

**FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
7-12-23**



Meeting called to order at 1916 / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Cory Christianson to accept the previous month's minutes. Seconded by Capt. Tim Sklors. Motion carried.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Steve Shykes, Nick Preiner, Tim Sklors, Jeremy Widmer, Steve Bottila, Andy Carlson, Greg Chad and Cory Christianson

**Absent:** Matt Hoffmann, William Brokaw, Chris Chrislock, Nick Gianlorenzi and James Heitzman

**Guest:** None

**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.
- We will only be purchasing essentials to try and get our budget deficit down.
- The speaker from the ERFDC has been scheduled for September 6, 2023 at 1300 and 1800.
- Man door was open on Station 2. Remember to check doors to make sure they are closed.
- Chris Sailstad is retired. We will plan a retirement party.
- We will have a Family Picnic on August 16, 2023 at 1800 at Steve and Linda's house.

**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.
- Have plan for replacement of apparatus on computer. Five, ten, fifteen and twenty years down the road.

**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.
- Reminder: Sept. 16, 2023 is the ERFDC Speaker at the College. It will be held at two times (1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.)
- We will host the Tri-Department Training in July.

**Captain's Report:**

- 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 2024.
- When checking the parking brakes on gas vehicles, engage brake, put the vehicle in drive, but DO NOT hit the gas.
- Contacted Pierce and will be getting a bigger tank made for the cab hydraulic system.

**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.
- 'Tis the season again for flies, so if you are at the Hall and have time, take the vacuum to the window sills and the floors.

**EMS Report**

- 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.
- 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.

**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. Steve will look at signage they may have available.
- Tim Sklors knows someone moving from Aurora who might be interested in joining our department.

**Health and Welfare**

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

**Old Business:**

- Keep up on SCBA mask checks for 2024. 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.

- New wire mesh lockers from Gear Grid for our gear are here but need some additional work. Pipe will be moved soon and then the lockers will be fixed.
- Ranger needs to be finished. Will go to Five-Seasons for rear lift, lights and switches. Emergency Lights will be installed in-house.
- Our Pension Plan will be going to the statewide plan managed by PERA. All set at \$2700.
- We need to submit the DNR Grant by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Will put in for PPE. Has been submitted.
- Jeremy Widmer and Nick Gianlorenzi will be draining our air compressor for our apparatus and rerouting the drains so we don't have to go up on the ledge.
- The Employee Handbook was handed out. (It is basically our cleaned-up By-Laws.) After much discussion it was decided that over the next 2 to 3 months or sooner, we will get them fine-tuned. We will start to do this on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. This info should be coming from Matt. Will do next Wed., the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Asked about pictures that were taken and where they are. Steve Bottila is handling.
- Chief Shykes suggested having get-togethers away from the Station in order to help build camaraderie. We will explore this further.
- The SCBA brackets are mounted in R1 and it was moved to Station 1 for crew transport and SQ1 was moved to Station 2 for mainly Command Staff use.

#### **New Business**

- Looking into doing an ice fishing contest on Ely Lake this winter along with our Mutual Aid Departments.

#### **Review of bills**

- A motion was made by BC Nick Preiner to pay the bills. Seconded by Steve Bottila. Motion carried.

#### **Training Minute**

- Stay hydrated.

Motion to adjourn was made at 2027 by Lt. Jeremy Widmer. Seconded by Andy Carlson. Motion carried.

Submitted by Greg J. Chad – Secretary/Treasurer



# Town of Fayal FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE PREVENTION  
FIRE SUPPRESSION  
EMS



## JULY 2023 BILLS

1. Short Stop	\$ 157.02
2. Ultimate Safety Concepts (DBA Clarey's)	\$ 692.33
3. Range Auto Parts	\$ 119.00
4. Eagle Engraving, Inc.	\$ 142.30
5. lamResponding.com	\$ 660.00
6. Range Office Supply & Equipment	\$ 343.98

**PAID**

AUG 16 2023

TOTAL \$2,114.63