

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

August 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: Treasurer Melissa Templeton presented the report in Alice Pinto's absence, and concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Troy Slaymaker reported that for the month of July, we had 48 fire calls and 44 QRS calls for a total of 92 calls. There was no fire loss. Average personnel response was 5.8, with 7.5 for fire and 3.9 for QRS with a total of 233.92 hours in service. There were 3 failed to respond calls.

The Township policy for fuel has now changed. Were as it used to be filling the tanks when half full, it is now required to fill the tanks when they are 3/4 of a tank or less. Also, any interested person in an application should be referred to the MTFR.net website and the Township will get the application sent to them. We do not have them at the station.

Township's Chief Report: No report

Captain's Report: No Report

Chief Engineer's Report: Engineer Mellott reported that all blue and white engines have gone through the state inspection this month (July). Engine 207 was out of service for some time due to a broken motor mount, which caused the motor to fall into the frame area. It had to be taken to Penn Detroit, where an oil leak was found due to the shifting. It has returned, but please let Don know if you find any problems. It also received two new front tires, but Glick's determined the back tires are fine.

QRS Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: President Mellott reported for them that the carpet in the training room has been cleaned. Once the corn and chicken has been finished for the summer, the cleaning service will take care of cleaning and stripping and waxing the social hall and any other linoleum floors.

County/State Report: No report

Fire Council Report: Chief Slaymaker reported the council did meet, and the portable radio grant was split 5 ways, with MTFR getting the majority of the grant.

Junior's Report: Scott Weiser reported in the month of July, they had consecutive Tuesdays of basic vehicle rescue hosted by East Pete, which concluded on Saturday August 2 with a half day at the training school. The schedule for the next six months is posted on the board downstairs. The next Junior training is Tuesday, August 12.

Combined Relief Report: No Report

Banquet Report: No report

Bulk Purchase: Deputy Chief Elliott asked if the committee had discussed the purchase of rescue gloves. Assistant Chief Hoffman said the committee has not met in a year, so if there was a decision on gloves, it was not by them. Melissa said that relief had talked about gloves, and had chosen one, but she does not think they were ordered. Mike asked that the rescue glove issue be addressed, and Melissa will do so.

By-Laws: Will report under new business

Cadet Camp: No report

Food Service: Manny Pinto reported corn was finished today with a total of 2400lbs. Chicken will start next week. The next soup sale will be the last Saturday in October (10/25).

Live-ins: No report

P-Truck: Ray Seace reported the committee did not meet in July.

Township SOG: Chief Slaymaker reported that he sent out an email looking for three to sit on the committee. If you are interested, please email him.

Standard Apparatus: Chief Slaymaker reported on the new core committee met Monday (8/4) to begin discussing the next round of apparatus.

Training: Assistant Chief Hoffman reported 8 classes for the month of July with 56 attendees, for a total of 135.30 hours. Training for the month of August began with a tanker shuttle on Monday. Next Monday (8/11), there is a Township wide training class on water rescue and response. It will continue Wednesday evening (8/13), and will conclude Saturday (8/16). If you want credit for the class, you must attend the entire class. For those who do not take the class, please do any type of maintenance at the station. Training for the following Monday (8/18) will be Chief Slaymaker going over drafting with any drivers, or potential drivers to work on the drafting issues we've been having. August 25 will be hydrant operations and water relays.

Uniform: No Report

Website: Dave Harrower reported our new website is almost complete, and a shot of the homepage background was shown. If you have anything for the website, please give it to either Dave or Patrick.

Ways and Means: Boo Oberle reported on two upcoming events. We will be hosting a recruitment/open house day September 28 in the afternoon to try and find people interested in becoming members. There will be tables set up for the many different options we have, i.e. Juniors, QRS, live-ins, Food Service. We will have food, as well as tours of the station and apparatus to get our community involved and to see what we do. The other stations are involved as well. More information and a signup sheet will be posted soon.

In October, MTRF is holding a Fill the Truck event at Oregon Dairy with their corn maze and fall festivities. Saturday, October 18 from 12-7 and Sunday, October 19 from 2-7 will be the dates and times we need help. We, in conjunction with the other stations, will have an engine at the barn, and at the store for customers to 'fill' with a non-perishable food item. We are asking for your time to stand with the apparatus, talk to the customers, and enjoy some time with the community. A signup sheet will be posted soon, but please mark your calendars now.

Correspondence: Boo Oberle read a letter from Brethren Village that included a check for \$11,000. The residents of Field Crest took up donations for the company after an incident in February where they were extremely pleased and thankful for how our members assisted them.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables to be reviewed and voted on for payment. A motion was made by Manny Pinto to pay the bills, seconded by Chris Castagna, and passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Slaymaker made a motion to accept Megan Zapcic, who, although will be returning to college soon, will be returning next year for QRS. The motion was seconded by Mike Elliott, and passed.

Vice President Gina Seace presented the proposed changes to the By-laws and constitution due to the changes with Southern and Eden and a few other things that have come up. The original section was shown, and then the proposed changes were shown on a power point. (see attached) The process that must now be gone through to make the changes to the by-laws are they must be read again next month and voted on. The constitution changes must be read the next two months before voting on. We do not have many options on the relief changes because of the changes with the relief by laws that have already been accepted by the association.

Dave Johnson made a motion to purchase a new, freezerless refrigerator for the live in house not to exceed \$1,000. He is hoping to make use of the upcoming Labor Day sales so it would be cheaper. The motion was seconded by Patrick, and passed.

Don stated the incentive cards have been distributed to all the members via their mail boxes. Let him know if there are any problems.

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 1924.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle
Assistant Secretary