

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

January 2, 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 Jenn Hollinger concurs.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Mike Elliott reported for the month of December there was 33 fire calls and 22 QRS calls for a total of 55 for the month. There was a total of 470 fire and 354 QRS calls for a total of 824 for the year. There was a total of \$1,077,050 in fire loss for the entire year. Please keep the apparatus clean, especially with the winter weather and the salt on the roads. Be cautious on the firehouses pad, if it needs salted-please salt it! Squad 206 has the plow hooked to the front of it. We will be salting all 3 firehouses and the ambulance building when needed. If you go anywhere in the apparatus please make sure you have a qualified crew! If you take the engine you need at least 3 people and at least 1-2 for the squad. It is also ok to drive your own personal vehicles. We will not be running engines all the time for simple errands. The Durango is ok to take, but do not take Squad 206 because of the plow. If you take water from the refrigerator in the engine bay; please refill it. Also, the duty calendar for 2013 is completed.

**Township Chief's Report:** Deputy Chief Adrian Borry reported that 2 more part timers have been hired. An intern was picked, and he will be starting his rotation this coming Monday. Also starting Monday, we will have a part timer here Monday-Friday. They are working on training for 2013 and hopefully bringing more training to the township. They are looking at getting quarterly classes from Bucks. We are no longer using the geographical command. We will be using Command 20 for all incidents.

**Captain's Report:** Captain Will Herskowitz reported that he is doing pager inventory. Please get back to Will with all the information he needs. If you use the Duty Crew pager please make sure it gets back to the front counter when you are finished with it. 2 headsets were replaced on Tanker 207 (driver and officer).

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Scott Weiser reported that Squad 207 had 2 new batteries. When you turn it on, make sure you are waiting for the glow plugs to turn on first. When you are on calls,

please keep it on high idol. See Scott Weiser or Don Mellott if you don't know how to turn it on. Engine 207's rear camera is ok. It doesn't work automatically. The engine has to be in reverse for it to work. Tanker 207 had the rear suspension work completed as well as the worn wires. P-Truck will be going out soon to have all of its work completed.

**QRS:** Jeff Ober thanked everyone who helped with the QRS this year.

**Trustee:** Trustee Ed Berilla asked the membership to be cautious when latching open the panic bar on the front door. Use it with discretion and make sure you are in the engine bay/lounge/radio room when it is open. Also remember to turn off lights when you leave.

**County/State:** No report.

**Fire Council:** Chief Mike Elliott reported that they didn't meet in December. They have a new member starting in January. The next meeting is this coming Tuesday at the township building starting at 6:30pm.

**Juniors:** Scott Weiser reported they had their Christmas Party at 207. It was a fun night! They had a special visit from Alex Kehoe and got to call Katelyn! Their next training will be February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Combined Relief:** President Don Mellott reported that they continue to review the budget.

### ***Committees***

**Bulk:** No report.

**Cadet Camp:** No report.

**Picnic:** No report.

**Food Services:** No report.

**Live-ins:** Brian Freysz reported that Alyssa and Dereck Duffy have moved out of the house, which means the house is down to 2 members. We are still looking for applications. Keep in mind that the house is short-handed. If you are available to help them, please do.

**Township SOG:** No report.

**Standard Apparatus:** No report.

**Training:** Deputy Chief Slaymaker reported that for the month of December we had 7 classes, 37 members for a total of 107 hours. For the year we had 179 classes, 882 members for a total of 3,086 hours. The haz-mat op refresher sign up sheet is down on the board. If you are unable to attend the class being held at 207, it will also be held at 204 and the training center. There is a class being held on recognition of child abuse. It is a free class and is 3 con-ed credits. Its

being held at the ambulance building. Intercourse Fire Company is holding an Officer Development class on January 12<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from this class will benefit Katelyn.

**Uniform:** Dereck Duffy reported that the job shirts have been ordered.

**Website:** No report.

**Correspondence:** No report.

**Bills:** Chris Castagna made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Jeff Ober. Passed.

### ***New Business***

Incentive cards forms are due back to Don Mellott by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

LCFA- looking for feedback/comments on their by-laws. Please comment on the website. See paper for details.

Payouts for CAP FUNDS-Jeff Hughes, Todd Swiontek and Chris Oberle II. Total of \$4,190. Chris Castagna made a motion to payout the members for the CAP FUND. Seconded by Chris Ingle. Passed.

Pay-in to CAP Account for 2012-\$19,800. Chris Castagna made a motion to pay in the amount to the account. Seconded by Jeff Ober. Passed.

Change of the Officers-President Don Mellott would like to thank everyone who held a position in 2012.

If you are interested in serving on a committee for 2013, please see President Don Mellott.

Please make sure we are doing reports on time. Even though the SOG says you have 24 hours, please do them as soon as you get back from the call. Chief Elliott is tired of not having them done. He will start suspending if this keeps up.

**For the Good of the Cause:** Mike Elliott would like to tell everyone that Katelyn is a little more open to adults visiting rather than school aged friends. She is walking and talking. Unfortunately they think they are seeing signs of short term memory loss. She should be home in 3-5 weeks! They are confident she will WALK out of the rehab center, it may be assisted with a walker-but she WILL walk out of there! 😊

Motion to adjourn by Brian Freysz. Seconded by Chris Castagna. Passed.

Adjourned at 19:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Slaymaker