

**Neffsville Fire Company Minutes
January 2, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Mellott at 19:01 hours.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and approved as corrected.

Financial Secretary's report was given. Treasurer concurred.

Reports:

Chief's Report: Mike Elliott reported 43 emergency calls for December. For the year 2007 we had 569 calls. This Saturday at 1pm, we will be visiting Jim Hendricks at Brethren Village. Please let Mike know if you are able to come, so he can assign seats. If you have time on your own, please visit as well. New 2008 job responsibilities will be posted on the board in the engine bay. Please check the list so you know who to ask questions. Please keep the communications room clean, and allow the officers to do the reports there without interference. Also, the computer in the communications room is meant for fire company business only. The main emergency gate at the airport, off of Lititz Pike, is no longer there. We now have cards to use the main gate at the terminal as the emergency access.

Captain's Report: Thank you to everyone for coming out and fielding the apparatus.

Chief Engineer's Report: Scott Weiser reported on maintenance done in the past month. E-2-7-1: 2 rebuilt alternators. Replaced all cab door switches. Replaced battery isolators. Repaired heat controls in cab. Corrected the rear brakes so they do not bind. Replaced brake shoes. E-2-7-2: Added a headset to the officer's position (This is a non transmitting head set only). Traffic 2-7: Opticon installed. Drivers side door handle repaired. State inspection completed. Valve cover gaskets replaced on engine. Squad 2-7: Replaced red rear clearance lamp twice on the driver's side. Foam Trailer: needs inspection-but county insurance cards are expired.

Captain of Fire Police: Alan Hartman reported that they assisted the fire company on 32 calls. Alan will post the blue light list downstairs. Please check the list and make corrections. There will also be cards to fill out if you are not on the list. He met with the other fire police captains (2-4 & 2-11) and they decided that one person, Alan, will be in charge of special details for the township.

Trustee's Report: Ed Berilla reported on station maintenance & repair for the past month. He thanked those who cleaned up the tree limbs. Plowing time is approaching, Alan Hartman will be overseeing that. Please contact him if you would like to know how to operate the plow.

County/State Report: No report.

Fire Council: Mike Elliot reported on the December meeting. They elected officers for the coming year, Mike Elliott is president and vice president is Chief Howie from Eden. The SOG and bulk purchase committees were formed. 2-11 has stopped bingo. NIMs 700 & 100 will be taught by Rick Kane tomorrow morning at 7:30am. Rick Kane reported that several buildings in the Township have been labeled exterior firefighting only mostly on the 900 block of Prince St. Mike stated that this info will be entered in the Iron Compass computers. Be sure to check. The online survey from the strategic planning meeting will remain up until this Friday (1/4) at midnight. As of today 64 surveys have been received. Rick Kane recapped some of the results of the survey. A steering committee will review the results. Chief Elliott will be looking for people to serve on the committee.

Auxiliary: No report.

Juniors: Rich Denlinger reported that the Juniors had their pizza party in December. They are currently designing a t-shirt for the juniors of the 4 companies. They may also hold fundraisers. There will be no junior training in the month of January. Mike Elliott stated that the Junior program is very well received in the county. He was stopped over the holidays by someone from another station who had very good comments on the countywide junior training & Neffsville.

Committee Reports

Banquet Committee: The banquet is March 22nd.

Engine Committee: Mike Elliott reported that the final drawings were sent from Sutphin and the frame and final parts have been ordered. It should go into production the first week of February and is scheduled to be completed by the end of April. See Mike if you'd like to see the final drawings.

Fire Prevention: Kim Herskowitz reported that 3,000 people were seen face to face this year and including the ads it is over 150,000 people. More adults were educated this year than in the past. Thanks to everyone who helped last year. Rick Kane stated that the trailer behind the station was purchased from FEMA surplus and will hopefully be used for public education and safety training.

Fund Drive: Larry Marshall reported that we have received \$175,773.62 with 2,116 returns.

Parade: No report.

Training: Troy Slaymaker reported on the past months training and the upcoming training schedule. Troy and Mike are still working on a First Responder for early this year as well as an FAA short class, Firefighter Survival and a full 16 hour WRIT class. They are looking to schedule a Haz Mat technician later in the year. Also, a 16 hour Haz Mat refresher course. Keep your eyes on your email for trainings.

Uniform Committee: No Report

Ways & Means Committee: No Report.

Web Site: Christian Brooks reported that the new website is up and running. The email accounts will be available to the Line Officers, E-board, Trustees & website committee. Please see someone on the committee to set that up. If you would like to be in control of your own member profile, please see Nelson.

Correspondence was read.

The bills were presented for payment and approved.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Mike Elliott brought up Marilyn Collins for Auxiliary membership. He made a motion to accept Marilyn into the Auxiliary. 2nd. Motion passed.

Mike Elliott brought up Krista Denlinger & Joan Bohan for administrative membership for 90 days probation.

Mike Elliott made the first reading of a proposed constitution change regarding position vacancies.

Mike Elliott made a motion to purchase a new phone system (Ecom system) including installation and new phone jacks not to exceed \$9,600. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Don Mellott thanked the outgoing 2007 officers and welcomed the incoming 2008 officers.

Don Mellott appointed a By-Laws committee. Chair: Beth Templeton Committee Members: Mike Gallagher, Ray Seace, Alan Hartman and Myron Vaughn.

Don Mellott appointed a Dedication committee for the new engine. Co-chairs: Troy & Lisa Slaymaker. Committee members: Tara Slaymaker, Cindy Miley, Krista Denlinger, David Hartman & Dionicio Acosta.

For the Good of the Cause:

Betty Hendricks thanked everyone who has visited Jim, helped out and kept them in their thoughts and prayers.

Mike Elliott stated the company jackets were backordered, but should be arriving in 2 weeks.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:56 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Templeton
Assistant Secretary