

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
9-8-21**



Meeting called to order at 1910/ Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by William Brokaw to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Curtis Schramm, Chris Chrislock, James Heitzman, Eric Moe 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.
- Moving forward, just a reminder that all bills and receipts should be signed. Include your number and what it was 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.
- 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.
- Coalition training speaker is going to be Mike Dugan on October 27, 2021 at MRCTC Virginia Campus Auditorium from 6 - 9 p.m.
- Chief's Conference is October 20-23, 2021.
- No word on DNR Grant.
- Thank you to all who were able to help on the Greenwood Fire and to Matt for coordinating the whole thing.
- New Authorization Cards with numbers for each person have been put in SQ1, C1 & E3.
- Work on Bodas Road has been completed and has moved to Long Lake Drive.
- On September 11th, there will be a Benefit for Riley Irish from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Mac's Bar in Mountain Iron. Riley and his family live on Lakeside Drive in Fayal. Coordinated by BC Nick Preiner.
- On September 13th, we have been asked to send apparatus to Nelle-Sheen Elementary in Gilbert for Truck Night from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Coordinated by Capt. Corey Christianson.
- On September 18th at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Memorial Service with drive-by on Park Drive for George Spolarich. Chief Shykes will coordinate this for us.
- Command 1 is done and will be a take-home vehicle for the Officer-in-Charge.

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
- A total of 705 Firefighter Hours were put in on the Greenwood Fire. And Assistant Chief Matt Hoffmann would also like to express his thanks to all who gave up time to participate.

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.
- LifeLink Training will be on October 6 at 1800 at our Hall. There will be a 45 minute power point presentation followed by landing, weather permitting.
- Advanced Minnesota will be starting a Firefighter I & II (1001) Class at the Clinton Fire Hall on September 18, 2021.
- The MBFTE has awarded the monies for 2021-2022 and Fayal's amount is \$2,380 or \$140 per firefighter.

Captain's Report:

- E3 is still not starting periodically. When plugging it back in make sure all the plugs are tight.
- Will get missed pictures done. Cory will set up soon.
- Banana Boat is in and on R1 inside back door. The oars and pump are in officers side rear compartment.
- Also, Matt spent considerable time with John from the County Radio Shop and did some updates to the radios and our scanning problems should be cleared up now.

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 - 6; September - 3 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 pending.
- A motion was made by AC Matt Hoffmann that upon Nick Gianlorenzi passing his physical and background check, we accept him as a member of the Fire Department. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.

Health and Welfare

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

Merger Consolidation

- The letter has been sent to the Eveleth Council. We have received no response so far.

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.
- 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.
- 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. New saw is in service on E91.
- 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. (See New Business)

New Business

- In lieu of the Argo, Chief Steve Shykes and AC Matt Hoffmann have been looking at the purchase of a Polaris quad with a pump and ability to transport patients. Also new lockers. With the funds from the Greenwood Fire, the Board is willing to move forward and we may be able to do both.
- A motion to rescind his motion for the purchase of the Argo from the Floodwood Fire Dept. after other options came to light was made by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Chris Sailstad to use Greenwood Fire funds for UTV to be determined by Committee of Chief Steve Shykes, AC Matt Hoffmann, BC Nick Preiner and Capt. Cory Christianson. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.

- To move along with the above, a motion was made by Chris Sailstad to determine fair market value of the items we have for sale and proceed with the sale, pending Town Board approval. At this time we will be selling the 6 wheeler, Orion Sled and Trailer. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried
- Iron Range Rotary is having a Chili Cook-Off on October 7, 2021 at the ITMEC and we've been asked to participate. Capt. Cory Christianson's wife has offered their kitchen to make the chili so Cory will coordinate this event. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes that we participate in this event. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion carried.
- Sailstad is working on name plates for our lockers.
- Coalition Hose Tester is in Gilbert.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to pay the bills. Seconded by Jeremy Widmer. Motion carried with one abstention.

Training Minute

- After a close call at the Greenwood Fire, AC Hoffmann just wanted to let us know that when operating our apparatus, we need to be alert at all times and aware of our surroundings. Remember we are driving a billboard down the road. Be on your A Game.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2124 by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion Carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer