

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
4-14-21**



Meeting called to order at 1906 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the March meeting by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by Rich Sather
Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Shykes, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, William Brokaw, Greg Chad, Wyatt Reberg, Chris Sailstad, Rich Sather, Tim Sklors and Jeremy Widmer

Absent: Matt Hoffmann, Curtis Schramm, Andy Carlson, Chris Chrislock, Tim Coates, James Heitzman (working overtime and Erick Moe

Special Guest: None

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- Remember that all receipts, bills and rosters should be put in Secretary's folder or bin.
- Gave a brief rundown of what the March bills were for.

Chief's Report:

- REMINDER: Chief needs to know about any purchase made for the Department except for fuel.
- Keep Social Distancing and COVID-19 protocols for all fire events.
- 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.
- The FEMA Grant is done and has been submitted for SCBA. There will be no Micro Grants this year.
- The Fire Hall will soon be getting its own phone line. Heidi is working with CenturyLink on this and the Chief will let us know when it is operational and get the number to us.
- The Call Percentage for the first quarter has been completed. If anyone has any questions on your status you can contact the Chief.
- VFD will be conducting Regional Training on 4-21-21.
- There will be a Coalition Meeting on May 5, 2021 in Gilbert.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on doing total revamps of the hiring process, all aspects. A committee made up of Matt Hoffmann, Chris Sailstad, Steve Shykes and Cory Christianson will be doing this and will keep us updated on their progress.
- Meeting with Deputy Chief Linde of EPD about doing a more extensive background check on new hires. In talking with DC Linde, Matt learned that they can only do limited things. So Matt is talking now with Paul Gherardi of the BCA and we should be able to do more.
- Also want to work on recruitment and retention.
- Piggy-backed off the Township's Zoom account for access to training etc.
- Department E-mails have been established for each member so check out your log-in.
- Heidi and Tech Dustin are working on updating the Township website.
- We now have a second CAD. Matt purchased it and sold it to the Department at his cost. It is mounted in E91.

Battalion Chief's Report:

- Tri-Department Training for April 28, 2021 at 1800 will be Supression Tactics at the Eveleth Curling Club.
- MN Fire Classes for January (cancer), February (cardiac) and March (trauma). A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to do all three classes on Saturday April 3, 2021. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann. Motion Carried. **Because Easter falls on this weekend the class has been moved to Saturday April 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.** We have until July to get it done. It will be 2 hours in May, June and July during Work Night.
- The Pump Simulator Class is scheduled for May 12, 2021 with sessions from 1- 4 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Because of this our **May Business Meeting will be on the 5th.**
- REMINDER: We continue to follow the MBFTE and State Guidelines for COVID-19.
- Will be starting with Target Solutions for Firefighter On-line Training and Record Keeping. Matt continues to work on this and should be up and running soon.

- Our In-House Training and the Tri-Department Trainings are mandatory and count 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.

Captain's Report:

- When the weather gets rainy and snowy, watch the edges of gravel roads and driveways so as not to get apparatus stuck.
- If apparatus goes out, when washing, make sure that the cabinets and dump chutes are sprayed out.
- Remember - on calls where we are going to staging, make sure our apparatus is able to get out if another call comes in.
- Non-oxygenated fuel is to be used in all gas engines.
- Make sure wheels are being chocked on all apparatus.
- When cleaning apparatus make sure you spray underneath.
- The four gas meter has been moved from SQ1 to R1.
- The big streamlights mounted in the apparatus are not working all the time. It seems to be a problem with the switches. Cory will look into it and get back to us.
- DO NOT crank the heater in the Squad above medium. It gets too hot. It takes out the CAD's hot spot.

Lieutenant's Report:

- Make sure when leaving Station 2 that both People Doors are locked.
- In cold weather make sure People Doors on Station 1 are closed and locked.
- Make sure all overhead doors go up and stay up before moving apparatus in and out of stations. Buttons have been sticking on some doors.
- A Thank-You to all for making sure that the Hall stays clean.
- We must use common sense when dealing with station garbage.

EMS Report

- Calls to date: January - 4; February - 6, March - 9; April - 4 so far
- Matt is working with Arrowhead EMS on a different way of doing our EMS Reports.
- EMS Training will be the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- Will be updating two EMS Bags.
- If a 1st Responder is on a call alone and has the Fire Department paged for assistance, please respond.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.
- Andy Carlson requested a six month Leave of Absence. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to grant the request. Seconded by Battalion Chief Nick Preiner. Motion carried.

Health and Welfare

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

Merger Consolidation

- Next meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 1800 tentatively at the Eveleth Fire Hall.
- Will be going over JPA, Budget, Name, Organizational Chart with Duties and other business.
- Sub-Committee should have the JPA and Budget drafts ready for the April meeting.
- Were told the funding will be there if this gets up and running.
- The representatives from Eveleth think we can do this without the Mediator from the Fire Marshall Office, who has pulled out of the negotiations. They will still be a source of information.
- JPA will be sent to the lawyer.
- SOG committee will meet to continue to go over the guidelines.
- We are allowed to be a Fire District.
- The name that the committee picked is Taconite Ridge Fire District. A motion was made to accept the name by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

- BC Hoffmann has submitted a request to Mayo for computers for some of our rigs - CAD System.
- 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.

- AC Matt Hoffmann proposed that we purchase a Banana Boat from Northern Diver for \$2,495 after Jan. 1, 2021. This has been ordered and should be here soon.
- Keep up on SCBA mask checks for 2021. Check-off Sheet is on side of cabinet by SCBA Fill Station.
- Chief Shykes states we should update our Traffic Vests to NFPA and OSHA Standards. The new ones would be more visible and break-away for better protection of our firefighters. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to replace all our existing vests on apparatus with the new ones. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion Carried.

New Business:

- Time to submit a DNR Matching Grant for up to \$5,000. Of all the things we could submit for it came down to pagers. A motion was made by Tim Sklors to submit the grant for pagers. Seconded by Wyatt Reberg. Motion carried.
- Matt found a decent Dash Cam for \$200. A motion was made by Battalion Chief Nick Preiner to purchase two for E91 and SQ1. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.
- Discussion about our flammable cabinet. It was decided we would get rid of our excess gas cans and keep just enough premixed canned fuel for our needs.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by Chris Sailstad to pay the bills. Seconded by Battalion Chief Nick Preiner. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Kitchen Safety

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Sailstad at 2035. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion Carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer