

Spencer Fire Department

Regular Membership Meeting

June 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Scot Gillette at 8:01pm with 17 members present. The minutes from May 2011s meeting were read.

Motion: Chris Lester – Accept the reading of the minutes, seconded by Scott Hatch, carried by membership.

Reports of Fires and Other Emergencies: Given by Chief Chris Garland

5/10/2011 – 6/13/2011

35 Calls: 1 MVA, 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Tree Down, 5 Wire Down, 3 Wire and Tree, 1 Controlled Burn, 1 Structure Fire, 2 Mutual Aid, 20 EMS

Total of: 128 calls for 2011

Application for Membership

1. David Bushman: Interested in joining as a junior member. Trustees still have to have a meeting with him. If approved by the trustees, he will be voted on at the July meeting.

Communications, Bills, & Receipts:

Communications:

1. Ehrhart Propane: Would like to offer us a budget program to even out the cost of propane over the year. They are also offering us a variable rate with a capped price good through July 2012. We can sign up for this by just letting them know. Please bring up under new business if interested.
2. Newark Valley Days would like to invite us to participate in their parade on Saturday, August 13. Line up starts at 10 at the Newark Valley Central School bus garage and the parade begins at 11. Please see Chris Garland if interested in bringing a truck.
3. Nichols Fire Department marks the 100th year of the Nichols Old Home Days. Would like to invite us to put a team in for water ball on September 5th. Please see Chris Garland if interested.
4. Danby Fire Department would like to invite us to participate in their parade on Saturday, July 9th. Please see Chris Garland if interested in bringing a truck.
5. Newfield Old Home Days would like to invite us to participate in their parade on Saturday, September 10th at 11am. Please see Chris Garland if interested in taking a truck.
6. Information on purchasing safety gloves from LaFrance is posted on the

bulletin board in the engine room if you are interested.

7. Horseheads, NY – Support St. Mary's Our Mother School and Community playground by purchasing a flag. A flag kit is \$35 plus \$5 for shipping or we can pick it up on September 11, 2011. Please bring up under new business if interested.

Bills:

1. ShurFine: \$567.24
2. Baker's Florist: \$25

Receipts:

1. WIC: \$70
2. Pool Fills: \$300

Motion: Art Grover – Pay the bills and accept the money, seconded by Ed Brown, carried by membership.

1. Committee Report:

1. Dinner Dance: Saturday, October 8th, 2011. Hollybrook Golf Course is booked as well as the DJ.
2. Dunk Tank: Taylor Rental is holding the dunk tank for us, but the prices have gone up to \$125 per day (was \$99 per day for the previous 2 years). We need to jump on getting this reserved as soon as possible. We can pick up the dunk tank at noon on Thursday, and they will only charge us for 2 days. We will have the tank set up for Thursday night, Friday night, and Saturday. 4 balls for \$1 and get a 5th ball for free if you can answer the challenge question correctly. According to our insurance company, you need to be 18 years of age, a member of the Spencer Fire Department, and not pregnant to be able to sit in the dunk tank. Hazel will provide the sign up sheet for manning the dunk tank and fire booth during the Spencer Picnic. Al Wackowicz will pick up the tennis balls for the dunk tank
3. Spencer Picnic: Ed Brown would like to sell tickets for \$5 each for the chance to win \$1,000.00, \$250 and \$100. Each member would get 5 to presale. It will probably cost us between \$50 and \$100 to get about 1,000 cardstock tickets printed that can be torn off with our information on one side and the persons information on the other side.

Motion: Paul Winch – That we have the dunk tank and the money raffle at the Spencer Picnic, seconded by Hazel Saikkonen, carried by membership.

4. Brian Wackowicz: Will start the thinking process on fabbing a dunk tank.
5. Golf Tournament: Saturday, August 27th, 2011. An impromptu meeting will be taking place while eating tonight if you are interested in helping put up posters, gather sponsors, etc, please see Ed Brown and Brian Wackowicz for more information.

Chaplain's Report:

1. Sent flowers to Deborah and Mouse – Congratulations on having a baby boy!

Trustees Reports:

1. We currently have a member list from the 1950's to the late 1980's and then starting again in the mid 1990's through current. Sarah Smith is going to take a look through the secretary stuff to see if she has the missing information and let Chris Lester know. Once the list is complete, we will post a list with everyone's status to be reviewed by membership.

Fire Police Report:

1. No new news.
2. Be safe and pay attention at calls.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$ 1,698.99
Savings:	\$10,634.46
Special Savings:	\$ <u>256.48</u>
Total:	\$12,589.93

Monthly Update: Since last meeting

Income:	\$ 9.50
Expenses:	<u>\$301.01</u>
Net Total:	(\$291.51)

Old / Unfinished Business:

1. Al Wackowicz: The catalog for the shirts is in Al Wackowicz's truck. The day after the storm damage on 5/26, Al was at the fire house putting up cones and a women stopped by to thank the Spencer Fire Department for taking time out of the storm damage clean up to respond to a link to life alarm. She thought that it was very nice.

New Business:

1. Bill Miller: Just a reminder about driving safe to calls. The squad just had one of their members hit a car on the way to the squad building for a call. He was driving too fast.
2. Herb Price: Would like to go on record to say that he feels that the Spencer Fire

Department should NOT provide a mutual aid contract to Van Etten. Ed Brown says that our official response to the Van Etten Fire Department situation is No Comment. Under the state law, we are obligated to provide mutual aid to surrounding fire departments.

3. Chris Lester: Some of our pagers are not going off for calls. We are currently on the Lockwood tower. If there is an opportunity to have an EVOC class, there are some squad people as well as some fire department people who would like to take the class. Chris Garland will check on it at the next chief's meeting.
4. Dave Crance: Is the smoke house going to be available for the Spencer Picnic? Will bring it up again at the next meeting when it is closer.
5. Chris Garland: Odessa Fire Chiefs signed a contract with Cayuta and the Spencer Fire Department will be providing mutual aid to them when they have a structure fire between McDuffy Hollow and Alpine Junction (Route 13). We will only be rolling a tanker when we are toned out.
6. Chris Garland: As of right now, there is an active fire department for the Village of Van Etten. Erin signed a contract with the Town of Van Etten to provide fire service for 2 months. If we cannot provide mutual aid to Van Etten (Erin), call Tioga County to let them know and they will get the next department dispatched.
7. Chris Garland: The structure fire on Guiles Street was a complete loss when we got there, but he appreciates the effort from everyone.
8. Chris Garland: Thanks for all the work that everyone has put in during the storm clean ups.
9. 1052 is at HarRob getting some body work completed. HarRob will be here the week of July 4th to get the pumps tested and the trucks serviced.
10. Chris Garland: We need to think about upgrading our Himatro Jaws of Life. They are outdated and if something happens, the parts are becoming hard to find. A new set starts at about \$10,000 and goes up.
11. Chris Garland: There is a matching forestry grant through New York State to be thinking about. The grant application is due in October.

Clean Up:

Chris Garland (1071), Cody Hatch, Scott Hatch

50 / 50 Raffle:

Bill Miller for \$10.50

Motion: Ed Brown - Bypass the reading the minutes, seconded by Bill Miller, carried by membership.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm in prayer by Chaplain Amy Crance.

Minutes of this meeting were submitted by Secretary Sarah Smith.