

Stratfield Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2007

Opening Notes

President Mike Farkas called the meeting to order at 2022 hours with twenty one members in attendance, beginning with the salute to the flag.

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Angus Maciver** to waive the reading of last month's minutes. The motion was seconded by **Jason Prevelige** and passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Elaine Riebling read the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$36,751.87
Income Received: \$981
Bills to Pay: \$3,947.51

Net Balance: \$33,785.36

A motion was made by **Jeff DeSiero** to wave the Treasurer's Report as read and seconded by Devin Mulligan with one abstention from **Joe Olzacki**.

Bills Payable

The Bills Payable for the month of April were read by **Treasurer Elaine Riebling**:

Engine 3 House Fund: \$100
New England Uniform: \$856.95
Mike Farkas: \$187.62
Dan Ackley for EMT Recertification: \$195
Jason Prevelige for pins: \$204.94

A motion was made by **Jeff DeSiero** to pay the bills and seconded by **Jason Prevelige** and passed unanimously with no abstentions.

The Bills Payable for the month of May were read by **Treasurer Elaine Riebling**:

Engine 3 House Fund: \$100

Fairfield Uniform: \$49

A motion was made by **Jeff DeSiero** to pay the bills and seconded by **Jason Prevelige** and passed unanimously with no abstentions.

New Members

Three new members were introduced by **Jason Prevelige**. Their names are Jim O'Leary, Dina Santoro, and Sara Daniels. Jim saw the billboard in Bridgeport and Dina and Sara both joined from hearing through Devin Mulligan.

Correspondence

We received an invite from Explorer Post member Rory Clancy to attend his Eagle Scout ceremony.

Plan & Scope Committee

Nothing to report.

Refreshment Committee

Mike Zaleta reports that the annual company dinner will be on Saturday May 5th, 2007 at 1900 at the H. Smith Richardson Golf Course.

Hospitality Committee

Nothing to report.

Mike Farkas reports that Karen Ackley has been ill and was sent flowers. **Mike** also reported that Jimmy Flanagan's sister Aggie has suffered a stroke and was sent flowers.

Vinny Odice reports that Lieutenant Mike Moens has taken a Leave of Absence to have surgery and all is well and he is back home recovering. **Vinny** also reported that Deputy Chief Art Reid had fallen and that he is back on the job.

Membership Committee

Jason Prevelige stated as read earlier we have three new members: Jim O'Leary, Dina Santoro, and Sara Daniels.

Jason also states that our billboard is currently up in Bridgeport at the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and Ellsworth Street in Black Rock.

Fundraising Committee

Nothing to report.

Brian Wilk wanted to remind the membership that there is a can and bottle drive this weekend.

Recognition Committee

Nothing to report.

Equipment Committee

Vinny Odice states that the new Nextel phone is on the truck and that the old Verizon phone has been removed; also that the ventilation fan bars are back on the truck and that there is a new basket for the gas tank.

Picnic Committee

Elaine Riebling handed out the forms for our parade advertisement book.

Joe Olzacki reminded the organization that help is needed before and after the picnic at the Scandinavian Club for set up and break down as well as maintenance work around the facility. **Joe** also stated that the insurance for the picnic is all set and has been worked out with Southport.

Recruitment & Retention Committee

Angus Maciver stated that applications for the company scholarship will be available from May 5th through June 1st. This scholarship will only be for college and not for private high schools. A total of four or five applications will be given out. **Angus** also stated that the billboard will be up this month in Bridgeport, then down for one month, then back up in Fairfield. This will be repeated five times.

We also have grant money so new members can be put through Fire Fighter 1 and EMT class.

Unfinished Business

Vinny Odice brought the idea of the new duty polo shirts to the membership. The shirts will be dark blue and for duty use, with white polo shirts available for purchase for personal use. On the shirt will be our patch which will be on the left side of the chest and the only difference is that it will not be outlined in yellow.

A motion was made by **Jeff DeSiero** to allocate \$450 for 17 polo shirts. The motion was seconded by **Jason Prevelige**. A vote cast to the membership had an outcome of SEVEN votes for, TWO votes APPOSING, and THREE abstentions.

New Business

All company dues of \$15 need to be paid to **Jason Prevelige** before the dinner on Saturday.

Training

Jeff DeSiero reports that training will take place next Tuesday, May 8th, at 1930 hours at the Joe Elias Fire Training Center. The topic to be covered will be engine company operations as well as hose operations.

Fire Report

March

Refuse Fire: 1
Extrication: 1
Rescue Calls Not Classified: 3
Water Evacuation: 2
Service Calls Not Classified: 1
Smoke Scare: 3
Unintentional Alarm: 1
System Malfunction: 5
Severe Weather, Natural Disaster Assessment: 11

TOTAL FIRE RUNS: 28
ROAD RUNS: 9
TOTAL TIMES R-15 MOVED: 37

April

Refuse Fire: 1
Rescue Calls Not Classified: 1
Water Evacuation: 4
System Malfunction: 1
Unintentional Alarm: 1
Severe Weather, Natural Disaster Assessment: 4

TOTAL FIRE RUNS: 12
ROAD RUNS: 7
TOTAL TIMES R-15 MOVED: 19

Chief's Report

Chief Chris Burlant reports that the Stratfield Village Association wants to have a Fireman's Ball, possibly sometime in July. The liason to the Association is Cassandra.

The road race is June 24th and ALL MUST ATTEND.

When any invitations are sent out, please RSVP whether you can go or have a regret for courtesy and respect.

Earth Day is this Saturday and the Rescue will be at Fairfield Warde High School throughout the day.

Other Business

None.

A motion was made by **Jeff DeSiero** to adjourn the meeting. **Jason Prevelige** seconded the motion. **President Mike Farkas** adjourned the meeting at 2131 hours.

*Submitted by Bryan Fogle
Recording Secretary*