

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

September 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mellott at 19:02 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 Melissa Templeton concurred.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Troy Slaymaker reported that for the month of August there were 61 calls, of which 32 were fire, and 29 were QRS. Average personnel response was 5 for fire, and 3.9 for QRS. We failed to respond on 4 calls, with an average call response of 4.5. There was no fire loss.

A signup sheet was passed around for the MT Band competition lighting on October 25. We will be taking Engine 207 and 209. Squad 209 will be out of service. Truck 204 and Rescue 201 will also be assisting.

**Township's Chief Report:** Chief Kane had some Pub Eds coming up this month and next. There will be a lot of fire prevention/safety days at the many schools in our area. Please signup to help when you can. Some of the schools have 150 kids, and the more help, the better. The sheets are posted downstairs, and at all stations.

There is a Battle of the Badges between police and fire personnel county wide in conjunction with LGH and the Lancaster Blood Bank as a way to resupply the extremely low stock of blood. Please see the flyer for more information. Basically, donate blood and tell them you are team fire. LGH will sponsor some prizes for the winning team. It begins Thursday, September 11 and will run for 8 weeks.

Chief Kane was contacted by Conrad, the manager of Bent Creek, about having a family day or some kind of event for members of the MTR and MTPD and their families involving the pool, golf, etc. Due to some things that came up at Bent Creek, he was unable to do that this year, but is still able to offer the golf. Tuesday, September 21, will be the day and Chief Kane will be sending out more information.

**Captain's Report:** No Report

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Engineer Mellott reported that Engine 207 was out of service for some time in August 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, and appears to be functioning properly but please let Don know if you find any problems.

**QRS Report:** Jeff Ober reminded everyone that if you are running QRS calls, please restock the bags when you return. If you find something is out of stock, please let Jeff know.

**Trustee's Report:** No report

**County/State Report:** No report

**Fire Council Report:** Chief Slaymaker reported the council will meet next Tuesday, September 9 to go over the budget.

**Junior's Report:** Scott Weiser reported the next training is September 9 at Neffsville. Then the juniors will be going over to the MT Library to see the 9/11 Memorial. If anyone would like to join them, you may.

**Combined Relief Report:** No Report

**Banquet Report:** No report

**Bulk Purchase:** No report

**By-Laws:** Will report under new business

**Cadet Camp:** No report

**Food Service:** The next soup sale will be the last Saturday in October (10/25).

**Live-ins:** Brian Freysz reported that this weekend, 9/5-9/8, most of the live ins will be away. If you are available, please sign up for duty crew, or come from home.

**P-Truck:** Ray Seace reported the committee met on 8/12 to discuss some ongoing issues. They've been in contact with Jeff Sensenig from Phoenix about revisiting the insurance, and some quotes from previous years. They also worked on the budget for the next year. The next meeting will be on September 17 at 7pm.

**Township SOG:** No report

**Standard Apparatus:** Chief Slaymaker reported the core committee will be making a trip to Pierce at the end of the month to begin looking at plans.

**Training:** No report

**Uniform:** No Report

**Website:** Dave Harrower reported our new website is complete so please check it out. If you have email through the website, that is still being worked on.

**Ways and Means:** Boo Oberle reported on two upcoming events. We will be hosting a recruitment/open house day September 28 from 1-4. Please sign up to help on the sheet posted downstairs. It will be a great way to talk to people interested in becoming members and get to know our community more. 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 helping as well. There will be a cleanup night Friday, September 26 at 6pm. Please come clean/straighten up the station for the open house, and we will feed you pizza!!

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.

We are in need of a Santa this year due to Sam Hess being unable to portray the role any longer. Please, if you are interested, have any suggestions, or know of anyone, let Boo or Gina know. We have been in contact with a couple people, but no luck yet. We need one for the breakfast November 29, two for the Santa run December 13, and hopefully one for our own Christmas party December 14.

**Correspondence:** Boo Oberle reported on few letters and donations we received. Lori Kempf's employer sent \$100 to match her contribution for the Cadet Camp. High Industries donated \$150 and thanked us for our service to the community. Penn Ketchum of Penn Cinema sent a combined donation total of \$1,047 from the Planes Fire and Rescue even they held last month.

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

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Ed Berilla reported on the three bids received for the seal coating of the parking lot. McCarty's Seal Coating is the company the trustees have chosen, but the bid is about \$700 more than the budgeted amount of \$4500, so Ed made a motion to accept the bid of \$5200 to

reseal and paint the parking lot, including reserved spaces. The motion was seconded by Brian Freysz, and passed.

Chief Slaymaker brought up a previous member who left for a little bit in good standing, Chris Oberle II, as a probationary member. Our fourth live in, Nathan Bowser, is up for his 90 days probation. Chief Slaymaker made the motion to accept Nate as an active firefighter. Seconded by Cheryl Templeton and passed.

Chief Slaymaker also brought up the replacement of the current Command vehicle with a new Expedition, and to have the old command replace the dead Durango as Squad 208. It is the recommendation from the line officers to purchase a 2015 Ford Expedition with a lighting package from 10-8. The price could substantially go down once the line officers work through it more, but these numbers were only received today from Chief Kane. A motion was made to purchase a 2015 Ford Expedition for \$48,000. A question was raised as to what all was covered in that \$48,000 and why it was so high. The Expedition costs \$36,400 (after money back), the lighting package is \$11,000 with \$4,000 of that for painting it blue and white like the pickup truck and \$900 for the striping.

The replacement of the command was budgeted into the 2014 year, and approved, but only for the base unit at \$38,000. The lighting is what pushes it over, but as Chief Slaymaker pointed out, the lighting can be done elsewhere for a lesser cost and the painting may not be done. These numbers were only to get an idea for cost. Ray Seace asked if we needed to go back to the commissioners to get approval for the overage, but because it is a vehicle of Neffsville, not MTRF, it needs to only go back to the Fire Council in regards to the lighting package, not the base vehicle.

Chief Slaymaker amended his motion to purchase a 2015 Ford Expedition only at a total cost of \$38,000. It was seconded by Dave Harrower and passed.

Vice President Gina Seace presented to proposed changes to the By-laws and constitution for the second time. The original section was shown, and then the proposed change were shown on a power point. **Please see the attached print out for the exact wording of each change.** This was the final reading of the by-laws, a motion was made to accept the changes by Jeff Ober, seconded by Chief Slaymaker, and passed.

The constitution changes must be read again next month before voting on.

Don read a letter from Jenn Hollinger resigning her position as Secretary and any positions held on committees. She will continue to be a member of the department. Laura Oberle will be moved up to the Secretary position, and because we will be beginning the nominations for next year's positions, we will not be assigning an Assistant Secretary. Don has spoken to Boo, and she feels she is fine to go the remainder of the year doing both positions.

Don has posted on the back board, the membership status up to the end of August. That will be eleven months out of the twelve month period for you to see your status for the year 2015. The end of this month is what they will go off of for who is active, administrative and so on for next year's voting and eligibility. That report was run 9/2, and there are some calls and trainings that may have yet to be entered in the fire house system. If anyone would like to sit on the nominating committee, please see Don so he can announce it next month.

Lastly, at each of the tables is a copy of the 2015 budget. This did go out via email as well. Approval of the budget is needed for it to be then taken to Fire Council next Tuesday. They will look over it, ask questions, and then vote at their November meeting. Brian Freysz asked that the supplies and maintenance budget at the live in house be raised to \$6,000 for some items that need repaired. There is a final item the trustees were unable to get a number on yet, and that is repairs to the concrete inside the engine bay and outside on the pad. Once that quote is received, it will be presented as a line item change to the budget and will go through its process to obtain it for next year. A motion was made by Jeff Ober, seconded by Will Herskowitz, and passed.

**For the Good of the Cause:** Dave Harrower stated there will be a large group, including the live ins, who will be away next summer, May 30 - June 6. It may seem far off, but they wanted everyone to have adequate notice that help will be needed.

A motion was made by Brian Freysz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don Templeton and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1947.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle

Secretary