

TABERNACLE FIRE COMPANY

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 16, 2016

The meeting started at 7:36pm by President L. Rovinsky – salute to flag and moment of silence
DSmith requested to go out of order of the meeting sequence – LRovinsky approved
LRovinsky sent an email the day of the Company meeting stating Explorers not members and can't attend the meeting per the information from JGerber meeting with DSmith & CSmith on the Explorers.
DSmith stated this is not what was stated at the meeting with JGerber. DSmith explained they are members which is stated in the Bylaws, which he emailed to LRovinsky.
DSmith stated people saying Explorers not members of Company –
MKustrup brought up would create issue/problems if the spokesperson of the Explorers was the only one allowed to attend to just give a report, would be no advisor available for MattK to attend and then stay in building
LRovinsky in past not members, but now good.
LRovinsky asked is there anything else
DSmith brought up DKlotz apparently motions were made previously and approved to remove, LRovinsky stated goes against Bylaws DSmith brought up Roberts Rules once a motion is made and passed – needs to follow through on the motion. DSmith brought up being active which was discussed last month who is active, he was questioned on the two Captains if not active and now holding the position –DSmith stated Company approved for him to appoint the people while other positions/people are in positions and they didn't have their percentage yet they are still in office. MCallaghan discussed DKlotz who he talked with and asked if anyone else has talked with him, LRovinsky stated yes he has – Officers between organizations give what time he can, group removed from Company some not qualified he should have been separated from the group. LRovinsky stated up to 2 years consecutive years can come back as he really can't be removed. CSmith stated not an active member from the beginning. CSmith brought up conversation LRovinsky had with her and DSmith concerning letters being sent out to members (on removal from Company) on not being a member and the letters should not have been sent out by JGerber, is the Secretary's job. L Rovinsky stated to send DKlotz a letter that he is no longer a member of the Company. Letter was sent copy given to LRovinsky and DSmith. Then LRovinsky later came to me and stated he never said to send the letter and that JGerber would be sending me information stating to resend letter and still a member. CSmith stated from now on anything with communication or something to be done will be written in form. DSmith stated was in conversation when LRovinsky requested CSmith to send letter to DKlotz to remove from Company. CSmith also stated Executive/Admin Board President, VP, and Treasurer have meetings and exclude her from those meetings. When they talk with me then later change story about conversations or requests to do something. Like meeting with JGerber on Explorers and then she sends email to LRovinsky about the Explorers not being members. This is why a special meeting was requested instead of meeting one on one. DSmith stated he felt special meeting (since needed answers prior to Company meeting – as stated in email) would be good to discuss in case others had a question however special meeting was denied.

MKustrup stated we all know I go by letter of the law, I am trying to understand how you can say 1 person out of a group can't be removed.

DSmith asked who received the appeal. LRovinsky stated he received appeal. ACunard stated LRovinsky you said last month it had been appealed however the removal letter was never sent to DKlotz, how could this have happened, do you have the appeal letter? LRovinsky stated no.

Discussion on SVena, LRovinsky stated what do you want to do, DSmith stated it is not what I want it is what the Company and Bylaws state. SVena stated keep all appointments the same DSmith asked are we going by the Bylaws or not? Then continued on discussion with DKlotz is a member or not LRovinsky stated yes but not MCallaghan asked can he run fire calls LRovinsky stated yes, DSmith stated no need to meet standards prior to running fire calls. ACunard stated what is the difference, just gear hanging on rack this Company was fine now you have individuals from with gear just hanging – not being used DSmith stated both sides don't support people – Operations, undermining going on by the Admin Board & Company. Explorer program is taking off which is a great thing, now questioning the Explorer program. Explorers are part of the Company and covered by insurance this was discussed with DCramer prior to starting the program. DSmith brought up discussion with Doug concerning age, which DSmith stated to DCramer you know what would be for the Fire Company would also be for the Squad, and they have members same ages. DSmith stated we have from JIF in writing as far as coverage – insurance. Also BSA states they can do everything we can do (drills, calls, special assignments etc) also covered by BSA insurance which comes from the cost for each member. Every time we try to improve, make progress, some people are so negative, especially JGerber it seems like you want to tear this Company apart. JGerber I am just asking questions. DSmith stated - We do have a small group who are negative, I am going to see this through, if you want to ride the blue truck there is the door. Just keep going with creating issues/being negative, it will just give the Township all the more reason to start Tabernacle Fire Dept., so keep going. DRubin stated with this negative group there is no respect for the fire members. NFord stated none for you either. SRubin stated I have lost 30 years of friendship because of this. NFord stated there is stealing going on.

JKrause stated with a new company going to have lots of ups and downs, I think there is a problem between Executive & Fire side, bottom line here to answer calls and help people, been to a few meetings this is sad. DRubin stated two people who think they are the Company. JKrause said Thank you to the young people.

LRovinsky discussed meeting –could use the Executive Board.

DSmith asked what doing with people in office without their percentage? DSmith stated first year toughest with percentage since no one had their percentage. 2015 was where everything should have been first year of running to obtain percentage. Actual charges for DKlotz were unbecoming an officer, took the easy way so he has no marks on his record did as inactive, instead of throwing out tried to be nice- DKlotz thinks he is different because he belongs to the Squad, no more. DKlotz is not any more special than anyone else. LRovinsky stated Executive board to meet on DKlotz appeal letter. Note appeal letter has not been read or received for the records.

To be brought up later in the meeting membership who don't have their percentage who are in office. JGerber stated she did not join as Fire Police, she joined as Special Ops. LRovinsky asked about percentage CSmith stated percentage for special assignments not made.

RSaldan stated Membership when Explorers turn 16 they will complete an application just to obtain their information on the Company app. SVena stated should complete Company app. Agreed upon process by the Company as follows- When Explorers join they will complete a Company application as well as the BSA application and will automatically move from membership categories as their age changes.

Members in office without percentage – JGerber and SVena

Discussion followed, DSmith stated if going by the Bylaws as read and as LROvinsky stated then we go by the Bylaws. SVena we stated need to earn it, what are you doing with the organization doesn't even show up to explain himself, has to go through other people if going by the Bylaws have to go by Bylaws can't pick and choose. MKustrup discussed his feelings last month when realized could not vote DSmith stated if someone else is eligible for position would vote however if no one else is eligible it could be appointed like with the Captains. LROvinsky asked what are we going to do with Exec position , JGerber said we have to nominate for position CSmith stated self-nominate if interested in position, voting to be held at next months meeting – JGerber removed from Office per LROvinsky . LROvinsky said guess SVena still an Officer SVena thought until the end of the term. Discussion followed on the past conversations. LROvinsky stated so SVena stays in position.

Bills –attached sheet with list – Motion to approve SAXner/2nd MLichty Approved

Income- attached sheet with list

Treasurer ASaldan reported-

Changed Banks due to charges – changed to Beneficial

Operating Balance PNC 6334.91/Beneficial 30000.00 AFreeman motioned to approve/2nd DSmith

Minutes- CSmith – posted to website

MLichty motioned to accept/approve 2nd SColton Passed

Membership:

Applications for the following:

KMitchell Motion to accept CSmith/2nd MLichty Approved

CHanthorn – DSmith motioned to reinstate as a member/2nd MLichty Approved

JSmith – AFreeman brought up application- KZane stated does not live at address given on application- be careful with falsifying application- DSmith stated nothing says need to live in town Discussion

followed All stated you do not need to live in town LROvinsky & JGerber agreed do not need to live in town – LROvinsky stated since a conflict in the address to table until next month AFreeman to contact

JSmith – application placed on hold

SMcGowan, TMellon, & RHarrison moved to JR Members

Chiefs Report:

Chief DSmith discussed:

New truck, still need to order miscellaneous tools and EMS stuff

Mid point complete front bumper explained change, width of body/box, hard sleeve, 2 large air bags from back to bottom underneath

Stated parking detail graduation at 9pm to 2 or 3am we have plenty of people who are going, if you want to go let him know sign up sheets up

MKustrup discussed:

2 Birthday parties sign up sheets up with details

DC Freeman discussed:

County Chiefs meeting

Brought County Fire Fighters meeting to be held here on 7/20 everyone can come to the meeting – food to be served

Fire Coordinators discussion on facial hair except for mustache NFPA/insurance issue for anyone wearing pack

DC SVena – no report

Cpt Cunard – no report

Cpt Kustrup discussed

Tech Rescue grain entrapment

In September Tech Rescue Structural Collapse – see Kustrup for details

Engineers – RSaldan lights out on 16 SRubin – no report

Safety KZane report-

Discussed moving into summer time with the humidity how much quicker you can be affected

MLichty suggested bringing coolers with water & ice on calls

Fire Police – SAXner progress

Trustees:

SRubin stated couple parties coming up

RSaldan relayed message from HWylupek what dates for picnic 8/13 or 8/27

DSmith motioned to have at fenced in place Bridesburg MLichty 2nd passed for location CSmith to send email out to get preference of date 8/13 or 8/27

Bylaws will be going over updates/suggested changes at next months meeting – will give copies instead of reading through

JGerber stated need to revise budget to adjust for fuel costs – will need a meeting to review

AFreeman asked why paying the fuel bill why are we responsible for fuel – ASaldan stated what don't you understand they have no more money

DSmith stated we need budget meeting with Doug, I didn't know about Operations/Fire side budget until JGerber said something – I added a couple of the major vendors from last year with a total of \$62,000. Budget this year \$60,000. DSmith discussed still waiting for list of what each line item is, last year was combined with Public Works. AFreeman if need meeting do not sit down with one person.

Restoration – S Rubin reported most likely complete end of July

Building –

SRubin progress with upstairs

DSmith state Fire & Burglar not working getting worse – not sure who is responsible for

AFreeman asked about gutter – D Smith stated asked about last week, now your turn LROvinsky – also concrete issue

DSmith Thanked everyone for helping with the mulch

Dry Hydrants-

DSmith asked SVena to see if DCramer or boys could check out 4Winds

Uniforms – ACunard discussed uniforms and thinks need something like the polos the Officers received last year he brought up the quotes he received 1- 11.50 Shirt and 2- 15 (AZ)DSmith stated I think at some point need to do something with the 2200 / 2600 money to be spent on the members, could use that money also price on ball caps. SVena motioned to purchase polo shirts with embroider – 3 button cotton like the officers shirts Company name and caps and a few extra of each will leave up to the Committee for the color MLichty 2nd Passed

AFreeman brought up license plates – group stated to get price and how many AFreeman to look into Election of Open Trustee position- ASmith and RSaldan running for positon – votes taken 8 ASmith to 6 RSaldan – ASmith new Trustee for the 3 year term

MLichty motioned to adjourn at 10:29pm SVena 2nd meeting adjourned