

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
6-9-21**



Meeting called to order at 1907 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Battalion Chief Nick Preiner to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by Jeremy Widmer. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, William Brokaw, Greg Chad, Chris Chrislock, James Heitzman, Wyatt Reberg, Chris Sailstad, Tim Sklors and Jeremy Widmer

Absent: Cory Christianson, Curtis Schramm, Eric Moe and Rich Sather

Special Guest: Chris Erickson with the quarterly Relief Association Funds update.

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 previous month's bills were for.

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.
- 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 next ERFD Coalition meeting is 6-16-21 at 1800 at the Gilbert Fire Hall.
- Brian's helmet and shield are in. We need to schedule the Retirement Party in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
- Also Tim Coates has turned in his Letter of Intent to leave the Fire Department. Will do his party in November.
- July 14th will be the Fire Department Family Picnic at the Hall. Meeting at 1800 and meal at 1900. Steve will invite the Retirees.
- Congratulations to Cory Christianson and William Brokaw and their wives on the new additions to their families.

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. More to come on this.
- 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. This is just about done and should have update soon.
- Also want to work on recruitment and retention.
- AC Hoffmann and Chief Linde of EPD have been discussing and planning NNO for this year and will update us soon.
- Eric Moe, through the VPSafety has donated a pile of used CAD Equipment and mounting material. Matt will sort through it to see what can be used. Some may go to other area departments.
- The EF Johnson radios are back from the County. They have been cleared and will be brought to DSC.
- One of our new Apex radios failed and had to be sent in. If any of the other ones fail, let AC Hoffmann know.
- Motorola also has a recall on our portables. Looks like we could be getting 25 new ones.

Battalion Chief's Report:

- Tri-Department Training for June 25, 2021 at 1800 will be Forcible Entry, Breaching Walls and pulling Ceilings at Gilbert.
- MN Fire Classes for January (cancer), February (cardiac) and March (trauma) will be done on May 19th, 2021 (awareness and cardiac) and June 16, 2021 (emotional trauma and cancer during work night). 1800
- 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.
- We need to start getting better at attending training – both In-House and Tri-Department.
- William Brokaw's Certifications have arrived. Congratulations William.
- Discussion with EFD about Training.

Captain's Report:

- Update: SQ1's hot spot is mounted on the CAD mounting bracket.
- The windshield camera is now mounted in SQ 1.
- The battery in E3 has been upgraded. Hopefully that will solve our starting problems.
- E91 will be getting a check valve in the windshield washer line so when the cab is tilted the fluid doesn't drain out.
- Matt and Cory will work on the July 4th Parade stuff and let us know.

Lieutenant's Report:

- Make sure when leaving Station 2 that both People Doors are locked.
- A Thank-You to all for making sure that the Hall stays clean.
- We must use common sense when dealing with station garbage.
- Will be taking make-up pictures at 5:00 on June 30 2021 at 1800.

EMS Report

- Calls to date: January – 4; February – 6, March – 9; April – 5; May – 8; June – 2 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.
- Setting up a back pack for splints in Orion Sled.
- If a 1st Responder is on a call alone and has the Fire Department paged for assistance, please respond.
- Developing and revamping the already established Clean Cab Concept.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.
- Tim Coates has turned in his letter.

Health and Welfare

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

Merger Consolidation

- Next meeting will be June 14, 2021 at 1800 tentatively at the Fayal Fire Hall.
- Will be going over JPA, Budget, Name, Organizational Chart with Duties and other business.
- SOG committee will meet to continue to go over the guidelines on July 12, 2021 at 1830 at the Gilbert Fire Hall.
- 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. The Board OK'd the JPA and name. The JPA went to the lawyer and the name went for copyrighting.

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. More to come.
- The Banana Boat from Northern Diver 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.
- DNR Matching Grant was submitted.

New Business:

- Dyno Nobel Training will be June 16, 2021 at 1800. Will meet at Hall to drive over to Dyno's Plant.
- Sometime in June or July our masks will be flow tested. Jeremy will let us know.
- After discussion about Fire Prevention Week and the School Merger, it was decided we will take a step back and see what transpires.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by Battalion Chief Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion Carried.

Training Minute

- Passed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Sailstad at 2050. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion Carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer