

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
11-09-2022**



Meeting called to order at 1901 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by James Heitzman. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Jeremy Widmer, Steve Bottila, Greg Chad, Nick Gianlorenzi, James Heitzman and Tim Sklors

Absent: William Brokaw, Andrew Carlson, Chris Chrislock, Cory Christianson and Chris Sailstad

Guest: Rick Sather, Fire Dept. 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. Will know by mid-October.
- 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 That's for replacing 8-20# that are out of date and adding 1-10# upstairs in the Meeting Room.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 up at the radio shop for programming.
- Next ERFDC Meeting will be 11-16-22 at 6:00 p.m. at Lakeland FH.
- Next Arrowhead Regional Meeting will be on 12-1-22 at 6:00 p.m. at Hibbing Memorial Building.
- Attended 911 User Board Meeting. Nothing of concern for us at this time.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.

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.
- There will be no Tri-Department Training in November.

Captain's Report:

- Minor issue with TPM in 91 will be corrected.
- 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.
- Kimtek Slide-In Unit is here for the UTV. Repair component is here also.
- Received a quote from Pierce for repair of Cab Lift Cylinder on E91 in the amount of \$3,682.44 plus labor. Cylinders need to be made. Takes about two weeks. When ready, they will install.
- Received a quote from Custom Fire in the amount of \$8,379.21 for the cabinetry on T1. Was tabled and will be considered in 2023.

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.
- Town Board is looking to get this off their plate & is looking for a written plan from us.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.
- Minnesota Fire Dept. Assoc. may have resources that can help us with recruitment and retention. The Chief will look into 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. Station – Jeremy Waldron will be taking care of it. In the works.
- 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.
- Will be ordering extensions for the TPM’s on our dual wheeled apparatus to make it easier to put air in the tires. They are here for all of them.
- New wire mesh lockers from Gear Grid for our gear. They have been ordered.
- Looking for somebody to take over Relief Association duties – shake the tree PARA?
- Can we get EMR winter jackets? Have been ordered.
- The Engineers state that there will be new forms for Truck Checks the first of the year.

New Business:

- Have ordered 2-inch Hose – 600 feet and Smooth Bore Nozzles for the longer pre-connects on E91 and E2. Still coupled 1 ½ inch; will have training & will put on engines.
- We will start our Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and do truck checks afterward from now on.
- The older Stihl chain-saw’s trigger is sticking. Will be going to L&M Supply for repair.

Review of bills

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

Training Minute

- Think about how much water-weight we are putting in buildings when we are fighting fires. It’s not all going to the basement.
- Also watch our footing when it gets cold out.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2020 by BC Nick Preiner. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer