

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
9-14-2022**



Meeting called to order at 1906 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, Jeremy Widmer, Steve Bottila, Andrew Carlson, Greg Chad, Nick Gianlorenzi and Tim Sklors

Absent: William Brokaw, Chris Chrislock, James Heltzman and Chris Sallstad

Guest: Rich Sather, FD Liaison

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- Remember that all receipts, bills and rosters should be put in Secretary's folder or bin.

Chief's Report:

- **REMINDER:** Chief needs to know about any purchase made for the Department except for fuel.
- Working on Mutual-Aid Agreements with our neighboring Departments. Even though we have statewide mutual-aid, we still need to have agreements with our mutual-aid partners.
- AFG Grant paperwork has been filled out and submitted for new SCBA.
- The Coalition training has been set for October 5. The topic is Smoke Reading. 1300 - 1800 (1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) at MN North College, Mesabi Campus.
- Got the registration for the Chief's Congerence in Duluth October 19-21, 2022.
- Received proposal from Nardini for doing our Fire Extinguishers in the amount of \$2,079. That's for replacing 8-20# that are out of date and adding 1-10# upstairs in the Meeting Room.
- State Rural Volunteer Fire Dept. Grant came through for \$2,500. Will be used to purchase 800MHZ Pagers. Purchased 20. They are here and will be programmed soon.
- Next ERFDC meeting is at 1800 on 9/21/22 at the Palo Fire Hall.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.
- The Polaris UTV is here at Five Seasons.

Battalion Chief's Report:

- Our In-House Training is mandatory and counts toward your 75% participation per year. If you don't reach 75%, you lose a year of your pension. Contact BC Nick Preiner ahead of time if you can't make it. Remember, our In-House Training mirrors the Tri-Department Training, so you have approximately 12 times to make it up earlier in the month at various locations. Tri-Department Training is now optional.
- The Coalition Training with Speaker has been scheduled for October 5, 2022.
- Our September or October Tri-Department Training will be a live propane burn.
- There will be an increase in training costs from Minnesota Public Safety Group next year - approximately 15%.

Captain's Report:

- TPM installed on E3 and trailer. Cory will order two for E2 & E91. Both are here and will be installed.
- E2 will be sent to Mid-States or Boyer Truck to see if they can figure out why it is so slow on take-off.

Lieutenant's Report:

- Please make sure when done using SCBA that all valves are closed and the connections are tight.
- Just a reminder to start getting ready for fall and winter extra Hall Duties.

EMS Report

- EMS 2022 Plan: Several options were presented and discussed. After much discussion it was decided that the best option will be presented to the Board. We may hear feedback from the Board, but decision should be made soon. We are looking at where this money is going to come from.
- Town Board has approved to hire First Responders from outside the Fire Department. The Township will equip them and pay them \$35 an hour. Before hiring starts, some of the logistics need to be worked out.
- We are looking for a clean rollout of the new program at the first of the year.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.

Health and Welfare

- Group discussion. Chief Shykes and Sailstad will take care of any needs.

Old Business:

- Lettering in the Station and re-doing the lettering on the overhead doors which was approved by the membership has been put on hold until spring. Ranger & Station - Jeremy Waldron will be taking care of it.
- Keep up on SCBA mask checks for 2022. Check-off Sheet is on side of cabinet by SCBA Fill Station.
- Talked about coming up with a Mission Statement and Purpose for our Department. **Motion by AC Matt Hoffmann to adopt the Mission Statement: "Provide quality emergency services". Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.**
- IAR: Need to use this program, especially for who is responding and who is away from the area.
- Look into a grant writer for a future grant.
- Chief has the cost estimate of the new SCBA's and all the accessories for the Town Board. \$266,000.
- AC Matt Hoffman will handle getting the cabinet fabricated for T1-More to come.
- Tim Sklors requested mesh hats to wear in the summer. Have been ordered.
- Matt Hoffmann requested hooded sweatshirts. Have been ordered.
- Third reading of By-Law change: Article VII: Fayal Fire Department Officers will/shall be appointed by the Fayal Town Board. This process will be established by the Fayal Town Board with help from the Fire Department. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to accept the change. Seconded by William brokaw. Motion carried with two abstentions.
- A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to order the Slide-In Unit for the new UTV from Kimtek Corp. at a cost of \$8,345. Seconded by Nick Gianlorenzi. Motion carried.
- Fire Prevention Week will be October 9-15, 2022. There will be more to come on this as plans develop.

New Business:

- A thank-you to all the Town Board members for their support in the purchase of pagers and SCBA's for the Fire Dept.
- Will be ordering extensions for the TPM's on our dual wheeled apparati to make it easier to put air in the tires.
- Cory Churstianson asked to step down from the Captain's position and stay on as a Firefighter. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to allow this to happen. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes for AC Matt Hoffmann to take on the duties of the Captain for the time being. Seconded by BC Nick Priener. Motion carried.
- Will be picking up floor-dry (clay based) and large oil pan at the request of the Engineers.
- Ranger is going through pre-delivery. When it is at the Hall, Jeremy Waldron will be lettering it.
- Rich Sather, FD Liasion, reminded us to watch our behavior in the Township whether we are on or off duty. There are lots of eyes on us.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by BC Matt Hoffmann. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Vacant Building Fires; tenable and untenable space and crew commitment.

Motion to adjourn was made at ~~2009~~²⁰¹⁸ by BC Nick Preiner. Seconded by Nick Gianlorenzi. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer