

FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
11-17-21



Meeting called to order at 1913/Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner.
Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, Greg Chad, Nick Gianlorenzi, James Heitzman, Rich Sather and Jeremy Widmer

Absent: Curtis Schramm, William Brokaw, Chris Chrislock, Eric Moe, Wyatt Reberg, Chris Sailstad and Tim Sklors

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.
- Command 1 is done and will be a take-home vehicle for the Officer-in-Charge when it comes back from Lundgren's.
- Eveleth EMS Training 11-18-21 at 1800. Woman in Fayal Township with special needs will be there to explain her condition.
- Monday 11-22-21 from 1600-1900 there will be a benefit for Kyle Tomczyk at the Mountain Iron Community Center.
- Arrowhead regional Meeting will be Dec. 2, 2021 at the new Grand Rapids Fire Hall starting at 5:00 p.m. (1700).
- Request for increasing officers' pay has been submitted to the Town Board. More to come on this.
- Election of Officers will be held at next month's Business Meeting.

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.**
Main radio is set on FE 2; second radio is set on FE 3.
- 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
- The payment for the Command Vehicle following the Greenwood Fire is currently pending.

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.
- No Tri-Department Training because of Thanksgiving.
- Department physicals will be scheduled in January. More to come on this.
- A Regional Training is in the works at U-TAC for sometime in the spring of 2022. More to come on this.

Captain's Report:

- 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. We need to order a valve and clip and hose to set up attachment to fill off SCBA bottles. It is in the process of being made.
- Pump Tests have been done on E91 and E2.
- E91 passed the Pump Test but failed the Vacuum Test. Four valves need to be repaired. Also, batteries were weak. All will be looked into.
- E2 passed both Pump and Vacuum Tests. Problem with main pump drain sticking will be looked into.
- E91 coolant and transmission leaks have been taken care of for now.
- Engine brakes on E91, E2 and T1 are off for the winter and the pump heaters are on in E91 and E2.
- The front hubs are locked on E3.
- The signage from SQ1 was moved to the hose bed of E2 and has now been bungied to the rear bumper.
- Command 1 should be done in the next couple of days.
- Will be ordering the slide-in unit for the new UTV when it is here. We want to take time to look at options.

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.
- Now that winter is upon us, please make sure that we are shoveling in front of the doors and walkways and putting down ice melt when necessary.

EMS Report

- Calls to date: January – 4; February – 6, March – 9; April – 5; May – 8; June – 11; July – 3; August – 6; September – 10 October – 7; November – 5 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.
- Matt will have several options for us at next month's meeting as we need to make changes in how we respond in the future.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.

Health and Welfare

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

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.
- Officer pay will be brought up at one of the upcoming Board meetings.
- Minnesota Power has a grant available for tools. We will look into it.
- As long as equipment is going to another Emergency Agency, it does not have to go out on bid.
- A motion was made to sell the Orion Sled to the Buyck Fire Department for \$2,000 by Chief Steve Shykes. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann, Motion carried.
- A motion was made to sell the Trailer to the Buyck Fire Department for \$1,200 by Tim Sklors. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion carried.

- Capt. Cory Christianson will be looking at a Group Texting App so we have the ability to reply within the app, something we can't do IAR.

New Business:

- Benefit on Dec. 4, 2021 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Eveleth Elks to raise funds for Eveleth EMS's new power cot.
- A motion was made by AC Matt Hoffmann to terminate FF Erik Moe for insubordination and lack of attendance. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by Capt. Cory Christianson. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Talked about pump RPM's and E91 & E2 are very similar. 1400 RPM on either one should give us optimum flow.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2042 by BC Nick Preiner. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion Carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer