

## **Neffsville Fire Company Minutes**

April 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Don Mellott at 19:00 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A moment of silence was given for the Passing of Life Member Arlene Overly.

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:** Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of March there were 45 Fire calls and 29 QRS calls for a total of 74 calls. Average personnel on a call, was 5.5. Total fire loss for the month of March was \$300,000.

**Township Chief's Report:** No Report.

**Captain's Report:** Captain Will Herskowitz reported that there was a problem with one of the Honda generators off of Engine 207. The problem was addressed and the generator seems to be working. There is a problem with the latch for the Dry Chem Extinguisher compartment on the Officer's side of Engine 207. The Dry Chem extinguisher has been removed until either the latch or the compartment doors are replaced. If any other problems arise, please notify him. He also requested that all members check the batteries on the Heads-up display on their face pieces. Specifically, check for corrosion on the batteries, rust, damage and for dead batteries. Replacement batteries are in the Communications Room, in the black file cabinet.

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Don Mellott reported Engine 207 driver's side rear passenger door has been repaired, again. He also indicated we were having problems with starting Engine 207. The problem was because the batteries needed replaced, which was completed. Tanker went "out of service" this morning, Wednesday April 3, 2013.

**QRS:** No report.

**Trustee:** No report.

**County/State:** No report.

**Fire Council:** No report.

**Juniors:** No report.

**Combined Relief:** President Jeff Ober reported they approved the payout death benefit for Arlene Overly. Also, the “combined relief” committee has agreed to help pay for the new Tanker out of the money they will receive.

**Bulk Purchase:** No report.

**Cadet Camp:** Melissa Templeton reported the Cadet Camp committee has 3 individuals from Southern Station (201) and 4 individuals from Eden Station (204) to help and assist with planning cadet camp. The committee is putting the final touches on the different stations they will have available for the kids. If anyone expresses interest, please direct them to the Neffsville website and follow the link for Cadet Camp. Also, the committee had flyers made, if anyone would like to help distribute them, please see either of the co-chairs, Melissa Templeton or Jen Hollinger.

**Picnic:** No report. President Don Mellott stated if there is not a report at next month’s meeting with full details, the picnic would be cancelled and the awards would be given out at June’s monthly business meeting.

**Food Services:** Alice and Manny reminded everyone that the annual soup and sub sale would be Saturday April 6, 2013.

**Live-ins:** No report.

**Township SOG:** No report.

**Standard Apparatus:** No report.

**Training:** Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of March there were 19 classes which consisted of 75 members for a total of 300 hours. DC Slaymaker also reported that we are having problems with people signing up for a training class but not actually showing up for the class. If you sign-up for the class, you are acknowledging that you are aware of the MTRF SOG regarding training and reimbursement. If you sign-up for a class but do not show up for the class, the Relief Association will bill the appropriate Fire Department, which will be passed on to the member who failed to show up for the training class. If the member fails to reimburse for the class, other sanctions up to and including suspensions may be imposed on the member.

**Uniform:** No report.

**Website:** No report.

**Correspondence:** No report.

**Bills:** Two copies have been placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, the motion was made by Manny Pinto to pay the bills. Motioned was seconded by Brian Freysz.

**Old Business:** Gina Seace and Debra Freysz met with the Lancaster City Fire Fighter Union President, Kevin regarding the fundraiser Breakfast for injured Firefighter Lt. Kelly. Kevin and his staff have declined doing the fundraiser, due to lack of personnel and food donations.

**New Business:** Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker announced the application for David Harrower, has gone through the Live-in Committee as well as through the Line Officers and has been accepted as a live-in under the normal 90 day probationary period.

Debra Freysz made the motion to amend the division of monies raised from the Easter Bunny breakfast and the Spring soup and sub sale to be divided 3 ways; Bill Copeland family fund, Make-A-Wish, and Lt. Kelly's family fund. Motion was seconded by Brian Freysz.

President Don Mellott asked if there was any interest in sending P-Truck to Pump Primers. If so, P-Truck needs to be put on the trailer and taken to Phoenix Fire to have repairs done and we need to send in the \$35.00 registration fee. After a brief question and answer period, the motion was made by Brian Freysz to register P-Truck and send it for repairs needed. Motion was seconded by Ray Seace.

President Don Mellott received email regarding the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held June 14, 2013. Sponsorships are still available. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet downstairs on the board.

President Don Mellott received an email from the American Lung Association regarding their annual "fight for air climb" to be held at Hershey Stadium on April 28, 2013. For anyone who is interested, there is a registration fee. Sign-up sheet will be placed downstairs on the board.

The Station received a Thank You card from Donna Shapiro, a Township resident whose Carbon Monoxide detector activated on February 10, 2013, resulting with 207 being dispatched to her residence. The card stated she was overwhelmed by the professionalism and helpfulness of the Firefighters who responded. She would like to show her gratitude and appreciation by offering each Firefighter, at no cost, a burial plot in either Conestoga Memorial Park or River Moore Burial Park, providing they do not already own a plot elsewhere! The card/envelope will be posted on the board downstairs with her contact information.

President Don Mellott stated the quarterly incentive gift cards forms could not be created due to the fact the fire reports were not in on time to be entered and calculated. When all the reports and calculations are completed, the forms will be created and distributed.

President Mellott advised that the last item to be changed from 2-7 to 207 is the Company flag. We are down to our last flag, which is a 2-7 flag. President Don Mellott received a quote to replace the Company Flag which hangs out front of our Station. The quote was for a dozen single sided 3 X 5 flags for a total cost of \$395.00. Also, we are out of Company coffin Flags. Since there are several Life Members, who want the 2-7 flag, not the 207 flag, the quote was for (3) 2-7 flags and (6) 207 flags, for a total of 9 coffin flags. The cost would be \$1094.00. Questions were entertained. Motion was made by Debra Freysz to purchase the flags. Seconded by Emoni Alfredo.

Debra Freysz and Gina Seace stated they would take over as co-chairs for the awards picnic.

**For the Good of the Cause:**

Motion to adjourn by Brian Freysz. Seconded by Will Herskowitz.

Meeting adjourned at 19:24 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary