

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
8-11-21**



Meeting called to order at 1910/ Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Chris Sailstad to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by William Brokaw.
Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, Curtis Schramm, William Brokaw, Greg Chad, Chris Chrislock, Chris Sailstad, Tim Sklors and Jeremy Widmer

Absent: Steve Shykes, James Heitzman, Eric Moe, Wyatt Reberg and Rich Sather

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 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.
- Brian's helmet and shield are in. We need to schedule the Retirement Party soon.
- We need to buckle down on recruitment - promote our department and try to get people to join.
- We need to improve attendance at Training and Fire Calls. Some of the reasons for poor attendance were early morning work hours, work schedules, burning out on training. Lots of discussion about all of this and there will probably be more.
- Coalition training speaker is going to be Mike Dugan on October 27, 2021.
- Chief's Conference is October 20-23, 2021.
- No word on DNR Grant.
- LifeLink wants to do training.
- The bridge on Highway 53 over Highway 37 to Gilbert will be dedicated to Veteran Noah Pierce on August 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Meeting place is Fayal Pond.

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.
- Make sure when done with apparatus and portable radios that they are returned to appropriate channel.
- Make an effort to clean up messes if you see them.
- The CAD's are working in both E91 and SQ1. Logins are E91 - FAE91 and SQ1 - FASQ1

Battalion Chief's Report:

- 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 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.
- Have been in contact with Scott Lee, the owner of the house at 7884 Burke Road. We may be able to use the house for training. More to come.
- Also more to come on the LifeLink Training.

Captain's Report:

- The alternator in E2 has been replaced.
- E3 is still not starting periodically. When plugging it back in make sure all the plugs are tight.
- During In-House Training we had some issues with the chainsaw, so it has been taken to Grande's for repair.
- Will get missed pictures done. More information to come.

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.

EMS Report

- Calls to date: January - 4; February - 6, March - 9; April - 5; May - 8; June - 11; July - 3; August - 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.
- 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.
- We have one application for new membership and one pending.

Health and Welfare

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

Merger Consolidation

- Next meeting will be Sept. 15, 2021 at 1800 at the Fayal Fire Hall. Taking August off.
- 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 Aug. 9, 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.
- We were read the first draft of a letter for the Town Board. After much discussion it was decided the letter was good and to the point. A motion was made by Jeremy Widmer that after the language and phrasing are corrected the letter should be forwarded to the Town Board. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion Carried.

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.
- 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.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Chris Sailstad for AC Hoffmann and Capt. Christianson to look into prices for a new saw. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion Carried.
- Capt. Christianson suggested that when we have family events during meeting nights we move the meeting to another night. Everyone thought this would be good and help make our families part of the Department.
- The Floodwood Fire Department has an 8x8 Argo for sale for \$10,000. After BC Hoffmann filled us in on the machine and some discussion, a motion was made by Chris Sailstad to purchase the machine and everything that comes with it. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion Carried.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by William Brokaw. Motion Carried.

Training Minute

- Passed.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2122 by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion Carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer