

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

February 6, 2013

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: Larry Marshall presented the report; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Mike Elliott reported for the month of January there were 42 fire calls and 30 QRS calls for a total of 72 calls for the month. There were an average of 7 people per fire calls and 5 ½ per QRS calls. No fire loss for the month of January.

The QRS Operational list has been finalized to a degree.

The Fire Operational list is currently in his possession and being reviewed by him and the line officers. There are numerous responsibilities that are not assigned at this time. If anyone is interested in assisting/taking on a responsibility, please make him aware of your interest. Chief Elliott explained that even though we now have part-time staff during the day, we still need to take care of our own house and equipment. He advised that we will still be responsible for conducting equipment checks/inspections and performing maintenance to the equipment.

Operational memo re: "Naming Command" that Deputy Chief Borry talked about last meeting was effective February 1, 2013. This memo states that all three Manheim Township Fire Departments will be utilizing "Command 20" instead of a Geographical Command as stated in NIMS. The Lancaster County Fire Chiefs and LCWC have decided to go against the National Standard and set our own. Command 20 will be used when multiple agencies, units, etc. are dispatched. Hopefully LCWC will advise us if there is already a Command 20 established at another location. Command 20 will not be used if it is a single unit such as spill control, etc. In these situations "Command" does not necessarily need to be established.

We have one Engineer, so if anyone has time available to help out it would greatly be appreciated.

We received our hose testing results, which should have been sent to Chief Kane, I will forward them to his office.

The challenge coins that Chief Kane talked about and displayed at the joint banquet have arrived and are in my possession. I have a list of those individuals who is slated to receive one. Please see me after the meeting. If your name is not on the list, unfortunately you will not receive one at this time. The question is out to Chief Kane's office to see if they could be purchased, etc. I will advise when I receive the answer.

Township Chief's Report: No Report.

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz would like to thank all who attended Monday night training, it was a good turnout. He placed a new inventory sheet at your turnout gear for pagers, etc. if you cannot locate the sheet, please email him or another Officer, we don't want to lose track of inventory again. Thanks to all who responded to the pager inventory request. He is still missing a few. He will follow up with those individuals.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported that Engine 207 had no heat and would not "Regen" when necessary. Penn Detroit came in and found that the thermostat in the engine was cracked. They replaced the thermostat and both issues are corrected at this time. According to Chief Kane, the work that Penn Detroit did should be under warranty.

QRS: Jeff Ober stated congratulations should go out to Shawn Seace for renewing his EMT. Also congratulations to Chief Mike Elliott, Deputy Troy Slaymaker, and Ed Berilla for renewing their First Responder. First Responder is changing to EMR to match the National Standard. There is a new medical bag along with a C collar bag placed on tanker, same as the other Engines and Squad. We are going to hold an EMR class here at our station. Hopefully this will take place at the end of February or beginning of March. The class will probably be held Tuesday/Thursday. When he receives the go ahead, should be next week, we will get the dates and everything set up for this class. We need 15 people to hold the class, so start spreading the word. The class will be 60 hours.

Trustee: Trustee Ed Berilla requested that everyone clean up anything you messed up. Also, if you are leaving a room, etc. please turn off the lights, etc. Trustee Brian Freysz reported the exhaust hose for 208 was removed Monday night because the one on 207 tore, they were swapped out.

County/State: No report.

Fire Council: Chief Mike Elliott reported they met in January and they are in the process of officially revising the by-laws for Fire Council. The monthly meeting agenda has not shown that

a monthly meeting is needed at this time. They are discussing possibly going to quarterly meetings or some other time frame. He will advise when a decision is made. The Strategic Planning Committee is going to reconvene to review Phase 1 items since Phase 1 ended and Phase 2 has begun. This meeting will be held at our station on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Fire Council meeting will also be held on this date. Fire Council meeting will start at 6:30 pm and the Strategic Planning meeting will be at 7:00 pm. At this time the Strategic Planning Committee will decide how to proceed with Phase 2 and any recommendations to the Township Commissioners as such. Trustee Brian Freysz asked who was on the Strategic Committee. Chief Elliott stated it was himself, Trustee Mike Templeton, and Barry Lebowitz. Chief Elliott, stated since member Barry Lebowitz moved out of state, it is just the two of them. There is no plan to replace him at this time. Other Township stations are missing individuals as well. Citizens also have changed. If they decide to revise or reevaluate the plan, we will then come back to the membership and replace this position.

Juniors: Scott Weiser reported they were off for the month of January. The Juniors will start up again on March 12, 2013

Combined Relief: President Jeff Ober stated that all meetings will be held here, at Neffsville Station on the 1st Thursday of every month. The only major concern that has arisen is how tight the budget is for the year 2013.

Committees

Bulk Purchase: Chair Will Herskowitz reported he is working with Chief Osborne on the possibility of standardizing the inventory between the three Township companies. Also, the pagers he ordered for 2013 have arrived.

Cadet Camp: Chair Melissa Templeton stated they had their 1st meeting last week. They started planning all the ideas for the camp. Registration should be open February 15, 2013. If anyone would like to volunteer to be on Staff, the forms are on our website. If anyone has any ideas for the camp or you have questions, please see Melissa, Jenn Hollinger, Tara Slaymaker, or Lisa Slaymaker.

Picnic: No report.

Food Services: No report.

Live-ins: Brian Freysz reported they are reviewing a couple of applicants and will be setting up interviews. Also, 2 new beds need to be purchased to replace the 2 broken ones. Brian will get 3 quotes and present them at the next meeting.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: No report.

Training: Deputy Chief Slaymaker reported for the month of January there were 11 classes, 44 members, totaling 104 hours. A reminder was given for the upcoming training, Haz-Mat OPS refresher @ Neffsville station on February 18th and 25th. If you cannot make these dates, there is one being held at Station 204, Eden on March 4th and 11th. If you cannot do nights, the training center is holding daytime training on March 26th and 28th. If you read Chief Kane's emails yesterday the 5th, the training tablet and Chiefs report, there are joint trainings being conducted and we have been invited to attend at E-Town. There is a C Space Awareness on February 11th and a Solar Panel Awareness on March 4th. Last month it was announced by Deputy Chief Borry, GRID classes are being set up. Instructors have been set up for quarterly training. Legal Aspect of the Fire Service will be the 1st class of the 1st quarter, it will be held March 4th, 6th, and 9th. It is strongly recommended if you can, sign up to take the class. It is very difficult to get the instructor for this class. Also, if you have goals to hold an officer's position in the Township, this class is a requirement. Other classes will be scheduled at a later date, ie; Building Construction, Incident Safety Officer, and Arson Detection. Township sponsored monthly training is cancelled for February due to the trouble of finding an instructor.

Uniform: Dereck Duffy reported the job shirts have arrived. If you ordered one, please see him or Melissa Templeton, Dave Johnson.

Website: Dave Johnson reported we are running out of available space. He has updated all the Officers, removed old stories, etc. to make more space.

Correspondence: No report.

Bills: Two copies have been placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, Don Templeton made the motion to pay the bills, Ben Herskowitz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business: Trustee Ed Berilla requested, when plowing the parking, please make sure the sidewalks are also cleared, including the rear by the Social Hall. If someone is plowing, and others are there, please help out.

New Business:

Incentive cards gift cards are here and have been handed out.

Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman made the motion to have lights, siren, and radio installed in his personal vehicle, in the amount not to exceed \$831.00. Questions were entertained. Chris Castagna seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chief Elliott reported 3 new people have been placed on 90 day probationary period to become members of Neffsville Fire Company. Wendy Herr, Woody Woodward, and Zeb Stoltfus who will be a Junior Firefighter.

Chief Elliot made a motion to accept the following people coming off their 90 day probationary period into membership; John Kinney, Trudy Groff, and Richard Groff. Motion was seconded by Ben Herskowitz. Approved.

Don Mellott advised that he sent an email out to all members to update your information. If you have already done so, thank you. For those of you who have not, please see Don or email the updated information to Don.

Don Mellott has received the year end Cap statements for 2012. These have been given to the members. If you should have received one and didn't, please see him or email him. We have not received the balances for the individuals who we are being paid out, which was approved by the membership. As soon as we receive the 2012 ending balances for those individuals, the Executive Board will proceed paying these past members out.

Don Mellott thanked everyone for having all QRS and Fire reports in and on time last month.

Don Mellott announced the new committees for 2013:

Bulk Purchase: Chair Will Herskowitz, Tom Hoffman, Dio Acosta

Cadet Camp : Co-Chairs are Melissa Templeton and Jenn Hollinger. Committee members are: Rich Denlinger, Amber Miller, Lisa Slaymaker, Tara Slaymaker, Laura "Boo" Templeton.

County and State Representatives: Dave Johnson and Dereck Duffy

Disciplinary Board: Chair Will Herskowitz, Ray Seace, Deb Freysz, Chris Castagna, and Lisa Slaymaker.

Fire Council: Chief Mike Elliott and Don Mellott

Food Service: Co-Chairs are Alice Pinto and Manny Pinto. Committee members are Barry Caldwell, Cathy Caldwell, Brian Collins, Marilyn Collins, Larry Miller, Sylvia Miller, Arlene Overly, and Gina Seace.

Junior Advisor: Scott Weiser

Live in House: Chair is Brian Freysz. Committee members are; Chief Elliott, Don Mellott, Will Herskowitz, and Troy Slaymaker.

Relief Association: Jeff Ober – President, Dave Johnson – Assistant Secretary, Will Herskowitz – Equipment Officer, Voting members are: Mike Templeton, Ben Herskowitz, and Melissa Templeton.

Picnic: Chair is Krista Denlinger. Committee members are: Gina Seace, Deb Freysz, Lisa Slaymaker, Mandie Slaymaker, and Tara Slaymaker.

Township SOG: Chair is Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker. Working on adding 2 additional people, will advise.

Training: Chair Troy Slaymaker, Ben Herskowitz, and Will Herskowitz.

Uniforms: Chair Derrick Duffy, committee members are: Dave Johnson, and Cheryl Templeton.

Web Site: Chair David Johnson and Amber Miller

Building Committee: Has not been appointed as of yet. Don advised that he is waiting on response from members who are interested in being on this Committee.

Banquet Committee: Co-Chairs are Gina Seace and Deb Freysz. Committee members are: Lisa Slaymaker, Krista Denlinger, Chris Castagna, and Jeff Kozlowski.

For the Good of the Cause: Chief Mike Elliott announced June 8th is Hershey Park Family day.

Motion to adjourn by Ben Herskowitz. Seconded by Everyone. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:30

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz