

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

November 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: Alice Pinto presented the report; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Elliott reported that in the month of October there were 45 fire calls, 35 QRS calls, for a total of 80 calls. Average response 4.2. There were 10 failed responses.

Chief Elliott stated he is receiving complaints about running sirens, air horns, etc. when responding during the overnight hours to a call. So, please use good judgment when running overnight calls when traffic is little to none.

Landis Valley Farm Museums has changed names on buildings, etc. therefore, when being dispatched to an alarm the current mapping and names of buildings will probably not match. They have placed new signs at each building/structure. Therefore you will need to ascertain which building the alarm is coming from. They no longer have 24 hour security and it doesn't appear they are honoring the 30 minute response time. So, upon entering the building you will probably trip the burglar alarm(s) as well. When you have completed your investigation, leave the building(s) in alarm status, write it up and place the report in the door handle at the main visitor center.

Township Chief's Report: No Report.

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz reported the five new sets of turn out gear has arrived from bulk purchase and is ready to be used.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reported that Engine 207 went for its annual inspection, while there they checked the pump valve. There was a valve not sealed correctly causing it to leak when used. The tank to pump valve was repaired to correct this issue.

New driver qualified for Engine 207, Dave Harrower.

Qualified drivers for Tanker 207 are, Chief Mike Elliott, Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker, Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman, Chief Engineer Don Mellott, Jeff Ober, Scott Weiser, and Rich Denlinger.

QRS Report: Jeff Ober congratulated Alyssa Duffy for passing her Emergency Responder Class.

Trustees Report: Ed thanked Manny and Alice Pinto for the upkeep in the kitchen and social hall.

County/State: No Report.

Fire Council: Chief Elliott reported the Council met in October. The by-laws and SOG changes are still a work in progress. The 2014 budgets were presented for review. There was a 2014 budget amendment presented and approved for each MTR Station to spend no more than \$5000.00 for the smoker trailer.

Juniors: No Report.

Combined Relief: Jeff Ober reported they are currently working on the budget which looks good. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday November 7, 2013. They are also applying for a Grant to obtain new radios.

Chief Mike Elliott questioned how we would go about changing the protocol for Officers. Changing Officers annually does not allow proper time for anyone to learn and become proficient in the undertaking of this committee. President Don Mellott stated anyone can go to the meeting(s) and make the motion to change the current protocol. Once the motion is made, it would go before the 18 board members to discuss and make a decision.

Banquet: Gina and Deb announced to “save the date” Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Bulk Purchase: No Report.

Food Services: Alice Pinto reported they netted approximately \$5000.00 from annual soup sale.

Township SOG: No report.

Standard Apparatus: Chief Elliott reported the “tanker” is in service, but will go back out of service on Wednesday for Glick’s to make adjustments. Then “tanker” will go back to Peterbilt because the check engine light keeps coming on. They did repair the transmission issues.

Training: Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of October there were 10 classes with 52 members in attendance for a total of 140.30 hours.

Live-ins: Brian Freysz stated he received an application in his mailbox this week and will be sending it up the chain to schedule an interview.

Uniform: Dave Johnson reported the new badges and collar pins arrived. Anyone who wears a class B uniform is entitled to the new badge which now displays 207, not 2-7. If you currently have badge displaying 207, there is no need to get a new one.

Anyone interested in purchasing a ball cap should sign up ASAP, the sign-up sheet will be taken down this weekend and the order placed.

Website: No report.

Correspondence: Jenn Hollinger reported we received a \$100.00 donation from Charitable Giving in Honor of Chief Elliott and his daughter Katelyn.

Our station was voted #1 for fire hall dinners and breakfast by Lancaster County Magazine.

Fred Groff Funeral Home is sponsoring a free breakfast for all Veterans. If you are interested, please call them or check their website for details.

We received a Thank You card from The Worship Center.

Cadet Camp: No Report.

Bills: Two copies were placed on all tables. Since no one had any questions, Don Templeton made the motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded by Chris Castagna. Motion Passed.

Old Business: President Don Mellott reported at the October 2nd, business meeting, Deputy Chief Borry presented us with information on the possibility of purchasing a Smoke Trailer for MTRF. It was our understanding that all 3 MTRF stations would pay 1/3 of the price out of their designated fire tax. This plan was discussed and approved by our members to pay 1/3 of the cost. It has been brought to our attention that there was a misunderstanding. The money from each of the 3 stations would **not** be coming out of the fire tax, but out of their individual station funds. The actual cost per station is \$4495.00 for a combined total of \$13,485. After Q & A, the motion was made by Amber Miller to pay our share out of our station funds. Motion was seconded by Don Templeton. Motion passed.

New Business: Secretary Jenn Hollinger announced the sign-up sheet for our annual Christmas party will be placed downstairs on the board. When signing up, please supply us with gift ideas for your child. The party will be Sunday December 15th from 5-8 pm.

Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday November 30th from 8-11 am. The sign-up sheet will be posted downstairs.

Dave Johnson reported there is still Fire Police items located in the uniform office, such as t-shirts, hats, etc. Dave made the motion to donate these items to Lancaster County Fire Police

Task Force. Question was asked about donating them to Station 2-3. Dave stated they were offered, but declined. Brian Freysz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Mike Elliott asked what the opinions are from our membership to offer the Mountville Fire Company the use of our Breakfast with Santa as their fundraiser for Sarah, the injured Junior Firefighter. Chief Elliott would make sure they understand they need to participate as much as they can with donations, help setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. After a brief Q & A, Chief Elliott made the motion to ask Mountville if they are interested, motion seconded by Melissa Templeton. Deb Freysz made the motion, that if Mountville cannot pull this together due to time limitations, that we donate our proceeds to Sarah's fund. Motion was seconded by Melissa Templeton. Motion passed.

Treasurer Melissa Templeton made the motion to move/transfer \$20,000 from our Susquehanna Bank to Edward Jones Investment Group. Brian Freysz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Mellott reported all the incentive cards have been handed out. Any questions please see him.

Reminder, the January 2014 meeting will be held on Monday January 6, 2014 @ 7pm.

Anyone still owing their membership dues, please remember that all dues must be paid before the start of December 4, 2013 business meeting.

Our annual Santa run will be on Saturday December 14th. You must be at the station by 0945 hours and we will be leaving the station at 10am. The sign-up sheet is posted downstairs on the board. Per Chief Elliott, the sign-up sheet(s) are already full, but if you are interested, please sign up and if needed we will put another vehicle on the street.

President Don Mellott stated the following 3 computers are showing their age; radio room, executive office, and the one at the live-in house. All 3 are no longer able to get support or assistance from the technicians at Microsoft. They are running on Windows XP which is no longer supported and further updates cannot be received due to the age of the computers. Don received a quote of \$2505.00 to replace the 3. Brian Freysz made the motion to purchase the 3 computers. Motion was seconded by Chris Castagna. Motion passed.

Nominees for 2014 Administrative Executive Board are as follows:

President Don Mellott

Vice-President Derrick Duffy, Gina Seace, Luke Gerhart, Jeff Ober and Diateza Alfredo

Secretary Jenn Hollinger and Amber Miller

Assistant Secretary Alyssa Duffy, Patrick Brennan, and Laura Oberly

Financial Secretary Alice Pinto

Treasurer Melissa Templeton and Don Templeton

Trustee Mike Templeton

Nominees for 2014 Line Officer Positions are as follows:

Chief Troy Slaymaker

Deputy Chief Mike Elliott

Assistant Chief Tom Hoffman

Captain Will Herskowitz

1st Lieutenant no one

2nd Lieutenant no one

Chief Engineer Don Mellott

1st Asst. Engineer no one

2nd Asst. Engineer no one

Ballots will be completed this weekend. Anyone who is eligible to vote and will be absent for the December 4th business meeting, please see me to complete an absentee ballot.

For the Good of the Cause:

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Freysz and seconded by everyone. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:39 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary

