

**Records of WSFC#4      MEETING MINUTES**

March 19, 1926

City contract is \$1150 for use of equipment and \$100 rental of building per annum.

April 17, 1926

Appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the truck and secure data on a new truck.

October 15, 1926

Report on condition of truck was given and it was felt that if company would go to City Council they could arrange an increase in salary. Committee appointed to confer with Public Safety committee.

January 7, 1927

Ladder on the truck broken in a collision. 16 foot stick of southern elm donated to replace the broken one on the ladder.

July 20, 1928

Bought two extinguishers from American La France for \$71.50

December 21, 1928

Truck needs some repairs at Haak Motor Repair.

January 11, 1929

Special meeting- Mr Haak reports that the truck has a cracked block and crank shaft is loose and would cost \$300. Does not know about transmission but could cost \$228 and gear shift is \$100. Also new coat of paint for \$50. New Continental motor for \$900. Decided to get prices on new truck.

February 1, 1929

Starting to get bids on new truck.

February 15, 1929

Four representatives to talk about their truck and would be called up one at a time.

Boyer Mfg. Co

American La France

Ahrens Fox

Seagraves Co.

Committee appointed to investigate new truck and prices.

February 22, 1929

Special meeting –

Ahrens Fox rep invited men to go see factory on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Seagrave rep invited men to go see apparatus in Louisville on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Committee will also go to city to see if allowance can be increased.

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March 4, 1929

14 members went to Cincinnati to see Ahrens Fox and 10 went to Louisville to see Seagraves. Committee went to Council to get allowance raised to same as other companies. Seagraves is a ladder wagon with two 35 gallon chemical tanks for \$6500. Ahrens Fox is \$9000 reduced to \$8000 and if contract is signed tonight he could get a reduction from Mr. Ahrens. AF rep said he would provide hose at \$1 per foot. Standing vote was taken for Seagraves and Ahrens Fox and an offer of \$7500 was made to AF rep.

March 6, 1929

Special meeting – AF rep was present and had gone to Council Meeting with Committee stated his company would not cut the \$8000 price. Much discussion about the trucks and business of the company it was decided to purchase the Ahrens Fox for \$8,000.

April 5, 1929

Need to carry insurance on the new truck because of the loan. Upstairs needs cleaning to move meetings upstairs as the truck will fill the engine room.

May 20, 1929

Special meeting – truck arrived and inspected and found two minor items needed corrected and adjusted. Arrived May 18, 1929 @ 1:30 via overland route 56. Truck was accepted for price of \$9000 less \$1000 for old truck and the same given back to us making a total of \$8,000 for the Ahrens Fox.

Ahrens Fox man will stay with the company for 10 days to train and instruct on the raising of ladders and all other devices on the truck. Photograph will be taken next Sunday morning. Insurance for Fire, public Liability and property damage on the truck for full value is \$147.00. Decide to print tickets and chance off old truck. Hose is transferred to new truck.

June 7, 1929

Sold siren off old truck for \$25. Reimbursed Peter Hoagland \$3.00 for his trip to Cincinnati to bring down new truck. Collision insurance is \$86 per year on the truck.

June 21, 1929

Ladder practice on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday before meetings is approved. Ladder raising is in care of the chief. Ahrens Fox is giving us a new carabator as ours has been leaking since the truck was bought.

July 5, 1929

No. 1's bought the old siren for \$25.

September 20, 1929

Received \$156.85 on tickets for raffle of old truck.

April 4, 1930

Passed motion that if the truck had 5 firemen and a driver it would not stop for additional firemen. If less than 5 it would stop at 4<sup>th</sup> and Walnut to take on more.

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May 2, 1930

City contract is \$2000 and \$100 for house rent.

June 6, 1930

Purchased 5 rubber coats at \$5.75 each and 6 hats at 43.20 each.

February 6, 1931

Contract calls for company to carry 1000 feet of good hose. Passed motion to purchase 500 feet of new hose. W.S. Darley 2 ½" hose is .50 cents per foot with couplings. Bi-Lateral double jacket wonder hose with 6 year guarantee for 400 feet with donation of nossel and shut off is \$1.00 per foot. Passed to buy 500 feet of Bi-Lateral hose.

July 17, 1931

Estimate presented for overhead door for engine room is \$190.00.

February 19, 1932

City contract is approved for same as before \$2000 and \$100.

August 18, 1933

Voted to have steel tower in back yard for mounting bell at cost of \$430.00.

May 18, 1934

State fire Marshall has people in town giving instruction in fire fighting and some ladder raising and whole company should go to instruction.

Dec 21, 1934

Battery is bad on truck and needs a new one at cost of \$80.00 and standing committee can spent over \$20 without approval. Voted to let standing committee spend for emergencies.

October 4, 1935

Paid last of loan amount on truck.

April 17, 1936

Ordered a overhead door for engine room at \$179.00. Announced that there would be a fire school at 1's April 21 at 7.

March 5, 1937

Prepared a history of the company for the Courier with a Centennial Souvenir Edition and to submit any photographs.

April 16, 1937

Standing committee told to put Rough Rider Fire extinguisher and two Pompier Hachets on the Truck.

August 6, 1937

Placed light revolving Flash signal on the left fender.

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November 5, 1937

Timing gear went out on the truck has been sent to garage for repair.

November 19, 1937

Mr. Haak reported that he has letter from the Wankesha Motor Co with information about the timing gears and he is replacing same with a set of three gears. Committee of one appointed to meet with other companys to go to City Council and see if it can be stopped that they will not send us out of the city.

April 15, 1938

Madison Fireman assoc will give each company four covers to be used as salvage in case of needed at a fire.

October 21, 1938

Standing committee reported that truck is in garage and they have notified Wankesha Motor Co of same who is going to send a new set of gears and if they do not prove successful they will take same up at that time.

July 7, 1939

Tires for the truck purchased \$152.22 from Koehler Tire and Standard Service \$148.00.

March 21, 9141

Fire school to be held by State Fire Marshall and truck will participate in same.

April 18, 1941

Standing committee reported that they are having the ladder recently broken repaired.

February 6, 1942

Approved purchase of 6 pairs of galoshes and 6 rain hats.  
Nathan Schnabel asked for the use of one of our ladders for practice at the JPG, - granted.

March 6, 1942

Approved purchase of 300 ft 1 ½” double jacket hose in 50 ft sections with couplings at .82 cents per foot, 2 cospray nozzles at \$33 each, 1 La France Water Chief \$56, 1 acid bottle.

April 3, 1942

Problems getting ordered supplies that brass and hose have a wartime priority and we may have to wait or not get them at all. If the Water Chief is not available than a Y coupling could be sent.

April 17, 1942

Wartime grade materials will be sent on the supplies ordered, decided to drop hose order. Noncompulsory ladder practice Sun morning at the Cotton Mill.

May 15, 1942

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City Council answered question about the stop and go signals in the city. They stated that the Fire Truck has complete right of way when answering an alarm.

October 2, 1942

Not able to find any light for the truck to replace the missing ones. Voted to give any scrap that has accumulated on the premises to the Government scrap drive.

November 6, 1942

Standing committee to purchase 3 smoke masks. Standing committee to repaint chairs.

January 15, 1943

Tarpaulin is missing from our truck; standing committee is to see about it.

February 5, 1943

Tarpaulin is lost at the Geo. Monroe fire and can not be found.  
Lantern on truck had been fixed.

March 19, 1943

Siren on truck is not working, standing committee instructed to take care of same.

April 16, 1943

Company will examine ladders next Sunday. Standing committee will order 4 rain coats and hats. Government will furnish city with some firefighting equipment but could not say which part our company will receive.

June 18, 1943

Booster brakes are to be installed on the truck.

September 12, 1943

Discussed placing a pumper on our truck, said pumper to be given to our company by the government. Members went to a demonstration to see pumper. Approved to mount pump on truck and have Mr. Haak do the work.

September 17, 1943

Drivers to be instructed on the operation of the new pump and that the driver who takes the truck to a fire shall be the operator at that fire.

November 5, 1943

Pump is installed and new brakes are being put on truck.

December 17, 1943

Need to get the price of a Rough Rider extinguisher as the company wished to send a bill to Mr. Butler for the one lost at his fire.

January 7, 1944

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Company can get flashlight batteries at 7 ½ cents and decided to buy 2 for each member. New Rough Rider extinguisher is \$28.

February 18, 1944

Reported that carburetor of the truck has been cleaned and that the clutch is in bad shape and needs attention.

June 2, 1944

Timing gears on the truck are going bad again and need repaired

June 16, 1944

No answer from Waukesha Motor Co regarding timing gears and we will send a registered letter to them.

July 7, 1944

New timing gears will ship in the next few weeks. Will have Mr. Haak install the gears and look at the pump, which has had trouble getting started.

September 1, 1944

Discussed about putting a reel on our truck for our chemical hose. No action taken.

October 20, 1944

Pumper has been repaired and will be tried out this coming Sunday morning.

November 3, 1944

Pumper worked in good condition after the repairs.

July 20, 1945

Installed new lock on the toolbox on the truck.

August 3, 1945

Purchased a set of tools for the truck.

Jan 4, 1946

Discussed whether our company was obligated to return to fires out of our district unless called by a general alarm and our contract does not contain this clause. We will continue to do as we have in the past and serve our own district.

March 1, 1946

Voted to invite No. 1-2 and 3 companies to our birthday party and each member of our company be allowed to invite a friend.

March 15, 1946

Voted to install a shower in the engine house when available.

May 3, 1946

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Radiator has been repaired on the truck.

July 5, 1946

Voted to change meeting time to First and Third Friday of each month and start at 7:30 pm from Nov 1 to April 30 and start at 7:00 pm from May 1 to Oct 30.

August 4, 1946

Applied smooth cement to the engine house floor that did not prove successful.

September 20, 1946

Roof painting has been done, pump has been repaired and the mechanic stated that said pump should be used more often.

October 18, 1946

Voted to change meeting to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and start at 7:30.

November 1, 1946

City is purchasing an inhalator to be kept at City Hall for public use.

December 6, 1946

Decided to postpone installing a shower for 6 months.

Voted to give each member from Santa Claus \$50.

January 3, 1947

The purchase price of the pumper that we had installed on the truck was \$180 & \$86 for hose, ladders & etc making a total of \$266.00 for the complete outfit. It was voted to appoint a comm. to see about removing the pump and returning it to its original source.

Standing comm. to see about repairing a leak in the roof.

February 7, 1947

Voted that the committee appointed to see about the pump on the truck have the power to act as they see fit & also about the O.C.D. material that came with the pump.

February 21, 1947

City to furnish a new board showing the location of the alarm boxes. Front door was damaged by a car backing into it and owner agreed to take care of the damage.

Voted to invite members of the other Fire Co's and that each of our members could invite a guest to our birthday party on March 17.

April 4, 1947

Appointed a committee to look at the Constitution & By-laws as they are not suited for present day needs.

May 2, 1947

Read proposed changes to constitution and by-laws.

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No member has asked for back lot to make a garden so the use of the lot is left to the messenger.

July 18, 1947

Decided to wire the truck battery to the pump engine to eliminate one battery. Also arrange an outfit that the pump could be used in the engine house to pump into a barrel thus by frequent use it would be in better condition and also thru practice make the drivers more efficient in operating same.

Suggested to hold meetings upstairs as had been done until the last few years that would make meetings more orderly. President to enforce the part of By-laws which read "and no motion can be without raising and addressing the chair".

August 1, 1947

Decided to drop idea of wiring pump into truck battery, as it was not practical and too expensive.

August 15, 1947

Pump repairs approved. Back lot rented for \$5 per annum.

December 5, 1947

Motion to join with the other 3 companies in helping purchase 2 smoke masks and after a discussion it was laid to rest.

Voted to divide \$50 to each of the members.

January 2, 1948

Voted to discontinue phone service as it is costing \$4.89 per month.

New Mayor attended as a guest and suggested that truck not be driven over 35 mph going to a fire. Members voted that truck not go over 35 mph going to a fire.

Jan 16, 1948

Voted to buy 4-50 ft sections of hose and a pipe wrench and several pairs of gloves.

February 20, 1948

Announced that No 2's have the ability to repair any hose that we had to repair.

Announced that we might be able to get a spool for our chemical hose from an old truck used by the Bedford Ky. Fire department.

March 5, 1948

Anniversary party to be Tues. March 16 and members are entitled to invite a guest.

March 19, 1948

Editorial read from the Madison Courier complementing the Company on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also for its fine record as a fire company in the past.

May 7, 1948



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Standing committee to see about purchasing smoke masks which were obtainable at the J.P.G..

May 21, 1948

Approved 2 smoke masks for \$20.00.

June 18, 1948

Mr. Haak inspected truck and made repairs.

September 17, 1948

Voted to put a no rider sign on the truck.

November 19, 1948

Bells that were recently hooked up have a short and that city will properly connect them.

Voted to have city repair and hook bells up to present system.

December 3, 1948

Voted to give each member and also the widow of deceased member \$50, as this would leave a deficit of \$40.73, one member agreed to hold his check until the first of next year.

January 7, 1949

Voted to purchase 200 ft of uncoupled chemical hose.

March 4, 1949

Voted to have party on the 17<sup>th</sup> and each member could invite one guest and invite the other companies.

August 5, 1949

Announced that city has offered a raise of \$250 per year but No's 1,3 and 4 voted to hold out for the original \$500 asked.

October 7, 1949

Voted to reinstall telephone and service.

November 4, 1949

Voted to accept the cheaper phone service of a party line.

December 2, 1949

Voted to allow \$50 to each member as a xmas gift and also the same to two members who had to resign.

December 16, 1949

Not enough members present to call a meeting to order. Roll called and adjourned.

January 6, 1950

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Asked standing committee to have a removable drawer made for the small hose on the rear of the truck.

February 17, 1950

Acid is leaking into water tank and producing a charge at all times. Look into a new lead bottle or glass if possible or changing over to strictly water. Having battery problems. A committee was formed to inquire into a new chassis for our original body and equipment. Also to find out prices on a new engine.

March 3, 1950

Need new batteries for truck – approved. Committee reported that there would be little trouble and expense to change from chemical to booster tank. Needs involved would be a larger tank and hose reel purchased for \$30 and Mr. Haak estimated labor on change over to be \$100.00. Voted to change to booster type.

Passed to have party on March 16<sup>th</sup> and each member to invite one guest.

March 17, 1950

Crack in brick at of building to be investigated by standing committee. Not enough drivers for engine was reported.

May 5, 1950

Truck is back in use and suggested that improvements be inspected by members present. Tryout was made and seemed to meet approval of members.

May 19, 1950

New booster is now in perfect condition. Members to try to find a purchaser for old tank from truck.

June 2, 1950

Discussed practice of pumping out basements as harmful to equipment and passed motion that no basement be pumped out for non-members without a charge of \$25.00.

June 16, 1950

Purchased new nozzle for booster for \$42.

July 21 1950

City allowance is \$650.

October 6, 1950

Brakes on truck adjusted and ladder repaired.

October 20, 1950

Accepted a gift from the Ford Motor Co for a pair of flasher lights for the truck. Last ladder practice was a success and more in the future.

December 1, 1950

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Ladder which had been broken is now repaired. Windshield offered by Ford motor Co has been installed and a double hand operated wiper to be installed operated from the right hand side.

Sold old chemical tank and hose for \$25.00.

Voted to give each member a bonus of \$50.

December 15, 1950

Installing charger for the truck to keep up our batteries. Passed motion to rent out upstairs to increase revenue.

January 19, 1951

Announced that Civilian Defense is setting up a auxiliary fire fighting unit consisting of boys 15 to 18 years of age to assist the reg. City companies.

February 2, 1950

Only 8 members present, there was no meeting.

February 16, 1951

Annual party to be March 13.

March 16, 1951

Passed that constitution be changed for officers to be elected each December to serve 1 year. Member ask if Co would purchase television set as a inducement for members to come in their spare time. Matter was dropped.

March 30, 1951

Requested to ask Public Safety Comm. To investigate dead plugs and hidden cisterns and to look into use of blue lights for fireman cars and trucks.

May 18, 1951

Reported that they expected truck to be back in service in the near future.

No election at midyear with newly revised by-laws.

June 1, 1951

Discussed having a new chassis for present body and equipment, matter was dropped for the time.

June 15, 1951

Howe Mfg. Co representative stated that they could furnish a new chassis and pump for an estimated 8 or 9 thousand but the transfer of the body and remodeling would take 90 to 120 days.

July 6, 1951

Representative of Mid West Co. talked to members about a new truck and ask for information as to what Co. would require. He invited members to visit nearby towns which has recently purchased new trucks from his Co.

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September 7, 1951

Voted that Co receive a lower telephone rate or have same removed , currently \$5.34 per month.

September 21, 1951

Company to paint the floor of engine house after the cement repair work is completed.

October 19, 1951

Not enough members to hold a meeting.

November 2, 1951

Telephone rate can not be lowered so it will be taken out.

November 16, 1951

Voted to help with a dance to be given by the City Companies at the local armory for benefits for the Salvation Army Xmas fund.

December 7, 1951

Dance netted \$200. Suggested that company spend no money this xmas but on passed motion it was voted to allow \$50 to each member.

January 4, 1951

Voted to buy 250 to 300 ft of 2 ½” new hose.

City officials are considering building a concrete runway from Front St into river and ask fire companies to discuss.

January 18, 1951

Voted to replace old 25 ft ladder price \$1.50 per foot.

March 7, 1952

250 feet hose arrived and was not best grade or it was to be returned to get a better grade. Annual party to be March 17.

April 18, 1952

New hose has been received. Fire Company and Police to sponsor circus.

May 16, 1952

Letter form City Chief was read that #4 was to move to #1 engine house in case of fire on hilltop.

June 20, 1952

Defeated motion to chance off a car to raise money for a new truck. Appointed comm. to plan a raffle, dance or any means to raise money toward a new truck.

July 4, 1952

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New ladder has been received.

Special comm. ask co if they preferred to raffle a car or several small prizes such as TV set, Refrigerator, Wash Machine. Decided smaller prizes would be better.

July 22, 1952

Company to write to American La France and Seagraves Comps about possibly an aerial truck.

October 3, 1952

Engine house roof painted by members. Raffle tickets sales are underway. Representative from Midwest Co offered an engine to the company. Reported that banks would loan money at 4%. Some suggested to wait, but on a motion Co voted to buy truck from Midwest. Appointed comm. to agree what was wanted on the truck.

November 7, 1952

Voted to raise membership limit to 35.

December 19, 1952

Bank reported that loan at 4% is assured and ask that insurance be placed with them. Brick Layers Union will rent upstairs if it is cleaned. Members to plaster and paint the upstairs and rent to same for \$7.50 per month and \$3.75 for additional meetings.

January 16, 1953

City Fire Chief Harold Lohrig addressed the Company on what was expected of the fire companies since the expanding of the city limits. Net earning of \$727.21 on the Christmas raffle. City allotment is \$650 for the quarter.

February 6, 1953

Fund raising committee needs a few men to help raise money passed to issue honorary membership cards. Pig that has been fed in back lot will be ready for raffle on March 7. Member appointed to talk with Mayor about a fire phone.

March 6, 1953

Voted to invite other companies to party on march 17.

March 20, 1953

Pig committee reported sales of \$133.75 in tickets for raffle.

April 3, 1953

Second pig to be sold April 5.

April 17, 1953

All members to attend City council meeting to talk about overhead light wires on Main St.. Suggested a petition by merchants to stop the overhead wires.

May 1, 1953

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City allotment is \$710.

June 5, 1953

Reported that truck is coming along fine and delegation is going to Logansport on Monday or Tuesday.

June 19, 1953

Truck company needs advise about ladders and also said if cab is left on we could get 300 to 400 extra equipment. #4's opposed to someone messing with the fire alarm and sounding horn with curfew.

July 3, 1953

Most companies are in favor of silencing the fire alarm on curfew. Hanover might be interested in fire truck. Price set at \$2500 by the members. Approved to take the truck to Hanover for demonstration.

August 7, 1953

A flasher light has been secured for the front of the fire house and it is suggested it be hooked into our service. Report on new engine is about 30 days.

August 21, 1953

Need to decide on lettering on new truck. Suction hose location on truck was discussed.

September 4, 1953

Drawing of lettering has not been received. Discussion on automatic reel and automatic rewind and agreed to let the truck come as is.

September 18, 1953

Voted to start up bingo and each member is to do his share. Agreed to painting the bell tower with red paint.

September 23, 1953

First bingo is to be tues night 9-29-53. members not working or present will be fined \$1.00. big prize \$75, .50 cents per card, 25 games for \$2.00 each, seven games coverall .10 or 3 for .25, prize of \$10.00 to \$12.50 for coverall.

October 1, 1953

Special meeting - Discussed manner in which to pay for new truck and authorized a loan of \$13,500. Meeting recessed while new truck arrived. Members looked truck over and adjourned meeting.