

**Neffsville Fire Company Minutes  
February 6, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Mellott at 19:05 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Financial Secretary's report was given. Treasurer concurred.

**Reports:**

**Chief's Report:** Mike Elliott reported 44 emergency calls for January. The 2008 Officer responsibility sheet will be posted on the board in the engine bay after the meeting. All of the jackets are in and being distributed. We are in the process of getting new maps of the gates at the airport and we will be notified on all crashes at the airport and will be dispatched. The only thing that will go on the field is tanker. For an alert 2 all pieces will go on the field. The tanker has been requested to be at the airport when the Southwest plane comes in and takes off. Mike will have more details. The next flight is February 24<sup>th</sup>. The 3 chiefs have been noticing and discussing issues in the membership. An advisory committee will be formed to deal with the issues. The people on the committee will be calling each active member to set up a time to talk and find out any issues and discuss ways to resolve them.

**Captain's Report:** No Report.

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Scott Weiser reported on maintenance done in the past month. E-2-7-1: the electrical issues have been corrected. The warning lights can be kept on at all times on calls and roadways. Report any findings to engineers ASAP. Battery charger has been changed out for temporary replacement. E-2-7-2: The rear air tank will be changed out due to rust inside tank. The new tank is on order. Foam Trailer 2-7: inspection was done on 1/17/08. Needed to change out the ball hitch to a higher LBS rating. A new hitch was installed. A "B" style key was given to the owner of 10-8 Repair Shop so they can pick up and deliver apparatus or do repairs in our station. 10-8 will call county to advise them of apparatus maintenance (in service/out of service). Traffic 2-7: Plow has been repaired and painted. New Drivers: Will Herskowitz on E-2-7-1.

**Captain of Fire Police:** Alan Hartman reported that they assisted the fire company on 35 calls. Make any changes to the blue light list by Saturday. It will be taken down and sent to the State Police

**Trustee's Report:** Ed Berilla reported on station maintenance & repair for the past month. The radio room door was fixed. The door between the social hall and engine bay will be fixed this month. The desk has been moved from traffics bay and will be going to Laverne. Markers have been placed on the lawn for plowing. A re-bid will be done on the fire escape as well as for painting. Thanks to David Hartman and Ray Seace for helping out. There is a new bin outside of the side engine room door for the soda cans after they are bagged. The generator is back online.

**County/State Report:** New delegates are needed.

**Fire Council:** Mike Elliot reported that they met in January and approved the budgets. Southern received an advance on their Township money to purchase a new vehicle to use as a squad since their squad broke. The Steering, bulk purchase and SOG committees have been seated. Curvin Hurst is the new citizen at large on the council.

**Auxiliary:** No report.

**Juniors:** Rich Denlinger reported that on January 26<sup>th</sup> the companies got together and made up a 4 month training plan which is on the board in the engine bay. Each junior should have received a copy. They are planning a county-wide junior training day. Rich needs a copy of each juniors report card. To participate in the program you must turn it in. The juniors have designed a t-shirt.

### **Committee Reports**

**Banquet Committee:** Scott Weiser reported that the banquet is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The invites should be going out this month. The ballots for line officer of the year will be downstairs on the counter until after training next week.

**By-Laws committee:** Beth Templeton reported that the first meeting will be on February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are on the committee and did not get the email, please see her.

**Dedication Committee:** No Report

**Engine Committee:** Mike Elliott reported that we have opted for a different style of rear end so we can get a warranty on it. The engine is in production. The engine should be arriving by the end of April.

**Fire Prevention:** No report.

**Fund Drive:** Larry Marshall reported that we have received \$178,768.62 with 2,156 returns.

**Parade:** No report.

**Training:** Troy Slaymaker reported on the past months training and the upcoming training schedule. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> is a NIMS 700 review. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> is the ICS 100 review. The first responders course will be happening at the end of March. Be on the look out for an email.

**Uniform Committee:** No Report

**Ways & Means Committee:** No Report.

**Web Site:** No report.

Correspondence was read.

The bills were presented for payment and approved.

### **Old Business:**

Mike Elliott brought up the fire prevention ads at Penn Cinema for discussion. The ads would cost just under \$10,000 and run twice before each movie. Questions were entertained. Christian made a motion to run the ads at Penn Cinema. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

### **New Business:**

Jeremiah Bernat has completed his 90-day probation. Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Jeremiah Bernat into Junior membership. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott brought up Carl Henderson for 90-day probation for junior membership.

Mike Elliott brought up Michael McLean for 90-day probation for general membership.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Bill Copeland back into membership waiving the 90 days probation. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mike Elliott brought up Paula Eckman for 90-days probation for membership.

Kim Beck has been cleared to run again.

Mike Elliott stated that the business cards for the officers have been redone. He made a motion to purchase business cards for the line officers and executive board members not to exceed \$300. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

David Hartman made a motion to purchase a portable basketball net and basketball not to exceed \$120. Questions were entertained. Scott Weiser stated he has one he will donate. David withdrew his motion.

Jenn Templeton made a motion to allow the Ways and Means committee to purchase festival supplies not to exceed the budget. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Larry Marshall made a motion to apply for a state loan from the Volunteer Loan Assistance program in the amount of \$100,000. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Rich Denlinger made a motion to purchase t-shirts for the juniors not to exceed \$350. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Don Mellott made the second reading of a proposed constitution change regarding position vacancies. Questions were entertained.

Don Mellott stated that the new phone system will begin to be installed next week. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> will be a quick training on the system. Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a full training.

Don Mellott read Jim Hendricks letter of resignation as a trustee. Scott Weiser was appointed to be his replacement for the remainder of the term.

Don Mellott appointed Mike Elliott, Mike Templeton and Barry Liebowitz to the Steering Committee

Don Mellott appointed the Disciplinary Board – Chair: Ben, Board: Beth Templeton, Jean Elliott, Shawn Seace, Myron Vaughn - Alternates Will Herskowitz & Ed Berilla

Don Mellott appointed the Chief Advisory Board: Chair-Larry Marshall, Board: Cindy Miley & Myron Vaughn

Don Mellott asked that you not write notes on items posted on the board. Please see the person who posted the note if you have questions regarding the note.

The Executive Board presented Gina Seace to be accepted as a life member. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

The Executive Board presented Don Mellott to be accepted as a life member. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**For the Good of the Cause:**

Mike Elliott stated that the steering committee has been filled however their will be subcommittees formed in the next several months. Those who volunteered for the committee but were not appointed will be kept in mind for these committees. If you are interested but have not responded, please do so.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:59 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Templeton  
Assistant Secretary