

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

July 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 Doris Reardon.

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; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Elliott reported for the month of June, there were 34 fire calls, 35 QRS calls, for a total of 69 calls. There were 6 failed response calls. No fire loss.

Chief Elliott reported that the Township Chief's Report for the month of May showed we scratched 12 fire calls. We show we scratched 5. We are averaging 4 people per fire call(s). This is way below the Township average. QRS calls were not included in this average. We as a department need to make more of an effort to respond to calls if available.

Foam Task Force responses should consist of the foam trailer and Squad 207, then Engine 207. I have received confirmation via email on 2 upcoming activities; the 1st is the Olde Field Parade tomorrow Thursday July 4th @ 10:00 am. We plan on leaving the station @ 9:30am. The 2nd is Bent Creek's Parade is also tomorrow July 4th, starting at 11:00 am. As soon as we are through at Olde Field, we will head over to Bent Creek. We should arrive back at the station around noon.

Bent Creek's fireworks are Saturday July 6th starting at approximately at 9:15 pm. We will be leaving the station around 8:15 pm. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the board. We will be taking 2 engines.

Township Chief's Report: No Report

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz reported that one red generator on Engine 207 is out of service.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported Engine 207 had a cracked foam tube that needed replaced. This is why we were leaving foam on the engine bay floor.

There was a report that the deck gun was not working properly. When they were done replacing the foam tube, they checked the deck gun for any problems, but could not find any. It worked fine.

They also repaired the light bar on Squad. They found the issue(s) to be wires that were disconnected under the console.

Qualified drivers for the month of June are; Dave Johnson on Engine 207 and Dave Harrower on Squad 209.

QRS: Jeff Ober offered Congratulations to Shawn Seace for moving up to single provider on QRS Unit. He also offered Congratulations to Melissa Templeton and President Don Mellott for passing their EMR classes.

Trustee: Mike Templeton reported the "old" red shed has been moved making room for the new one.

County/State: Dave Johnson reported that in the training tablet, it states we are going to the State Convention Parade on September 28th in West Chester. Chief Kane will be posting a sign-up sheet for those interested in going.

Fire Council: Chief Elliott stated because of no quareim, there was not a meeting in May. They met in June. The by-laws are still being worked on.

SOG adoptions for the Reserve Task Force was just a formality so the protocol could be placed in the SOG book.

Juniors: No Report

Combined Relief: Jeff Ober reported the MTRF-VFRA received its share of money from the Tanker 207 sale. Next meeting is scheduled for the 11th at Station 207.

Banquet: Gina Seace reported the committee met on Tuesday July 2nd and agreed on a caterer and D.J. for March 15, 2014 banquet. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 6th @ 6:00 pm.

Food Services: Manny Pinto reported the kitchen has been cleaned and is ready for our inspection this Tuesday July 9th.

Corn will start Wednesday July 17th and every Wednesday from there on until done.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: Chief Elliott reported the 3rd update for the new Tanker has been sent out. The first two really didn't need to be distributed because is just showed parts and pieces lying on the floor. Inspection for the new Tanker is scheduled for the August 7th, 8th, and 9th in Florida. Everything seems to be on schedule.

Training: Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of June there were 11 classes with 39 members for a total of 90 hours.

Bulk Purchase: No report.

Live-ins: No report.

Building: No report.

Uniform: No report.

Website: No report.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton and Jenn Hollinger reported they received good feedback for this year's Cadet Camp. They expressed thanks to all who helped! Chief Elliott reported he and Chief Kane met and decided moving forward, MTRF will become more involved in the Cadet Camp. 1st thing implemented will be that all 3 stations will have a scheduled Township training the Monday after Cadet Camp concludes to help clean-up, tear down, return items, etc.

Correspondence: Secretary Jenn Hollinger reported we received a letter from Brethern Village residence's thanking us for our service.

Letters from "Cadet Camp" parents also received thanking everyone for a great job.

Discount coupons for Dorney Park are available. They will be placed downstairs on the board.

Received a letter and a \$10,000 check from Landis Homes thanking us for great service.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, the motion was made by Don Templeton to pay the bills. Motioned was seconded by Will Herskowitz. Motion passed.

Old Business: Mike Templeton reported that the area where the new shed is going needs to be graded. This process would cost an additional \$700.00 to the already approved amount of \$7000.00. Mike Templeton made a motion to amend the \$7000.00 already authorized amount to \$7700.00. Motion was seconded by Troy Slaymaker. Motion Passed.

New Business: Chief Elliott stated the 90 day probation for Dave Harrower has expired and made the motion to bring him in as a full member. Motion was seconded by Jeff Ober. Motion passed.

Trustee Mike Templeton reported they put out to bid for additional trophy case(s). Received only one bid, from Milton Grove Cabinetry. Requesting to move forward by accepting this one bid. The bid is for a 12 foot case like we currently have in our social hall, with an additional 6

foot case for display(s) that could be changed quarterly, etc. The 12 foot case with double strength glass would cost \$1323.00 with tempered glass it would cost \$1623.00. The 6 foot case with double strength glass would cost \$923.00 with tempered glass would cost \$1223. Mike's suggestion is to go with the double strength glass. After a brief question and answer period, Brian Freysz made the motion to purchase both the 12 foot case and the 6 foot case both with the double strength glass. Motion seconded by Gina Seace. Motion passed.

President Don Mellott reported the activity report(s) is hanging on the back wall in the training room. The report covers the last 9 months. We are in the last quarter to earn points and become eligible to run for an office or be eligible to vote in the 2014 elections. Please check your point standings.

President Don Mellott stated the Incentive card forms were passed out to those who were eligible. If you have not received one, please check the report(s) on the back wall of the training room to see if you qualified. Please see him if you have any questions.

President Don Mellott stated to mark your calendars, for the January 2014 business meeting. It will be held the 2nd Wednesday, January 8, 2014 @ 7:00 pm since the 1st Wednesday is New Year's Day.

President Don Mellott stated he sent out an email with an attachment to all members last month, requesting they read the proposed by-law changes the LCFA would like to implement and be prepared to vote either to accept the changes or reject the changes. After a question and answer period, Don Templeton made the motion to accept the changes. Motion was seconded by Dave Johnson, however, when asked all in favor of, only 3 individuals answered aye. President Don Mellott then took a raised hand count. The total count was 3 in favor of accepting the by-law changes and 6 opposed. President Mellott will send an email stating Neffsville members rejected the change(s).

President Don Mellott reported that our current server is over 7 years old and has started to show its age. Because of the server's age and usage, he feels it is time to replace it. President Don Mellott requested Design Data, his place of employment to quote what a new one would cost. The quote from Dell with Don's discount through Design Data would be \$3500.00. Chief Elliott made the motion to purchase the server. Motion was seconded by Will Herskowitz. Motion passed.

President Mellott ask the members if anyone had any thoughts or ideas on having a fund raiser or making a donation to the Families and Fire Service in Honor of the 19 Fallen Fire Fighters known as the "Hotshot Crew" who tragically lost their lives battling the wild fire in Arizona on June 30, 2013. All members agreed that we should do something. After discussing several options, the members agreed to host a benefit breakfast. President Mellott ask the "breakfast committee" Gina Seace, Deb Freysz, Jenn Hollinger, Melissa Templeton, Laura "Boo" Templeton and himself to be re-established, with Gina and Deb co-chairing. All were in favor. The committee will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm to pick a date for the breakfast and move forward. We will email the membership list with dates, etc.

For the Good of the Cause: Jenn Hollinger announced the Cadet Committee will be having a post meeting on Wednesday the 10th. If anyone has suggestions, ideas, etc. please see that Jenn or Melissa get them before the meeting.

Chief Elliott reported that private hydrants will be painted blue. B.V. has already completed this task, all of theirs are painted blue with a reflective cap.

Chief Elliott reported the airport will be hosting its annual Air Show on August 17th and 18th. We will assist by standing by with an Engine. The smoke trailer will be there as well. The plan is to take an Engine and Squad for running QRS. Please check your availability and mark your calendars. There will be a sign-up sheet posted.

Motion to adjourn made by Don Templeton. Seconded by Brian Freysz. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:46 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary