

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes

December 4, 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 after noting that the November minutes were distributed with an error. Diateza Alfredo was not noted in the original November minutes that were distributed, however he was/is on the ballot and minutes corrected.

Reports

Financial Secretary's Report: Alice Pinto presented the report; Treasurer Melissa Templeton concurred.

Chief's Report: Chief Elliott reported for the month of November there were a total of 63 calls, 40 fire calls and 23 QRS. Overall average was 4.1, average for fire 4.8, average for QRS 3. No fire loss.

At the November Commissioners meeting they adopted a mutual aid agreement between MTRF and Lancaster Airport Authority. We, station 207 are no longer their first due. Their crash team is now primary, which releases us from liability. I am unsure if the FAA has approved this agreement. In the event that we are called to the Airport, we are not to stage on their field(s).

Latest tanker update; they believe the problem with the transmission is the computer module, which they will be replacing. We should have it back around Friday. Once the tanker is back and we place it in service, we need to be very smart when utilizing it. It is now a water tanker and should have a driver and ideally an exterior fire fighter. It does not need 2 drivers responding to the call, it can respond with only the driver. We must use common sense.

Winter is here, this means snow, slush, salt, etc. when returning to the station with a piece of apparatus, take the time to hose it down. When we have any warm or nice days, clean/wash the pieces. Take pride in maintaining our apparatus.

Part-timers are going through the apparatus checking equipment. I also asked the crew Monday evening to do inventory on all pieces, they found 4 – 5 items missing. We must be certain to replace any and all items back after using them! We need to have equipment sheets, which displays what tool(s), equipment, etc. should be on each piece of apparatus.

Township Chief's Report: No Report.

Captain's Report: Captain Will Herskowitz reported he ordered new CO detectors for all the med bags in the township, the small yellow ones that are to be on the QRS bags. They should arrive shortly. Mountville is to fill the in house air system at 1 pm. Please remember to use air on Squad 209 first.

Chief Engineer's Report: Don Mellott reiterated, tanker is still out of service.

New drivers qualified to drive tanker: Dave Harrower, Will Herskowitz, and Dio Acosta.

QRS Report: No Report.

Trustees Report: No Report.

County/State: No Report.

Fire Council: Chief Elliott reported he and President Mellott received the 1st by-law drafts. After reviewing the drafts, President Mellott found several items missing. The items were corrected and the 2nd draft came out, however I was unaware that President Mellott did not receive the 2nd draft. So, I have them with me if anyone would like to review them. It is my understanding the vote will take place in December. We can abstain from voting since we did not get to review the items, but they will go into effect in January, so the vote will happen. There are really no significant changes. They are going to change from monthly to bi-monthly and the Township Chief or his representative will now be a member of the council. There is now a provision when elections will be held.

Mike Rimer is no longer Township Manager. The Assistant Manager is filling in until they find a replacement. January 2014 will bring in the 3 new Commissioners.

There will be no fire tax increase.

Juniors: No Report.

Combined Relief: Jeff Ober reported there were articles in the newspaper and if anyone has any questions regarding said articles, please see him.

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

Bulk Purchase: No Report.

Food Services: No Report.

Township SOG: No Report.

Standard Apparatus: No Report.

Training: Deputy Chief Troy Slaymaker reported for the month of November there were 15 classes, 57 members for a total of 277.45 hours.

Live-ins: No Report.

Uniform: No Report.

Website: No Report.

Correspondence: Jenn Hollinger reported that we received a \$500.00 donation from Dutch Valley Food Distribution in Honor of one of their employees, Judy Savage who chose our Fire Department.

All Christmas cards received will be placed downstairs on the board.

Cadet Camp: Melissa Templeton reported that registration will open 1/1/14 and the form(s) can be found on our website. A meeting will be held sometime in January, an email will go out with date and time. If anyone is interested in helping out, please see Melissa or Jenn Hollinger.

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

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: Deputy Chief Slaymaker reported over the past couple of months we added new equipment in the bay. This consisted of blue racks and gear for the Rescue Task Force Volunteers. A lot of the gear was purchased by Station 204. Along with the gear, winter jackets were to be purchased, which was to be bought with the \$6600.00, however the money was exhausted with all the bags, racks, gear, etc. I am making the motion to purchase the winter jackets only for the MTRF Volunteers, not the part-timers since they already have them. We need to purchase 17 winter jackets @ \$120.00 per jacket for a total of \$2040.00. Motion was seconded by Chris Ingle. Motion passed.

Shawn Seace reported that on Sunday December 22nd they will be taking the juniors to a Hershey Bears game for their Christmas party. The total cost is \$1027.50 which includes, tickets, parking, food, etc. Scott Weiser has already paid the above amount. Shawn made the motion to reimburse Scott the \$1027.50, motion was seconded by Rich Denlinger. Motion passed. President Mellott added that the juniors still have grant money from 4-5 years ago which was obtained for Junior Advisors Program, which no longer exists, so the money keeps getting carried over, therefore the reimbursement will come out of this money.

Secretary Jenn Hollinger reported that the benefit breakfast for Sarah was a success and thanked everyone. We served 980 people for a total of \$6074.56 going into Sarah's fund.

We are going to host another benefit on January 25, 2014. This benefit will be an all you can eat spaghetti dinner with salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. The benefit and all its proceeds will go to the Craig Elmer fund in support of his toddler grandson who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. His grandson is just a small toddler and resides in Kansas City. All proceeds raised will go to support the families in whatever way they can utilize it. Chief Elliott, President Mellott, Jenn Hollinger and Melissa Templeton will be heading up this benefit. More information will follow.

President Mellott reminded everyone that January's meeting will be held on Monday January 6th @ 7 pm.

The Santa run will be next Saturday December 14th. All persons who signed up should be at the station no later than 9:45 am. For those of you interested, there is a reservation for breakfast at Oregon Dairy for 8:30 am.

Sign-up sheet for the annual Christmas party is hanging downstairs on the board. If you plan on attending, please remember to sign up with gift ideas for your children. The party will be Sunday December 15th from 5 – 8 pm.

President Mellott reported that the Relief Association officers from our station, will be; Melissa Templeton as Treasurer, Will Herskowitz as Equipment Officer, and Jeff Ober as President. I still need individuals to serve a one year term on the board as a voting member only. If anyone is interested please see me. We currently have two individuals on the board in which neither one has been able to attend one of the meetings, therefore I have emailed both members. I have only heard from one of them who tendered his resignation. I cannot do anything with the other position until I hear from that individual.

President Mellott called a short recess so that the members can vote for the 2014 officers. Secretary Jenn Hollinger, Asst. Secretary Deb Freysz will distribute the ballots and count the votes. Deputy Chief Slaymaker and Dave Harrower will assist in tallying the votes. President Mellott called the meeting back to order and read the voting results. The following will be the 2014 Officers for Station 207:

President	Don Mellott	Vice President	Gina Seace
Secretary	Jenn Hollinger	Asst. Secretary	Laura "Boo" Oberle
Treasurer	Melissa Templeton	Financial Secretary	Alice Pinto
Trustee	Mike Templeton	Chief Engineer	Don Mellott
Chief	Troy Slaymaker	Deputy Chief	Mike Elliott

Asst. Chief

Tom Hoffman

Captain

Will Herskowitz

For the Good of the Cause:

Chief Elliott made a motion to make a deposit of \$1000.00 for Hershey Park Day in 2014. Amber Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Don Templeton to adjourn. Chris Castagna seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 19:47 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Freysz

Assistant Secretary