

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
2-9-2022**



Meeting called to order at 2013/ Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by Tim Sklors.
Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, Jeremy Widmer, Greg Chad, Nick Gianlorenzi and Tim Sklors

Absent: Steve Shykes, William Brokaw, Chris Chrislock, James Heitzman, 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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- AFG Grant paperwork has been filled out and submitted for new SCBA.
- Our DNR contract is coming up for renewal. Staff is working on it.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.
- We have one new application for the Fire Department.
- New Officer Pay has been approved by the Town Board.

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.
- Fire Officer Training Classes will be held in Duluth on March 18-20, 2022. If interested, let BC Nick Preiner know.
- MRC will possibly offer an EMR Course soon.

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.
- Will be ordering the slide-in unit for the new UTV when it is here. We want to take time to look at options.
- The Tire Pressure Monitoring System is in for Tender 1 and will be installed.

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.
- Jeremy will be calling Jason first if there are issues with our Station's heating systems.

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. We may hear feedback from the Board, but decision should be made soon.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.
- Working on one background check.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Talked about coming up with a Mission Statement and Purpose for our Department.
- Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser will be April 23 & 24, 2022.

New Business:

- Second Reading of a By-Law change. (See first reading in O.B.)
- IAR: Need to use this program, especially for who is responding and who is away from the area.
- Going to try starting all meetings at 1800 (6:00 p.m.)

Review of bills

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by Lt. Jeremy Widmer. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Buildings under construction

Motion to adjourn was made at 2053 by Lt. Jeremy Widmer. Seconded by Nick Gianlorenzi. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer