly, when the strategic plan was set up, there was to be a Captains position available, and the commissioners have now given the go ahead to search for that position. It is a civil servant position, so a written and physical test must be done. They are looking at the fall to have someone hired and working. They will probably work as a township training officer and station officer at the Southern Manheim Township station.

A question was asked about them hiring one of the part timers. Deputy Borry said they must still go through the process of being a full time hire, i.e. the civil service and physical test. If they are already full time, they would not have to go through the tests again, but the labor attorney said it must be equal for anyone being hired for a full time position.

Captain's Report: Captain Herskowitz reported that he removed the four gas meter out of squad. They were out of date and no longer used. We still do have the carbon dioxide detector on the med bag. For the Township, he added reflective tape to the RIT connections on all the air packs.

Chief Engineer's Report: Engineer Mellott reported that squad 207 will be going to Bud Springs May 14 to attempt to take care of the very bad vibration issue that we have between 40-50mph. It is believed all the plowing this winter knocked the front end out again.

QRS Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: No report

County/State Report: No report

Fire Council Report: No report

Junior's Report: Scott Weiser reported that training last week was at Neffsville on building construction with Troy. On the May 20, training will be out at the fire school on sprinklers.

Combined Relief Report: No Report

Banquet Report: No report

Bulk Purchase: No Report

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton asked that you sign up to help if you haven't already done so on the website. Please sign up your kids if they are of age, and if you can, hand out flyers at their sporting events. Take some flyers to work if you can too. You will have the background check done again if yours is up. Melissa will take care of checking and getting you the necessary papers if needed.

Food Service: Manny Pinto asked that you sign up for the Pot Pie Dinner on May 10.

Live-ins: No Report

P-Truck: Ray Seace reported the process is progressing a little slower than they had hoped to get P-trucks repairs done, but they are meeting again this month, and hope to have more to report.

Township SOG: No Report

Standard Apparatus: No Report

Training: Captain Herskowitz reported there was 176 hours of training for the month of April. Please check the training bulletin board because there is a lot of upcoming training.

Uniform: No Report

Website: No report

Ways and Means: Secretary Jenn Hollinger thanked everyone for their help at the Easter Bunny Breakfast. We served about 400 people, and it went well. Please sign up for the Cruise Days at Oregon Dairy on Saturday, May 24th from 7:30 to about 1-2 in the afternoon.

Correspondence: None

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. A motion to pay the bills was made by Don Templeton, seconded by Ed Berilla, and the motion passed.

Old Business: Look for the signup sheet for Hershey Park. It is June 21st this year. Please sign up soon so Deputy Chief Elliott can get the count to Hershey Park. The station will be paying for your spouse and kids. You can purchase additional tickets if needed. We are eating at different location this year, which will be on the sign up.

President Mellott reported that the incentive cards have been distributed to all the people he has seen lately. Secondly, the bunk beds that were approved for purchase last month have been installed in the bunk room. Thirdly, last month there was some heated discussion involving the discipline of Michael Calosante. There was an appeal that was received and the executive board met with him and went through the appeal process. The e-board for the most part, held up the decision by the disciplinary board. Michael Calosante is currently on suspension until his 21st birthday in September 2015. Prior to his returning to active membership with the company between then and the December 2015 meeting, he must provide us with a background check through MTRF, plus he must complete an alcohol awareness class at his expense and provide us with the certificate of completion. There were two exceptions made for him to be on the property. One will be to pay his dues for 2015, and the second is if a need should occur to attend a members funereal with the department. Otherwise, he is not to be on any MTRF property. That letter was sent certified to him and signed for by him.

New Business: Chief Slaymaker has two members coming off their 90 day probation. Troy made a motion to accept the first member, Randy Zimmerman, as an active member. Seconded by Dave Johnson, and passed. Troy made a motion to accept the second member, Rebecca Camacho, as an active member. Seconded by Deputy Chief Elliott, and passed.

Chief Slaymaker has a new member for 90 day probation, who met with Jeff Ober for the medical side. She is in college as a med student at the University of Massachusetts, and needs community service over the summer. She wants to run QRS from at home. Her name is Meghann Zapic.

Trustee Ed Berilla has gotten some quotes to repair the lawn from the winter plowing. He would like to use Tomlinson Bomberger who plan to use seven ton of screen topsoil in low and rutted areas, seed with perennial rye grass, and cover with straw at the tune of \$784.70. He made a motion to give the job to Tomlinson Bomberger. The motion was seconded by Will Herskowitz and passed.

President Mellott received a letter from Snyder funeral home about having 8 tickets to a Barnstormers game down the third base line. Don will post the letter, and if you are interested, please give them a call. It is free.

He thanked the banquet committee for an incredible banquet this year and disbanded them with a job well done. Now, if anyone is interested in being on next year's banquet committee, please see Don before next month's meeting.

Finally, a bylaws committee needs to be formed due to changes in the bylaws that need to be made. If you have interest in that, please see Don soon, as the committee will be made at the June meeting because any changes that need to be made must be brought up by the August meeting. There is a very short time frame to work in. The reason for that is so the required three readings at meetings can be done prior to the election process starting since this is also a year that we do relief members. The relief bylaws are changing as well, and we need to coincide with theirs so we do not elect too many people with nowhere to go.

For the Good of the Cause: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle
Assistant Secretary