

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes November 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Mellott at 17:02 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 45 emergency calls for October. FYI: The foam cell on tanker has been drained and was sent down to National Foam. Thank you to everyone who helped in the project. The foam is diluted and they don't recommend using it. The tanker is going to Exton to be refilled. It will be out of service for foam until it returns. The task force and airport are aware of the situation. The first patch has been switched. The roll up door on Squad has the new township patch. Mike has talked to Cassels about doing the rest of the patches on the apparatus. They are working out a schedule as Cassels will not come to station to do them. Mike may look at someone else who will come to the station, so it is less invasive to the station. Mike stated that they have been looking into buying a 35mm camera for the command and company photographer. A friend of Jean's heard them discussing it and has donated the camera to the company. We will only need to buy a few pieces. The donated camera will be with the station photographer. The one the photographer was using is now in the command vehicle.

Captain's Report: Ben Herskowitz thanked everyone who has been helping to field the apparatus

Chief Engineer's Report: Scott Weiser reported on apparatus maintenance for the past month. E-2-7-2: Passenger fold down jump seat seatbelt jammed and now has the original back in until the replacement comes in. Engine is using engine oil and will go this month to be checked out. Tanker 2-7: Dashboard electronic problem has been corrected by installing a new power distribution solenoid. The tailpipe and exhaust connection has been replaced. The foam concentrate has been removed and new will be installed this Friday, 11-9-07. State inspection has been done. Squad 2-7: New Township patch and striping is installed on the new roll up door. Trailer-Foam 2-7: Inspection is due this month. Traffic 2-7: Radio channels have been corrected. Changed air filter.

Captain of Fire Police: Alan Hartman stated that they assisted the company 32 times in October. If you empty one tank of Traffic please take it to be filled or at least tell someone.

Trustee's Report: Ed Berilla reported on station maintenance & repair for the past month. He thanked everyone who showed up Monday to help clean up the station. The storage closet was cleaned out and organized. Please keep it that way. Compartments have been labeled for fire prevention, festival, etc. If you have something for any of these, please put them in the correct spot. Ed called about getting a container for recycling. We will be getting one for plastics and glass. We will keep the cans for soda cans so we can return them for cash. We are in the process of building a bin for the cans to keep them out of the mechanical room. Sensitive areas have been marked off to be code compliant. It's important to keep things out of these areas. In the next few weeks they will be talking to people about removing items.

County/State Report: No Report.

Fire Council: Mike Elliot stated that they met last month. The SOG's are being reviewed for discrepancies, inaccuracies and contradictions. Tuesday, November 20th there will be an informational meeting on the Township Fire Rescue Strategic Plan. Chief Kane will be laying out a Power Point. It starts at 7pm in the 2nd floor banquet room of the barn. Everyone is invited. This is a brainstorming session to lay

out ground work for a strategic plan for the township fire rescue service. He would like to see as many members there as possible. There will be a sign up sheet to see who wants to go down on apparatus.

Auxiliary: No Report.

Juniors: Rich Denlinger reported that the Juniors had 2 trainings in October. One was the 16th and the other on the 30th. They did ladder work on the 16th and more ladder work and search work on the 30th. The next training will be out at the training center on Nov. 13th. It will be ladder work. October 13th was the countywide junior training. There were juniors from 18 companies. The evaluators are compiling the juniors evaluations.

Committee Reports

Banquet Committee: No report.

Engine Committee: Mike Elliott reported that the committee went to Columbus, OH. The committee is sending the remaining preconstruction details by the end of the week. The final drawings will be done and back to us by the end of the month. Construction is supposed to start the 2nd of December and delivery is supposed to be the end of April. The engine committee is meeting after the meeting to try and figure out where they want shelves, vertical tool boards, etc. Please let the committee figure this out. The engine may not be showed at expo because of how customized it is.

Fire Prevention: Kim Herskowitz reported that they did fire prevention for 770 people. More people are coming to the station to ask questions. There is now a box of fire prevention stuff downstairs in the lounge where the TV is. You may give this out to people who stop by. Kim thanked everyone who helped out on Halloween.

Fund Drive: Larry Marshall reported that we have received \$156,734.62 with 1,897 returns.

Parade: No Report.

Training: Troy Slaymaker reported on the past months training and the upcoming training schedule. This Monday is the Universal Fitness meeting. There will be another detail that night for those who do not want to participate. Troy and Mike are working on an upcoming training with the airport. He sent a sheet around for the Long Memorial Church bonfire. Engine 2 will be out of service. Tanker will be in service. Mike stated that when you take a training class, you are representing this company. Your actions should represent the company in a positive and professional way. He never wants to hear again a report that several students said that members from Neffsville drastically reduced their ability to learn. It is unprofessional. If it happens again I will push to find out who it is and they will not be taking any additional trainings.

Uniform Committee: No Report

Ways & Means Committee: Don Mellott passed around a sign up sheet for Santa Breakfast on Saturday, November 24th from 8-11am. Please be here by 7:30. The Santa run is Saturday, December 8th. Please be here by 10. A sign up sheet was sent around. The company Christmas party is Sunday, December the 16th from 5-8pm. A sign up sheet was sent around.

Web Site: Christian Brooks stated that the committee is planning a move to yourfirstdue.com as our new host. We are asking for the money tonight, to get it up and rolling with the new host. Christian has a list of things the site will be able to do.

Correspondence was read.

The bills were presented for payment. Questions were entertained. The bills were approved to be paid with the exception of Cassel's.

Old Business:

Ben Herskowitz stated that the pricing for the movie theater ads are just shy of \$10,000 for an entire year. The ad plays in 10 theaters before every movie and will reach approx. 500,000 people per year. It would be approximately \$833 per month. He recommends that we do the ads so that they can be started as soon as possible to get the holiday season. Mike questioned getting it just for December due to budget questions for the entire year. More questions were entertained and a discussion ensued. Ben made a motion to place the holiday ad at Penn Cinema for a 2 month period at an approximate cost of \$1,700. 2nd. Motion carried.

New Business:

Christian Brooks made a motion to move our website to yourfirstdue.com at a cost of \$24.95 per month. Questions were entertained. 2nd. Motion carried.

Mike Elliott brought up Jeremiah Bernat for his 90-day probation for junior membership.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Jack Borden as a member of the fire company. 2nd. Motion carried.

Mike Elliott made a motion to purchase an external flash for the camera and 4 memory cards for \$365. Questions were entertained. 2nd. Motion carried.

Mike Elliott made a motion to purchase 7 company jackets from WearGuard not to exceed \$1,000. 2nd. Motion carried. If you need a new jacket (to be purchased by you), see Mike.

Alan Hartman made a motion to give the \$100 donation from the MT Marching Band to Lancaster Township as a thank you for your help. 2nd. Motion carried.

Don Mellott stated that your membership dues must be paid prior to December meeting.

Don Mellott asked all committee chairs to have budgets to Don by November 25th. The Executive board is meeting on the 26th to discuss the budget.

Don Mellott stated that we received a thank you and several passes from Cloister Car Wash. The passes will be available after the meeting.

Don Mellott asked that when you buy something, please make sure Larry or Betty gets the invoiced marked with what it is for.

Don Mellott stated that there are tools missing from the engineer's room. Please return them. If this problem continues the lock will be changed and only engineers and officers will have access. The large flag is also missing.

The Executive Board needs the address for Hershey Fire Co. to send the check requested last month.

Don Mellott met with the Ladies Auxiliary. They will be rebuilding and passing along their traditions to new blood. He would like them to continue as an organization.

Nominations*Line Officers*

Chief: Mike Elliott

Deputy Chief: Brian Freysz

Assistant Chief: Troy Slaymaker

Captain: Ben Herskowitz

1st Lieutenant: Will Herskowitz

2nd Lieutenant: Jenn Templeton

3rd Lieutenant: Don Templeton and Marty Herskowitz

Chief Engineer: Scott Weiser

1st Assistant Engineer: Rich Denlinger
2nd Assistant Engineer: Don Mellott
3rd Assistant Engineer: Open

Captain of Fire Police: Alan Hartmen
Lieutenant of Fire Police: Dan Hughes and Luke Gerhart

Executive Board

President: Don Mellott
Vice President: Dionicio Acosta, Alan Hartmen, Chris Castagna
Secretary: Betty Hendricks
Financial Secretary: Larry Marshall
Treasurer: Jenn Templeton
Assistant Secretary: Beth Templeton

Trustees: LaVerne Stauffer and Dan Hughes

For the Good of the Cause:

Don Mellott stated that SMTFC is having a spaghetti dinner on November 17th and a pancake breakfast on November 23rd.

Will Herskowitz asked that if you use any equipment from the apparatus in house please make sure you return it.

Rich Denlinger stated that he needs juniors report cards when they come in.

Ed Berilla reminded everyone to turn off lights and make sure doors are locked.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 20:13 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Templeton
Assistant Secretary