

**Neffsville Fire Company Minutes  
October 3, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President, Don Mellott at 19:00 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 42 emergency calls for September. The Tanker and Engine 2 were at the airport to standby for the landing of the president today. It went well. There is a new person in charge of maintenance at the airport. He would like to establish a good relationship with us and do trainings. Mike sent around a sign up sheet for Hometown Heroes Night at the Bears to see who was interested. Mike stated that 552 Laurel Lane has been issued a cease and desist order from Code Compliance to stop burning anything. A copy of the order is in Squad should we be called there.

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

**Chief Engineer's Report:** Scott Weiser reported on apparatus maintenance for the past month. E-2-7-1 – rear drivers side rotator is fixed and now rotates. Traffic 2-7 – rear back up light is installed & operating. E-2-7-2 – Officer's side quartz light is repaired. Driver's side mirror on door is loose. Please be careful and don't slam doors. Squad 2-7 – roll up door is off the vehicle and should be reinstalled by the end of October. Tanker 2-7 – tailpipe is not on the apparatus, a new one is on order and should be installed by the end of October. During a training exercise some hydrant water was introduced into the foam tank. National Foam was called. We are skimming the water off of the top of the tank as it settles out. We have had this kind of situation before and took care of the situation in the same manner.

**Captain of Fire Police:** No Report.

**Trustee's Report:** Ed Berilla reported on station maintenance & repair for the past month. If anyone had any key issues please see Ed or Jim Hendricks after the meeting.

**County/State Report:** Scott Weiser stated that P-truck and Tanker are slated to go to the State Parade on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fire Council:** Mike Elliot stated that they met on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They did not appoint a president. They are going to have the vice president run the meetings for the rest of the year. Police Chief Harkins attended to introduce himself and discuss the relationship he is trying to build between the police and fire departments. He hopes to have Officer Jones do a presentation to the departments on Accident Recreation and what they need from us. They discussed that the road around the high school is still not paved. Please use caution in that area if you are driving. The road behind the middle school is now paved and accessible. It is the crossover from Oregon Rd to behind the high school. A new SOG was approved. It is on apparatus cover. If you are at the station and another station is tapped out, and the call is within 4 miles driving distance, you may respond without being dispatched. There is a map in the engine bay to show what is within 4 miles. If there is a working fire and we have a crew at the firehouse, we can respond without being dispatched. There will be a meeting held at the Overlook barn on November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 with all Manheim Township Fire Department members for strategic planning. The Township is sending a letter to East Petersburg, that if they are to respond in the Township they need to respond under our box alarms and rules. Chief Tshudy requested that Chief Kane review the SOG's. Hanging on the board downstairs is the new Township Patch. Where the patch is going on the uniform is under discussion.

**Auxiliary:** Arlene Overly stated that they will be having the Soup & Food Sale on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing chicken on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Juniors:** Rich Denlinger reported that the Juniors have been doing training at the house. On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a junior training day. Lunch will be provided. If you have not signed up, make sure you do. You must be registered to attend. Help is needed. Richie has a sign up sheet to help.

### **Committee Reports**

**Banquet Committee:** The banquet will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If any one has past certificates and frames, and does not want the frames, bring them back and they will be recycled.

**Engine Committee:** Mike Elliott reported that the committee is going to Sutphin on October 28<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 30<sup>th</sup> for the pre-construction meeting. There is an ad written for PA Firemen for the sale of Engine 1. There is a discussion in the Township for the Township to purchase and use it as a reserve engine. It would be available when one of the Township engines is out of service. The new engine should be here before expo.

**Fire Prevention:** Kim Herskowitz reported that they did fire extinguisher training at Envisions, Crooked Oak Neurological and Montessori Academy and they participated in Community days, Neff family picnic and Squire Lane block party. They have also been driving around on Saturdays to parks to meet the community. It is going well. Fire Prevention Week is next week. There will be sign up sheets downstairs for help. Mike asked whether we would be doing the Christmas tree ad at Penn Cinema again. Kim is checking on prices.

**Fund Drive:** Larry Marshall reported that we have received \$138,287.62 with 1,614 returns.

**Parade:** Scott Weiser stated that during September Tanker went to Township Community Days and P-Truck went to East Petersburg's Community Days and PA State Convention. Laverne's truck got 1<sup>st</sup> place in the entire state as a privately owned antique.

**Training:** Troy Slaymaker reported on the past months training and the upcoming training schedule. This Monday we are leaving at 6:45 for the Fire Drill at Brethren Village. Township Training on October 15<sup>th</sup> is RIT Training. Please check your email for information on upcoming trainings. Sign Up sheets are being sent around for the Foam Task Force Drill on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Uniform Committee:** No Report

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

**Web Site:** Ed Berilla submitted his resignation as chairperson for this committee. He will remain on the committee to help acclimate the new chairperson. Don Mellott appointed Christian Brooks as the new chairperson.

Correspondence was read.

The bills were presented for payment and approved.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Mike Elliott brought up Scott Shepard for Junior membership. He will be on 90 days probation starting tonight.

Mike Elliott stated that we have received another new door for Squad. They will be working on installing it next Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday. There will be a manual override. It will be in the broom compartment on the drivers' side. There will also be an indicator light to tell whether the door is operating properly. It will be able to be serviced while it is fully rolled up. The line officers would like to put the Township patch on the door. Mike made a motion to put the patch on the rollup door. The cost will be the Townships. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Kim Herskowitz made a motion to send a \$100 check to Hershey Fire Department for the use of their smoke trailer during cadet camp. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

Don Mellott appointed Todd Swiontek as 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Engineer for the remainder of the year.

Don Mellott appointed Dionicio Accsta, Mike Templeton and Todd Swiontek as the Nominating Committee.

**For the Good of the Cause:**

The old Township patches on the apparatus will be replaced by the new patch at the Townships cost.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Templeton  
Assistant Secretary