

Neffsville Fire Company Minutes September 5, 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 41 emergency calls for August. He thanked the fire police crew and the apparatus crew who were on the fatal accident last week. He asked for help for upcoming community activities. Sign up sheets were sent around. Maps of the High School will be uploaded into the apparatus computers. The alarms and sprinklers are working. Access to the FDC is there; however it is not paved.

Captain's Report: No Report.

Chief Engineer's Report: Scott Weiser reported on apparatus maintenance for the past month. Engine 2-7-1: rear brakes linkage greased, repaired flashing rear warning lights, repaired tank indicator level, Tach on pump panel repaired, charging system repaired, bell removed, MIV valve repaired, replaced both batteries, state inspection completed, officers side rotator on rear was repaired. E-2-7-2: MIV valve was greased so it operated smoothly and broken quartz light on officers side needs parts. T-2-7: deck gun repaired and fully operational. Squad 2-7: the new rear roll up door is in station and will be installed this month – keep your hands off of it meanwhile, replaced both batteries and charging system repaired, coolant leak repaired, rear drivers side wheel and tire have large scuff. Someone ran over a curb. If you do something like that, please let someone know. Traffic 2-7: officer side mirror replaced. Command 2-7: oil changed and preventive maintenance.

Captain of Fire Police: Alan Hartman reported the fire police assisted on 26 emergency calls. He stated they have 4 special details coming up this month on Saturdays. Please see Alan if you want to help.

Trustee's Report: Ed Berilla reported on station maintenance & repair for the past month. Please make it a priority to put anything you get out back. New blinds will be installed in the social hall this month. Some Monday night Ed would like to remove the doors from beside the sheds.

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

Fire Council: Mike Elliot stated that they will be meeting next Tuesday.

Auxiliary: Arlene Overly stated that they will be having a sale at the end of October.

Juniors: Rich Denlinger reported that the Juniors met last night. They did evolutions with packs, smoked up a basement at Witmer. The prior training they went to E. Pete and climbed Truck 2-3. The next training is in 2 weeks and will be held at the house in Witmer.

Committee Reports

Banquet Committee: The banquet will be March 22, 2008.

Engine Committee: Mike Elliott reported that they will be receiving paint chips to match it to the other apparatus. Preconstruction date is set for October which means the engine may be done in April. Engine one will be listed for sale.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Flag Committee: Ed Berilla stated that the flags are here and ready to be flown. The flag committee was disbanded.

Fund Drive: Larry Marshall reported that we have received \$130,167.62 with 1,603 returns.

Parade: Scott Weiser stated that the State parade is September 22nd and P-truck is going to the East Petersburg parade on September 15th.

Training: Troy Slaymaker reported on the past months training and the upcoming training schedule. If you go on outside trainings make sure you fill out a training form and give it to Troy in order to get credit. Starting September 6 and going until October 8th is a Firefighter 1 class. Details will be posted downstairs. Chief Elliott is working on getting a First Responders Class at our station in the spring.

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 reported on the trip to Charleston in August. They presented the check and met with firefighters from both Station 2 and 3. Mike Elliott and Cindy Templeton went out to the site and there are pictures on the website.

Mike Elliott stated that David Hartman had his county hearing and the judge removed the charges from the county level and all charges have since been dropped. Chief Elliott recommends that the suspension be removed. That will take effect once Chief Elliott speaks to him.

New Business:

Jenn Templeton made a motion to allow the executive board to buy furniture for the lounge not to exceed \$4,000. Questions were entertained. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Jenn Templeton made a motion to purchase a PC for \$2,250 to take care of photography and videos. Questions were entertained. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott brought up Tara Slaymaker as an administrative member on 90 days probation.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Lisa Slaymaker as an administrative member. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Sue Ober as an administrative member. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott extended Paula Eckman's probation as member due to medical circumstances.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Darryl Eckman as a member. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott made a motion to accept Benjamin Moore as a junior member. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Mike Elliott made a motion to reject Geary Southwick as Fire Police. 2nd. Motion Carried.

Don Mellott stated that he received a resignation letter from Bill Copeland as 3rd Assistant Engineer. A replacement will be appointed next month.

For the Good of the Cause:

Rick Kane stated that beginning late October/November the departments will be creating a strategic plan for the next 10-15 years. It will take 12-18 months to do. An informational meeting will take place in late October or early November. Items to be addressed: a reduction in the ISO rating - from a 5 to a 3, staffing, number of apparatus and location, number of stations and locations, status of fundraising, accreditation of the Township Fire Dept and more. The meeting will be open to everyone. He also stated that the Township Manager is retiring in the first quarter of the new year.

The motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:46 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Templeton
Assistant Secretary