

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

November 5, 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.

At this point, Emony Alfredo and Derek Duffy gave a small presentation on the Wayne's Towing Accident Scene Trailer, and give a donation to the station. The trailer is available to the MTPD and MTRF for accident clean up, and restocking of engines if needed.

### **Reports**

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Alice Pinto presented the report, and Melissa Templeton concurred.

**Chief's Report:** No report

**Township's Chief Report:** Chief Slaymaker reported for Chief Kane that the Township Captain's position has been filled by Dan Bezak, and will start full time December 1. He will continue to fill the part time slots that are open, and will be working out of 201. He will also aid Tom Hoffman in training.

**Captain's Report:** No Report

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Engineer Mellott reported that Squad 207 was inspected this past month and passed. While it was there, Glick's also checked a reported electrical issue with the dash board, and found nothing. They checked the report of issues putting fuel in and found nothing there as well. Presently, we are keeping an eye on how many miles traveled versus how much fuel we are putting in. If you see the problem reoccurring, please let someone know.

Squad 206 is getting repaired for being dead all the time, and also it will be winterized with the plow and ice melt. It may stay at Buch Ave due to keeping it inside with the salt.

**QRS Report:** No report

**Trustee's Report:** Ed Berilla thanked Ray Seace for rebuilding the platform off the Bravo side of the engine bay.

**County/State Report:** No report

**Fire Council Report:** Chief Slaymaker reported the council meets Tuesday (11/11) at station 201.

**Junior's Report:** Scott Weiser reports the trainings are continuing as scheduled.

**Combined Relief Report:** No Report

**Banquet Report:** No Report

**Bulk Purchase:** No report

**By-Laws:** No Report

**Cadet Camp:** No report

**Food Service:** Alice Pinto reported the Food and Soup Sale was a success, although there were some pies left that we donated to the MTBB.

**Live-ins:** Brian Freysz reported there is a vacancy at the live in house. If you know anyone who may be interested, please see him.

**P-Truck:** Ray Seace reported the committee did not meet this past month. P-Truck has been moved to Phoenix Fire for the winter to be repaired. They will be meeting next on Wednesday, November 19, at the station at 7pm.

Scott Weiser reported that Jeff Sensenig, of Phoenix Fire, requested that the insurance adjuster come back out to assess the P-Truck's damage from the accident and what would be covered. Previously, we had only received \$2,000. With Jeff's help, we will now be receiving an additional \$4,300 toward the repairs.

**Township SOG:** No Report

**Standard Apparatus:** Chief Slaymaker reported the committee met and looked at photos and talked about last month's trip to the plant. They began to discuss possible relocations of apparatus in the township. Right now, they are looking at replacing the tiller with some form of other ladder truck, probably a tiller. Replacement of a rescue or a rescue/pumper to keep the six pumpers in the township for ISO rating. Squad 207 will be up for replacement, and refurbishing the tiller, but that may change because the current tiller is back in Penn Detroit. This is what the committee (sub and core) are meeting to discuss.

The question was raised why we needed a spare tiller, and Chief Slaymaker said the township wants a spare ladder truck. Apparently, to get rid of the current tiller is 'pennies on the dollar' according to brokers who have been spoken with. However, it is still undecided if the current tiller is worth repairing due to its long list of issues. Including the turbo, which is being repaired for the fourth time. There is currently no time table for its return.

**Training:** Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman reported for the month of October there were 14 classes, with 43 attendees, for a total of 167 hours and 45 minutes. Training for November will be hose line deployment and packaging out back on 11/17, and going to the training center for car and propane fires on 11/24.

**Uniform:** Gina Seace reported that the order for t-shirts and sweatshirts has come in and will be available to buy soon, once she is done organizing it.

**Website:** No Report

**Ways and Means:** Boo Oberle passed around the sign up for the Santa Breakfast on November 29 from 8-11, and for the Santa Run on December 13th at 9:45. She also reminded everyone about the Christmas party on December 14, and a sign up for kids ages and gift ideas is on the wall downstairs.

Gina Seace reported on the Food Drive, and over 2,275lbs of food was donated to the Council of Churches.

**Correspondence:** Boo Oberle read a note from the MTBB thanking us for the donated pies, and they also gave us a \$100 donation.

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

**Old Business:** Ed Berilla thanked the Pintos and Larry Miller for doing such a great job keeping the kitchen and hall clean and organized.

**New Business:** Scott Weiser made a motion to purchase Hershey Bears tickets for the juniors and advisors (20 total) for their Christmas outing in December at a total cost of \$800. Seconded by Chris Castagna, and passed.

Brian Freysz reported on an odor issue at the live in house that originated from the previous owner having a nail salon in the basement. A sink is below grade so it is hooked to a sump pump to pump the water up to the sewer discharge, but a hole was cut in the top, allowing an odor to escape. Brian made a motion to have Haller come in and install a little giant water pump and dedicated circuit with drain and venting for \$988.00. Seconded by Emoni, and passed.

Lisa Slaymaker inquired about when we began to allow soup to be sold the days leading up to the sale. She is concerned it is leaving us without soup for the day of the sale, and the people who do not know about this 'pre-sale' are missing out, especially since the sale is advertised as Saturday. Alice Pinto reported there have been Friday sales since the old fire hall (before 1975) and it is usually for people unable to come on Saturday, the help, and large quantity orders. Three kettles are made specifically for the presale, leaving us with 7 kettles for the sale these past two years. It was discussed to advertise the availability of Friday being a large quantity only sale day, and the Food Service committee will look into it.

The incentive cards have all been distributed. Dues must be paid prior to the start of the December meeting. See the list on the board downstairs if you are unsure if you paid.

President Mellott went through the nominations of officers for 2015. Don said the name nominated and asked three times for any other nominations. He thanked the nominations committee of Mike Gallagher, Amber Miller and Tara Slaymaker for their work.

Chief: Troy Slaymaker, no other nominations  
Deputy Chief: Mike Elliott, no other nominations  
Assistant Chief: Tom Hoffman, no other nominations  
Captain: Brian Freysz, no other nominations  
First Lieutenant: Ed Berilla declines, no other nominations  
Second Lieutenant: no nominations  
Third Lieutenant: no nominations  
Chief Engineer: Don Mellott declines, no other nominations  
First Assistant Engineer: no nominations  
Second Assistant Engineer: No nominations

That closes the fire operations side. Moving on to administrative side.

President: Don Mellott declines, Gina Seace accepts nomination, no other nominations  
Vice president: Ray Seace declines, Lisa Slaymaker accepts, no other nominations  
Secretary: Laura Oberle, no other nominations  
Assistant Secretary: Dave Johnson, and Dave Harrower decline, Cheryl Templeton accepts, no other nominations  
Treasurer: Don Templeton, Melissa Templeton, no other nominations  
Financial Secretary: Alice Pinto, no other nominations  
Trustee: Ed Berilla, no other nominations

The administrative nominations are closed. Absentee ballots for treasurer and relief association are available if you will not be at next month's meeting. The additional voting that will be happening next month will be for relief association. We are responsible for three representatives for a two year term. They will start the second Thursday in January due to the first being a holiday.

The nominees are: Jeff Ober, Luke Gerhardt, Gina Seace and Melissa Templeton, no other nominations.

**For the Good of the Cause:** none

A motion was made by Melissa Templeton to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Castagna and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1954.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura "Boo" Oberle  
Secretary