

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

June 4, 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, and Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Mike Elliott reported for the month of May there were a total of 74 calls; 50 fire calls and 24 QRS calls. The department failed to respond on 10 calls; 8 QRS and 2 fire. Average personal response was 4.6, with 4.8 for fire and 4.3 for QRS. A total hours in service of 150.85. There was no fire loss.

Mike thanked everyone for their help for the week when the live-ins and many members were on vacation. There were crews almost every night with no calls scratched. He and Chief Slaymaker have decided the station will not participate in the Bent Creek parade on July 4, or the Olde Field parade. There is a sign-up sheet for the Bent Creek fire works on July 5. If you are interested in going, please add your name.

Township's Chief Report: Deputy Chief Elliott also reported for Chief Kane in his absence. Firstly, the Health and Safety Week Trainings are in two weeks, and you must attend one of the 4 trainings to count toward the incentive program. Secondly, the Cadet Camp is also a requirement for the incentive program, and you must work at least one shift. The sign-up sheet for training is located on the training board in the engine bay, and Cadet Camp can be signed up for on the website.

There was also an update on the 201 and 204 merger. Commissioners and both stations have signed their letters of intent and 201 and 204 are now working with their legal teams on the process. Everything is expected to be done late summer or early fall.

Captain's Report: Captain Herskowitz reported that Engine 207's tree saw is out of service while at the shop for repair.

Chief Engineer's Report: Engineer Mellott reported on a list he had received from the part timers of things they had taken care of. A marker light on Squad 207's roof and the step light on the rear of Squad 207 had fallen off. They have made a temporary fix until the rust can be repaired. Also, the tripod light on the rear of Engine 207 was replaced. The squad was in for all kinds of tire issues to be

repaired. We believe the bad vibration around 45 mph was due to the inner tires being flat. The Command was inspected and brakes replaced.

Deputy Chief Elliott enquired how the squad could pass daily inspections with the inner tires being flat. Brian Freysz said the one valve extension was sheared off, and the other was functioning, but there is only one set of valve extensions per set of duellies. That valve extension was for the outer tire, and in order to get to the valve for the inner tire, you had to remove the hub cap. Brian said he was unable to find a tool of any kind that could reach into the valve to read air pressure. The issue with the valve extensions was addressed by STTC, however, they removed them completely. Now there is no way to tell the air pressure in any of the tires. The bad valves need to be replaced with new ones that reach the inner tire too. Brian did bring the issue up to Chief Kane about asking STTC what they did and what needs done. He asked that the Engineers email/call to get new valves and the extensions. The question was raised to with hold payment to STTC until the valve issue is taken care of. It will be addressed under bills.

QRS Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: Ed Berilla reported that there was a lightning strike very close to the building the other day and it has screwed up a lot of things in the building. He asked that if you see anything out of whack, please let the trustees or a line officer know so they can mitigate the situation. Brian Freysz pointed out the second phone line still doesn't work, but Verizon is to be out to check in on 6/5. Also, the soda machine is fixed!

County/State Report: No report

Fire Council Report: No report

Junior's Report: Scott Weiser reported that class on June 3 was on arson awareness with Deputy Chief Elliott. In two weeks (June 17) juniors training will be hose line soccer outback. If you are interested in some fun with hose lines, come up and join them.

Combined Relief Report: No Report

Banquet Report: No report

Bulk Purchase: No Report

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton asked again for staff. We need staff, so please sign up on the website, and remember it is part of the incentive program for the special MTRF trip. Background checks are needed, so please sign up soon, and Melissa will let you know if yours needs to be renewed. You can ask friends and family to help too. We still have openings in overnight camp, so encourage kids you know in the age range to sign up.

Also, canopies are needed for the outdoor stations. We are asking to borrow 3 of the click up canopies, as well as large coolers for water. Please let Jenn or Melissa know if you have either to lend for the weekend (June 27-28).

Food Service: No Report

Live-ins: Brian Freysz introduced the new, soon to be live in Nathan who will be replacing Dave Harrower in the house. He will be moving in shortly.

P-Truck: Ray Seace reported the committee met on May 14th. The radiator has been flushed and anti-freeze put in. They are still in contact with Jeff Sensenig for the repairs to the body work. The committee will be meeting again on June 18. Scott Weiser said they took the radiator cap into the body shop to get chromed, but the price to get it done was around \$500, so they did not have it done. It will be painted with chrome paint in house. A source was found who still makes the diamond plate that is on P truck, and it will be replaced as part of the restoration and repair work by Pheonix Fire. The meeting on June 18 will include drafting with it to see that the pump primer works. Brian Freysz said that he saw the primer oil reservoir leaking. It has not been looked at yet, so that will be addressed.

During Cadet Camp, P truck will be located elsewhere so it's bay can be used.

Township SOG: No Report

Standard Apparatus: No Report

Training: Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman reported that for the month of May, there were 12 classes, with 26 attendees, for 123.46 hours total. June 16 starts the safety week with the dangers of complacency seminar. Tuesday, June 17 is the high rise packs and stand pipes. Wednesday, June 18 is forcible entry refresher. Thursday, June 19, is ground ladder refresher. The sheets are on the training board downstairs, so please sign up. June 23rd will be at the training center for hose line advancement, and June 30 will be assisting with the clean up from Cadet Camp.

Uniform: Gina Seace reported on the inventory, or lack of, and asked if anyone was interested in specific styles of shirts, or shorts, or sweatshirts, to please let the committee members know.

Website: Dave Harrower reported that he is still waiting to hear back from Firecompanies.com and Firehousesolutions.com on switching the website. If you have anything for the website, please let Dave know. You can call him, email him, or give any message to Don or DJ and they will get it to him.

Ways and Means: Secretary Jenn Hollinger reported on the results of the Cruise Days at Oregon Dairy, where we made about \$1700. It was a great event, and thank you to all who helped.

Correspondence: Secretary Jenn Hollinger read a note from Lori Kempf, as she and her husband are unable to attend Cadet Camp this year. They also donated \$100, and her employer will be doing the same.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. President Mellott said that the only bill we had from STTC was the 'little' bill, as the large one went to the township to get the lesser pricing on the tires and such. Again it was asked about holding the \$39 bill due to the valve stem issue. There was some confusion that the bill stated it replaced the stems and alligator clips, but upon further review, it was a bill only for removing said clips and broken stems, and then putting in new stems. It was decided the bill would be paid. A motion was made by Dave Johnson to pay the bills, seconded by Ed Berilla, and passed.

Old Business: Deputy Chief Elliott reminded everyone that Hershey Park is June 21. As it stands right now, the lunch will not be 3:30 to 5:30 due to not having enough people. There will only be an hour to eat, so be aware of the time on your ticket. The date had changed this year per Hershey Park, and it has affected our attendance. June 6 was the cut off for signing up for the lunch portion. If you want to still go to the park, he will have additional park tickets. Please contact him immediately if interested.

New Business: Deputy Chief Elliott said the Lancaster County Convention will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the training center. There is not parade this year, just show and tell. It was requested that Neffsville take Tanker. If there was anyone interested, please see Mike. 209 will be going as part of the rescue task force.

There are three applicants for probationary membership. Richard and Loretta Chubb are coming up as administrative members for 90 day probation. Next, Nathan Bowser is the new live in member who has the MTRF Level 1 completed. He runs with Mt Joy as well and will be moving in shortly.

President Mellott announced the chairs for the new banquet committee are Gina Seace and Deb Freysz. Chris Castagna is on the committee as well.

The By-law committee will be chaired by Gina Seace, and Chris Castagna, Don Mellott, Melissa Templeton and Ray Seace as members.

For the Good of the Cause: None

A motion was made by Melissa Templeton to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1933.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle
Assistant Secretary