

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
5-11-2022**



Meeting called to order at 1910 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by AC Matt Hoffmann 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, Steve Bottila, Andy Carlson, Greg Chad, Chris Chrislock, Nick Gianlorenzi, James Heltzman, Chris Sailstad and Tim Sklors
Absent: William Brokaw and Wyatt Reberg

Guest: Chad Walsh, candidate for St. Louis County Sheriff

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

- Remember that all receipts, bills and rosters should be put in Secretary's folder or bin.

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.
- 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.
- Thanks to all for the help at the Spaghetti Feed.
- At the April Town Board Meeting was informed that they will pay off the radio loan. Also, if the grant for SCBA falls through, they will take out a loan to purchase new SCBBA. (MSA G1 total of 23, 13 with TIC's)
- Our wildland gear is ready to be picked up at the MDNR cache in Grand Rapids.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.
- Boat, motor and trailer sold to Duluth Airport Authority for \$7,000.
- Delivery date on the Polaris UTV will be sometime between August 20 - Sept. 12.

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.
- June 6-10, 2022 is the Wildland Academy in Grand Rapids. Last call.
- 1001 (FFI & II) Class starting May 26, 2022 to August 22, 2022 at the Britt Fire Hall. They will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays and some Saturdays.

Captain's Report:

- Will get missed pictures done. Cory will set up very soon.
- All DOT's are done and E3 & Squad 1 are serviced.
- TPM installed on E3 and trailer. Cory will order another for E2 or E91.

Lieutenant's Report:

- Jeremy will be putting Gear Inventory Sheets in each locker. Please make sure they are completed in a timely fashion.
- Please make sure when done using SCBA that all valves are closed and the connections are tight.

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 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 2022. Check-off Sheet is on side of cabinet by SCBA Fill Station.
- Talked about coming up with a Mission Statement and Purpose for our Department.
- IAR: Need to use this program, especially for who is responding and who is away from the area.
- 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. Laptop ordered.
- The first reading of a By-Law change - Article VII: Fayal Fire Department Officers will/shall be appointed by the Fayal Town Board. The process will be established by the Fayal Town Board.

New Business:

- Chief will be getting a cost estimate of the new SCBA's and all the accessories for the Town Board.
- Engineer Tim Sklors requested a battery operated air blower and impact be purchased for use on the apparatus. A motion to purchase was made by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by Chief Steve Shykes. Motion carried.
- Have 3 sections of hard suction hose we will try to donate.
- SQ1 & R1 issues: AC Matt Hoffmann will handle.
- AC Matt Hoffmann will handle getting the cabinet fabricated for T1
- Second reading of By-Law change: Article VII: Fayal Fire Department Officers will/shall be appointed by the Fayal Town Board. This process will be established by the Fayal Town Board with help from the Fire Department.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by AC Matt Hoffmann to pay the bills. Seconded by Chris Sailstad. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Passed

Motion to adjourn was made at 2102 by Chris Sailstad. Seconded by BC Nick Preiner. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer