

**TOWN OF FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
10 March 2004**

I. The regular meeting of the Fayal Fire Department was called to order at 1918 by Capt. Rob Spolar.

II. Roll Call.

PRESENT

Nels Myklebust
Nick Domiano
Steve Shykes
Chris Sailstad
Roberta Ochis
Steve Kniefel
Scott Smith
Eric Garman
Frank Pavelich
Mike Knutson
Jack Oakman
Rob Spolar
Pat Cossalter

ABSENT

Gary Barker
Tim Tammaro
Jim Bertucci
Pete Bertucci
Therese Elverum
Eric Jankkila
Jess Nuno
Chris Petrack
Brian Sampson
Tony Tammaro
Greg Weaver

III. Old Business

A. Motion by Shykes, second by Sailstad Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting of 11 February. Motion carried.

B. Correspondence

1. Miscellaneous advertising and catalogs-in office.
2. Miscellaneous Periodicals - in office

C. Secretary-Treasurer Report. Total disbursements from the Fire fund in February was \$ 2,422.94. Year to date total is \$ 17,665.06.

D. Chiefs Report.

1. Discussion relating to the Funding Shortfall in the Relief Association special fund. The Town Board has resolved to provide additional funding to make-up the 2003 and 2004 municipal contribution shortfalls. This is provided the benefit level is properly established at \$ 1500 and reports relating to the 2005 municipal contribution are received by the Town Board prior to 1 August 2004. The State Auditor has commented that they are comfortable with this resolution of the problem.
2. The 2005 Fire levy was approved at \$ 55,500.00 at the Annual Town Meeting held 9 March.

3. US Forest Service training for the 2004 fire season will be held 24 March in Aurora. Motion by Shykes, second by Kniefel to continue with the USFS staffing support in 2004. Motion carries.
4. Renewal of the FCC license for the Township frequency has finally been received. A license for the eventual conversion to narrow band use was also obtained. This is an upcoming requirement.
5. The numbering and storage system for the SCBA's has been revised and implemented. Ensure that masks, harnesses, and storage location all match up when returning this equipment to service.
6. The new hand held radios are now ready to go into service. A roster is being developed listing who will be carrying them.
7. Helmets and goggles for wildfire use have arrived.
8. Test boots for size verification are here - Verify your size requirement.
9. The new foam unit for Squad 100 is here
10. The Grant Applications for FEMA money in 2004 are now being processed. Motion by Garman, second by Myklebust, to seek funding from this source for a new water tender. Motion Carries.

E. Assistant Chief Report

1. The Duluth State School will be March 28th - At least four individuals attending.
2. The mandatory training on 24 Mar will be a pre-plan at Tuffco.
3. State school in Mpls will be early in April.
4. Concerns were discussed regarding recent Mutual Aid fire in Eveleth. SCBA's should be used during salvage and overhaul operations where smoke and steam is still present.

F. Captains Report

1. The Bertucci Brothers have the March Truck Check.
2. Greg Weaver and Robbie Ochis have the Truck Check in April
3. The heaters have been repaired in Engine 91
4. The drain plug on the generator on Engine 91 needs to get rerouted
5. Choke knob on 88 has been repaired..
6. ATV winch has been repaired.
7. Some filters, etc., have been procured for seasonal maintenance.

G. Lieutenants Report

1. Storage for wildfire water bags needs to be installed on the back ledge.
2. More painting projects such as the stairway will be scheduled as needed.
3. Getting locker name tags for the new fire fighters.

H. EMS Report.

1. No Report

I. Committee Reports.

1. 1 New Membership application in the process
- J. Other Old Business
1. Spaghetti Feed needs to be postponed. Tentatively set for the weekend of April 17-18
- IV. New Business.
- A. Domiano reported that Ted Garver, retired from Chisholm FD, has been ill. Motion by Domiano second by Pavelich to send a card. Motion carries.
 - B. Garman suggested that perhaps a controlled burn along the DMIR tracks may be a good idea to abate the inevitable fire calls there. No action taken.
 - C. Ochis suggested that a general fire hall spring clean-up may be in order. No action taken.
- V. Review of the Bills. Bills received through 10 March were reviewed. Motion by Cossalter, second by Ochis, to pay the bills. Motion carried.
- VI. Next Meetings.
- 17 Mar - Optional Training
 - 24 Mar - Mandatory Training - Tuffco Pre-plan
 - 31 Mar - Work Night
 - 7 Apr - Work Night
 - 14 Apr - Regular business meeting
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 2040

Respectfully Submitted
S Kniefel, Secretary/Treasurer