



At a meeting held August 14th, 1885, for the purpose of organizing a Fire Company, the following names were signed as Charter Members:

C. WES. BURDICK	Chief.
E. E. SHERMAN	Foreman.
PHIL. WELCH	1st Assist. Foreman
ALEX. VANPRAAG	2d Assistant Foreman.
L. N. BUSHAU	Secretary.
C. R. BENTLEY	Treasurer.
WM. MORRISEY	Engineer.
R. J. CONNORS	Fireman.
H. C. BURTT	
T. W. CLATWORTHY	
P. C. BROWN	
H. R. LIDICKER	

—† CONSTITUTION. †—



ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The name, style and title of this association shall be THE EDGERTON STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1. The object to be the preservation of property from the ravage of fire.

Sec. 2. The officers of this company shall be a Foreman, 1st Assistant Foreman, 2d Assistant Foreman, Hose Captain, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for six months, or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. A finance committee consisting of three members shall be elected at the semi-annual election, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the financial affairs of the Company, and report semi-annually.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Foreman to take charge of the company and see that the engine and everything pertaining thereto is kept in good order, and to take command of the company at every alarm of fire, to see that every member does his duty, to obtain a discharge for the company as soon as possible after the fire may be extinguished, and to preside at all meetings of the company and enforce the laws of the same.

ARTICLE II.

The 1st Assistant Foreman shall aid the Foreman in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence he shall officiate in his stead.

ARTICLE III.

In the absence of the Foreman and 1st Assistant Foreman the 2d Assistant Foreman shall act as Foreman.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct roll of the company, and to call the same at regular meetings. To keep a record of the proceedings of the company, conduct the correspondence of the company under the supervision of the Foreman. Notify the members of all special meetings duly called, at least (12) hours previous to the time appointed for such meeting. Notify each newly elected member of such election, and shall, at the semi-annual meetings of each year, make a return to the Chief Engineer the names of the officers and members of the company with the location of their residence. He shall collect all fines, penalties and assessments, and pay the same to the Treasurer and take his receipt for same.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys collected by the Secretary and give a receipt therefor. Pay all bills when duly audited by the Finance committee and signed by the Foreman and Secretary. To keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements. To submit his accounts when called for by the Foreman.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Hose Captain to take charge of the hose cart and hose at all times under the direction of the Foreman.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of each fireman to repair immediately to the engine on every alarm of fire, to aid all in his power to get it at work; to remain where he is stationed; to assist the Engineer in working the same and to attend to any duty which he may be directed to by any officer having authority, except the hose-men, whose duty it shall be to attend to the hose.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1. The election of officers shall be held at the semi-annual meeting, the first meetings to be in August and February. The election shall be by ballot and shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present.

Sec. 2. Election for members may be held at any regular meeting of the company. Such election shall be by ballot, and the casting of five black balls shall reject any proposed member.

Sec. 3. Any vacancies occurring among the officers of the company shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the company

ARTICLE IX.

Propositions for membership shall be received at regular meetings, and in all cases shall be recommended and proposed by a regular member, and the ballot shall be held at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE X.

Sec. 1. Special meetings may be held by the order of the Foreman, provided twelve hours be given of such meeting.

Sec. 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if on calling the roll that number be present proceed to business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

ARTICLE XI.

All fines imposed and collected under the by-laws shall be applied to defray the necessary expenses of the company.

ARTICLE XII.

Sec. 1. A member doing duty as an officer shall, for the time being, be subject to all the penalties and privileges attached to the office he fills.

Sec. 2. For neglect of the duties respectfully prescribed to each of the officers of the company they shall individually incur a fine not to exceed 25 cents, at the discretion of the company.

Sec. 8. Each member shall be subject to the following fines:

For not appearing at roll call when the engine is ordered out for practice, twenty-five cents (25cts).

For not appearing at roll call after fire duty, twenty-five cents (25cts).

For disobeying orders of officers in command, twenty-five cents (25 cts).

ARTICLE XIII.

Sec. 1. All expulsion from this company shall be by ball ballot and by a vote of not less than two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present.

Sec. 2. Whenever it may be thought by the company that a member is repeatedly deficient in his duty, or that he does not exert himself to arrive at the engine, he may be expelled.

Sec. 3. If any member, without a reasonable excuse, neglects to appear at roll call at three meetings in succession, and if he uses insulting language toward an officer, or if he be guilty of any conduct, which in the opinion of the company renders him an improper associate, he may be expelled.

ARTICLE XIV.

Sickness or death in family of a member, personal sickness or absence from the city, shall be deemed a sufficient excuse for any neglect of duty.

ARTICLE XV.

Sec. 1. A Hose Company may be organized consisting of ten members of Engine Company No. 1; one of whom shall be captain of the hose. The said captain shall be elected by the members of the Hose Company at the semi-annual meeting.

Sec. 2. Said Hose Company shall have charge of the hose carts, hose, and of the tips at fires and on practice or review, and shall be required to keep the hose and carts at all times in good working order.

Sec. 3. Said Hose Company shall have the privilege of electing their officers.

Sec. 4. The members of the Hose Company shall be subject to the order of their Captain.



BY-LAWS.



ARTICLE XVI.

Sec. 1 The order of business of meetings shall be as follows:

- 1.—Roll call.
- 2.—Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- 3.—Collection of fines and assessments.
- 4.—Report of committees.
- 5.—Election of officers or members.
- 6.—Propositions for membership.
- 7.—Good of the Company; miscellaneous business.

Sec. 2. The Foreman shall preserve order and decorum; appoint committees; shall have casting vote in case of a tie-vote, except when more than a majority is required when voting by ballot; shall decide fines and penalties and questions of order.

Sec. 3. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, or on point of order. The question then shall be: "Do you sustain the decision of the Chair?" which shall be decided by a majority present.

Sec. 4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without permission of the chair.

Sec. 5. A member wishing to speak on any question shall arise and address the chair. If two or more arise at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

Sec. 6. No debate shall be had on a motion until the same shall have a second.

Sec. 7. When a question is put every member present shall vote either for or against the same, unless-excused by the company. No member shall be allowed to vote at any meeting whose fines or dues are in arrears three months.

Sec. 8. No member can call for a reconsideration of a question that has been passed unless he was one of the majority when the question was decided.

Sec. 9. A motion to adjourn is always in order.

ARTICLE XVII.

No amendment shall be made to these by-laws except at a regular meeting, and the proposed amendments must be made in writing and be on the table until the next regular meeting, and must then receive the concurrence of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The company shall have the right to remit fines by a majority of the members present voting.

