

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
2-8-2023**



Meeting called to order at 1920 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Nick Gianlorenzi to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by James Heitzman. Motion carried.

Roll Call

Present: Matt Hoffman, Tim Sklors, Jeremy Widmer, Steve Bottila, Greg Chad, Chris Chrislock, Cory Christianson, Nick Gianlorenzi and James Heitzman

Absent: Steve Shykes, Nick Preiner, William Brokaw, Andy Carlson and Chris Sailstad

Guest: Rich Sather, Fire Dept. Liasion

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.

Assistant Chief's Report:

- Working on Guidelines and Protocol changes. More to come on this.
- 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.
- SCBA's are ordered and could be here tomorrow or in three weeks.
- Got approval to write a Fire Grant for new engine to replace E91.
- Have plan for replacement of apparatus on computer. Five, ten, fifteen and twenty years down the road.
- Will be meeting on Thursday with an ISO representative in Cook for clarification on some items of concern.
- Estimate from Custom Fire to rechassie E2 is around \$240,000.
- Moving forward we will be coding all bills so we can track our finances better.
- There are changes at the Red Cross. If they are needed, we can call and they will be there in about 2 hours.

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.
- There will be Tri-Department Training on Feb. 22 at 1800 at Gilbert: BC, FB & SR
- Two upcoming schools will be held. Fire Officers' School: March 17-19 in Duluth. General Fire School: March 25 and 26 in Moorehead. Motion by Jeremy Widmer for Steve Bottila and Chris Chrislock to attend the Moorehead Fire School. Seconded by Cory Christianson. Motion carried.
- MN Fire & Rescue School 2023 on March 25 & 26 in Austin MN.
- Date for physicals is February 15 at 1500..

Captain's Report:

- Minor issue with TPM in 91 will be corrected.
- E2 will be sent to Mid-States Duluth to see if they can figure out why it is so slow on take-off. After trip to Mid-States Duluth we will change out the turbo and work on injectors later. Should go to the Board.
- Repair component is here for the ATV and will be installed when convenient.
- Received a quote from Pierce for repair of Cab Lift Cylinder on E91 in the amount of \$3,682.44 plus labor. Cylinders need to be made & should be ready on the 20th. When ready, they will install.
- Received a quote from Custom Fire in the amount of \$8,379.21 for the cabinetry on T1. Was tabled and will be considered in 2023.
- E3 failed its pump test so Custom Fire will be sending 3 quotes: for just the pump case, for the whole pump and for the pump motor. Parts are ordered to do next week.

Lieutenant's Report:

- Please make sure when done using SCBA that all valves are closed and the connections are tight.
- Thank-you to everybody for keeping the station in good order.

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.
- Town Board has approved to hire First Responders from outside the Fire Department. The Township will equip them and pay them \$35 an hour. Before hiring starts, some of the logistics need to be worked out.

- We are looking for a clean rollout of the new program at the first of the year.
- Town Board is looking to get this off their plate & is looking for a written plan from us.
- Discussion was held about doing EMS Training. A motion was made by Nick Gianlorenzi to do training on the third Tuesday of the month at 1800. Seconded by Lt. Jeremy Widmer. Motion carried.
- Snowmobile races are being held on Ely Lake on Feb. 11 & 12. On the 11th from 9:00 – 4:00 and on the 12th from 9:00 – 3:00. Looking for coverage.

Membership

- Working on website to improve recruitment. More to come on this.
- Minnesota Fire Dept. Assoc. may have resources that can help us with recruitment and retention. The Chief will look into this.

Health and Welfare

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

Old Business:

- Keep up on SCBA mask checks for 2023. Check-off Sheet is on side of cabinet by SCBA Fill Station.
- IAR: Need to use this program, especially for who is responding and who is away from the area.
- Tim Sklors requested mesh hats to wear in the summer. Have been ordered.
- Third 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. A motion was made by Chief Steve Shykes to accept the change. Seconded by William Brokaw. Motion carried with two abstentions.
- New wire mesh lockers from Gear Grid for our gear are here but need some additional work. Pipe will be moved next week.
- Looking for somebody to take over Relief Association duties – shake the tree PARA? Chris Sailstad will do a presentation on duties next month.
- Can we get EMR winter jackets? Have been ordered.
- Have ordered 2-inch Hose – 600 feet and Smooth Bore Nozzles for the longer pre-connects on E91 and E2. Still coupled 1 ½ inch; will have training & will put on engines.
- Ranger needs to be finished. Will go to Five-Seasons for rear lift, lights and switches. Emergency Lights will be installed in-house.

New Business:

- Will order caps and knit hats.
- Traffic Signs will be used instead of flags.
- Look into new mask bags.
- New pagers are ready at the radio shop but dispatch hasn't set up our new tone, so they are holding them until the tones are set.

Review of bills

- A motion was made by Capt. Tim Sklors to pay the bills. Seconded by Nick Gianlorenzi. Motion carried.

Training Minute

- Brief review of prepping a CPR patient. Also a reminder to bring radios along on all calls. All of our apparatus have spare radios if you forget yours. Always have a radio!

Motion to adjourn was made at 2052 by Lt. Jeremy Widmer. Seconded by James Heitzman. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad - Secretary/Treasurer