

Maydole Hose Company #2
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Thursday March 6, 2025

Attendance: Chris Coombs, Joe Maiurano, Mike Powell, Wayne Law, Patrick Darling, , Patrick Ford, Mitchel Felker, Steve Crawford

The meeting was called to order at 07:08 p.m. by President Ford with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

Minutes: Minutes from February 6, 2025, meeting were read. Motion to accept the minutes after correction are made by Chris Coombs 2nd by Patrick Darling. All in favor. Carried

Applications:

- None

Resignations:

- None

Elections of Officers and Members:

- None

Report of Committees:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Member Pat Darling found and purchased a case for the Maydole Hammer recently purchased by the Company. Membership had discussions about the County Museum and the exhibits they have about the history of the Maydole Hammer Company.
- Secretary Powell stated he paid for his Microsoft O365 subscription and can work on setting up a virtual meeting through teams. He will try to have something ready to go for the April meeting.

New Business:

- Lieutenant Felker asked membership if they are familiar with a group called Shantek. He has been asked to attend a meeting. He stated it is a team comprised of Business, Schools, Colleges, Social Service Agents, Mental Health Professionals, Faith Based Organizations and Community Resources. It's a confidential group to identify access and manage potential threats of targeted violence. It is a group that would monitor, report and try to assist before mass shootings, racially motivated crimes take place. The membership stated he should attend the meeting as himself and bring back to the company what he learned about the group.

- Vice President Crawford spoke to the company about the City of Norwich wanting to get the money of the Maydole Hose Company and his feeling that they the monies of all the companies. Membership had discussion about the topic.

Officer's Reports:

Captain's Report:

- Department Annual Dinner will be on April 12th at the VFW and Lance Miner will receive a 50-year award.
- **1st Lieutenant:** None
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** None
- **Vice President:** None
- **President:** President Ford stated the Chief told him they had the Steamer Appraised and the value give was \$125,000.00. President Ford is going to reach out to a gentleman he knows that has the same Steamer to see what he feels its value is. The last time he spoke with the gentleman he valued it at \$350,00.00.

President Ford talked about his attempt to get a copy of the new By-Laws accepted by the Norwich Volunteer Firemen's Association and what transpired. Membership had discussions on the Norwich Volunteer Fireman's Association and how things are being run.

President Ford went over the cost of the last two Department Annual Dinners. 2023 the cost was just under \$14,000.00 at the VFW and 2024 the cost was \$11,446.00 at the Car Museum. Membership had discussion of the annual dinner and the cost. The Norwich Volunteer Firemen's Association is looking for assistance to fund the dinner this year.

President Ford appointed a committee of Vice President Crawford, Pat Darling and Bob Vance to investigate the recent adopted Norwich Volunteer Firemen's Association By-Laws.

Company to check with Lance Miner to see if he will be attending the Annual Dinner this year.

President Ford reminded membership of the Holly Family Fish Fry tomorrow on Friday at St. Barts.

- **Open Forum:**

Pattrick Darling mentioned a book we could purchase to help the Company understand the laws, policies, By-laws procedures and other information that could be useful.

Bob Vance addressed the membership about an experience he had in the past. Membership had discussion about Bob's experience and heard him out. He would like everyone together to make their grievances known.

President Ford asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Coombs 2nd Kaufman. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 08:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Powell