

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
3-9-2022**



Meeting called to order at 1927/ 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:** Steve Shykes, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Cory Christianson, Jeremy Widmer, Greg Chad, Chris Chrislock, Nick Gianlorenzi and Tim Sklors

**Absent:** William Brokaw, James Heitzman, Wyatt Reberg and Chris Sailstad

**Guest:** Rich Sather, FD Liason

**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. Money has been received.
- 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.
- At the Annual Meeting, our Budget for 2023 was approved for \$112,500. This is up by \$10,000.
- 911 User Board discussed auto-launch of Air Medical on certain EMS calls. More to come on this.
- Also program coming out "Training Under One Roof" is designed to train all agencies for major events.
- Going to try and get the computer repairs paid under COVID monies.

**Assistant Chief's Report:**

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.
- We have one new application for the Fire Department. Has been approved by the 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 offer an EMR Course soon - start March through April on Monday & Thursday.

**Captain's Report:**

- Will get missed pictures done. Cory will set up very soon.
- E2 passed both Pump and Vacuum Tests. Found 2 more leaking valves. Getting quotes for repair.
- 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.
- DOT Inspections are coming up for all equipment, plus 2 will go for full service.
- Will be getting TPM's for remaining apparatus starting with E3 and Trailer.

**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.
- Jeremy will be putting Gear Inventory Sheets in each locker. Please make sure they are completed in a timely fashion.

**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. We are looking at where this money is going to come from.

**Membership**

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

**Health and Welfare**

- Group discussion. Chief Shykes and Sallstad 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.
- AC Matt Hoffmann is researching By-Laws for updates.
- 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.
- 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.)

**New Business:**

- Third reading of a By-Law Change. Motion was made by Capt. Cory Christianson to approve the By-Law Change. Seconded by Tim Sklors. Motion carried.
- ERFDC meeting at Town Hall on 3-16-22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Set-up CPR Class for firefighters.
- Will table sale of boat, motor and trailer for the time being.
- Chief will be getting a new paper towel rack for the bathroom.
- Look into a grant writer for a future grant.
- Contact Baker to get our fire extinguishers checked and updated.
- Purchase another laptop through the COVID monies.

**Review of bills**

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann. Motion carried.

**Training Minute**

- Make sure you go through your Wildland Gear ASAP so we are set up for the spring thaw.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2053 by BC Nick Preiner. Seconded by AC Matt Hoffmann. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer