

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
1-12-2022**



Meeting called to order at 1910/ Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by BC Nick Preiner 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, Greg Chad, James Heitzman and Tim Sklors

**Absent:** Jeremy Widmer, William Brokaw, Chris Chrislock, Nick Gianlorenzi, Wyatt Reberg and Chris Sailstad

**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.
- Request for increasing officers' pay has been submitted to the Town Board. Will be discussed and worked on after they are done with the union negotiations.
- MSFDA has Grant Money available for gear reimbursement up to \$3,000. We should be able to recoup monies for Nick Gianlorenzi's gear. Has been submitted.
- ERFDC meeting will be held 1/19/22 at 1800 in Biwabik.
- Chris Sailstad has found another accounting firm to take care of our paperwork and tax filing for the state.
- Attended User Board meeting. Only new info is that Lt. Grave is the Supervising Deputy of 911 Dispatch.
- Working on the Biwabik Township FD Simulcast. Both Town Boards have approved. The BTFD Chief is not returning calls to move this process forward; more to follow on this.
- We received flyers from MN Fire. They are on file in the office if members have a need for them.
- AFG Grant paperwork has been filled out and submitted for new SCBA.
- Chief is leaving Thursday 1/20/22 for Florida until mid to late February.

**Assistant Chief's Report:**

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.

**Battalion Chief's Report:**

- 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.
- Department physicals will be scheduled in January. Will be done on Jan. 19, 2022 at 1500. Masks required.
- A Regional Training is in the works at U-TAC for sometime in the spring of 2022. More to come on this.
- The College will be offering 1001 (FFI & II) Classes in Breitung and Nashwauk/Keewatin.
- Fire Officer Training Classes will be held in Duluth on March 18-20, 2022. If interested, let BC Nick Preiner know.

**Captain's Report:**

- Will get missed pictures done. Cory will set up soon. (In the Spring)
- 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.
- 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. It is now in suction compartment -left rear of E2

- Will be ordering the slide-in unit for the new UTV when it is here. We want to take time to look at options.
- Watch the Plug-in on E91. It is not always ejecting. It will be checked into,
- The Truck Check Schedule is out and the revamped checklists are done. If any changes need to be made, let Capt. Cory Christianson 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.
- 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.
- Now that the weather has gotten colder, make sure the main people door on Station 1 is closing.

#### **EMS Report**

- EMS 2022 Plan: Several options were presented and discussed. After much discussion it was decided that the best option will be presented to the Board. Feedback is coming from the Board.

#### **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. Different proposal will be discussed at next Board Meeting.
- Minnesota Power has a grant available for tools. We will look into it.
- 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.
- Steve, Matt and Tony met with a representative from the League of Minnesota Cities at the former Bullfrogs building. In our training at the building, we did no further structural damage than was caused by the original fire. Will now see how this turns out. LOMC recommends paying him. They say we should also have someone write a letter to have Bullfrogs condemned.
- MN Fire info cards are available with numbers to call for help if needed.
- Tim Sklors and Capt. Cory Christianson are looking at doing a Truck Check revamp. Should be ready for 2022.
- Calendar reminder for Truck Checks.
- AC Matt Hoffmann is researching By-Laws for updates.
- Possibly shorten Business Meeting to do Truck Checks on that night.

#### **New Business:**

- First reading of a By-Law change – Section 5. The Lieutenant assumes the responsibilities of the Captain in his/her absence and will be in charge of the Buildings, Ground and SCBA maintenance and compliance.
- Capt. Cory Christianson made a proposal to buy a new complete set of hand tools and new cordless Milwaukee M-18 power tools. After discussion, a motion was made by Capt. Cory Christianson to make the purchase. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion carried.
- Discussed ordering Tire Pressure Monitors for our trucks. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to purchase one and try it out. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion carried.
- Talked about coming up with a Mission Statement and Purpose for our Department.
- A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to accept the resignation of Curtis Schramm. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann. Motion carried.
- Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser will be April 23 & 24, 2022.

#### **Review of bills**

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

#### **Training Minute**

- Basement fires

Motion to adjourn was made at 2023 by BC Nick Preiner. Seconded by James Heltzman. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer