

# ONEIDA COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

## Business Meeting Minutes for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Newbold Fire Department.

**Members in attendance:** Pelican, Pine Lake, Newbold, Little Rice, Crescent, Rhinelander,

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were read, a motion was made by Rhinelander and 2nd by Little Rice to accept the minutes as read. With the correction that the treasurer's report from the January meeting was \$1,734.00 not \$1,703.00.

**Treasurer's report:** there is a total of \$2,745.00 in the checking account \$5.75 in the savings account. A motion was made by Pelican and 2nd by Newbold to accept the treasurer's report.

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** The Scholarship program is going to start with \$250.00. This will start for the 2006-2007 school year. The scholarship will be for Oneida and adjacent Counties who are members of this Association.

Regarding the fire safety house and the tow vehicle, there is a lot of work that needs to be put into the tow vehicle. Oneida County has another ambulance they will sell us for one dollar. It is a 1994 Ford F-350 Super Duty ambulance. The transmission is bad on it and may need to be replaced. It will be about \$800.00 for a used one and \$1200.00 for a rebuilt one. Also needs some work on the motor with the injectors, or the injector pump. Monty will check with a friend of his that is a mechanic, to see how much it will cost to fix it.

While we are getting the vehicle fixed, any department that wants to use the fire safety house will need to find a way to tow it for now. And the vehicle that they use to tow it must have insurance on it.

A motion was made by Rhinelander 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelican to get the 1994 Ford Ambulance from the county.

There were modifications that were done to the by laws. 18 Fire Departments or Fire Brigades have paid there dues, And this shows Monty they want to keep the Association going. Monty is filing for non -profit status (501)(c)(3) to get a tax exempt number for the Association.

Talked about getting a kit together for fallen firefighters. The Association is going to establish an Honor Guard for ANY Department in the area to use in case a Member

in good standing, or retired member passes on, free of charge. Dale from Rhinelander Fire Dept. is going to get more information regarding this. Bruce wants to get a list going to see who wants to sign up for doing Honor Guard.

**New Business:** Rhinelander Jaycee's will let us have the fire safety house in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for free as well as using it down at the park for demonstrations throughout the day on the 1st. Warren agreed that he will be in charge of this for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Anyone who wants to help contact Warren.

The Association has a new mailing address. It is P.O.Box 1451. If any one needs to mail things to the Association, please use the P.O. Box.

Monty got the robot from Rhinelander; it is at Pelican fire Department. He asked Roy if he could look at it. And see what he can do to fix it.

The Association now has an operations manual for the fire safety house. Also got information on how we can upgrade the fire safety house for training for severe weather. The upgrade will cost approx. \$6,000.00. Maybe a few years down the road we can find a way to fund this.

Open house for EMS at St Mary's hospital will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. If anyone would like to be there for the Association with the fire safety house please contact Monty.

The minutes and the by laws now can be viewed in PDF format on the Emergency Managements website.

A motion was made by Pelican and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhinelander to switch our banking from Ripco to Mid Wisconsin and to order new **duplicate** checks with our address on the checks. Reason for this change is because Ripco does not care if there are one or two signatures on the checks, and Mid-Wisconsin **will not** cash one of our new checks unless they have the required two signatures on them.

The Banquet has been set up for March 17, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Express in Rhinelander, We will do Firefighter of the year awards again, and also do Fire Department of the year also. For more information on this contact Warren or Monty.

There were changes to the by laws to were we can start having meetings with less turn out of area departments. A motion was made by Little Rice and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pelican and 1 Nay from Newbold to change the by laws.

We are looking at changing the patch design for the OCFFA. This was brought up for discussion, and Monty will get a template from one of the embroidery places for show at the July meeting.

The next business meeting is July 25, 2006 at Pine Lake Fire department at 7:00pm.  
The fire safety house will be there for training.

A motion was made from Pelican and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newbold to adjourn at 9:22pm

Tom White

Secretary Oneida County Firefighters Association