

HSFD Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Holiday Shore Volunteer Fire Department was called to order Monday, August 30, 2021 at 1900 hours by President Jim O'Brien and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Brian Bagby; Steve Cooper; Bobby French; Blake Fry; Bill Gavin; Josh Harris; Greg Jennings; Patti McDaniel; Linda Meurer; Jim O'Brien; Darl Opel; Mike Thoe; Luke Voss; Dave Wilson.

A total of 14 members were in attendance (13 at start of meeting): Quorum achieved.

Probationary Candidates present: Zack Thompson; Gary Presswood; Ed Luedde. The following members were excused: Mark Brewer; Aaron Bricker; Debbie Jennings; Nik Opel; Doug Saye.

A motion by Bagby, with a second by Harris to forego the reading of last month's minutes was passed by a majority vote of the members present. Additions - None; Deletions - None; Corrections - D. Opel was to install an air line, not airline.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$10,122.37

Savings: \$2,570.85

Total: \$12,693.22

Old/Unfinished Business

- The trustees have sent letters to the candidates who have accepted nominations for Chief. They have requested the candidates' resumes and will conduct their interviews the week of September 13. The trustees will have a decision by the September 21 meeting. Immediately on September 22 that person will be promoted to deputy chief, until the Christmas party, when that person will then assume the rank of Chief.
- 9/11 - We have new mask mandates from the governor. We are still waiting for clarification on where we stand. The trustees allowed the us to hold the fish fry but never officially opened the building to the public. We will not serve refreshments or give tours. We will wear our black masks and remain as socially distant as possible. Also, masks will be available for the public to use. The ceremony will be held outside regardless of the weather, with chairs for open seating. We will pare it down and have three or four people speak for a total of about 30 minutes. We can use the PA system and stream it on Facebook if that's possible. Harris can set it up. We can place the 343 flags that morning. Anyone wishing to help should come up to the station at 6:30am. If we leave the flags out all night we should have a light to shine on them.

New Business

- Let Cooper know if you have any turnout gear needs. The budget is in place for this.
- Blood pressure checks will be held here next Tuesday in conjunction with the SIUE School of Nursing students. Make sure to follow covid protocols.

Training

- The training on August 9 was changed due to the house fire. We had a post-fire debriefing.
- The announcement for the water rescue training on Saturday, August 21 wasn't sent out in time so there was a very small turnout. It was then moved to Monday evening, August 23 and held by the Clubhouse.
- August 19 was tender shuttle training in Troy and several members went. The training went well and everyone got to drive and dump at least once. We may need to lubricate the side dumps. Be careful of the soft suction up top when you climb back down. It makes a tricky position and you will need two guys to handle it.
- On Monday, September 13, there will be SCBA familiarization and house smoke training at the burn house.
- Saturday, September 18 will be search and rescue inside the house. Edwardsville is to help with the fire training, pump operations, line advancement, coordination, and fire attack. They are down four people but are hoping to be able to send some folks. Once we have the dates set for the live burn, we will notify Worden and Meadowbrook. We have obtained a good burn permit.

Resignation of Officers or Members - None

Accepting of Application/Members - None

Probationary Members

- Thompson is starting his 17th month; Presswood his 8th; Luedde his 4th. Presswood is now a level 2.

Junior Members - None

Officer's Reports

Chief: Steve Cooper - Covid: Everyone had set their own rules during covid such as the trustees, Alton Memorial, and the state. Precautions were in effect. Then people got vaccinated and the numbers went down causing everyone to become pretty lax. There is a resurgence now and a couple members have been covid positive over the past month. We should heighten our awareness and resume our previous protocols - distance or mask up while in the station, N95 masks on all calls, sanitize or wash your hands, check to see if patients have or could have been exposed to covid before entering their residence, limit the number of people inside, wear your PPE, and document who entered the house, along with the person in charge. Alton Memorial says if you are exposed and were not wearing a mask, you should then mask up for the next 10 days to two weeks. This doesn't prevent you from responding to calls. If you are wearing your PPE and are around covid, this doesn't count as exposure at all. If you feel symptomatic, get tested and stay away. A lot of places won't test you if you're not symptomatic. You can call Amaze for any questions. AMH is short on the true PCR test. We are waiting for confirmation from Rachel about whether we will be required to be vaccinated or tested weekly, per the governor's rule. Trustees will have to tell us how to handle those who don't want to be vaccinated and need to be tested weekly. Whenever boosters become available, Rachel will let us know. Wear your masks in the trucks. Use more trucks to respond if needed.

Assistant Chief: Mark Brewer - Our annual required Fit Test will be here at the station on Monday, October 11 from noon to 7pm.

Captains

Darl Opel -

- New MABAS cards are coming out. You need your credentials if you are to be deployed elsewhere and our new cards have chips in them with your information. If you are credentialed, you may go with another crew but must remain with them throughout your deployment.

Jim O'Brien -

- We have had higher acuity calls recently. Most documentation was filled out very well. The narrative does not have to be extremely detailed. Make sure it's legible as our records can get scrutinized. Acknowledge who filled out the form - someone has to take ownership of filling it out. If you are in charge of patient care, review the document. An ER physician recently requested all of our notes on one of our calls. Our records may go to court. You can use the narrative sheet if you need more space.

Lieutenants

Mike Hayes - Nothing

Todd Frank - Nothing

Engineers

Bobby French - The regular chainsaw is still missing on 3311. If something is broke, let us know. You can write it on the green chalkboard.

Dave Wilson - Nothing

Trucks

3310 - One spare bottle of oxygen was used to supply 51. The closet O2 bottles are empty.

3311 - Sentinel is coming out in October to change out gauges. The regular chainsaw is still missing.

3351 - All the burned out lights have been replaced. Make sure to look at them when you are doing your monthly checks. Turn the batteries off.

3360 - If you back up using the air breaks and then shut off the truck immediately, it will beep low pressure when turned back on. Wait 15 seconds before turning the engine off.

3361 - None

3391 - None

Trailer - None

Standing Committees

Building and Grounds - The air line is in progress.

Computer - Nothing

Executive Board - Nothing

ISO - Nothing

Public Relations - Articles are written for the Times each month.

Trucks and Equipment - The diesel tank has been filled.

Sign Committee - Shows information about the upcoming 9/11 Ceremony.

Special Use Committees

Scholarship - Nothing

Budget - Nothing

Fund Raising - Nothing

Madison County/Meeting - They are still dealing with what they're going to do regarding the building during covid. The building is so big they can still have people inside and wearing masks. Masks may be provided to the public as they enter. The next meeting is in October. South Roxanna announced their new Chief: Bobby Newberry from Roxanna.

Fish Fry - Nothing

Other Committees

Department Good and Welfare - Shake a Boot is this Labor Day Sunday, September 5. Be up here at 8:30 am and we will go to Behme's corner at 9am. The Prairietown parade was good. It was the best homecoming from the fire department's point of view. A motion was made by Babgy and seconded by Wilson to spend up to \$120 to buy a new coffee Keurig. Motion carries.

Correspondence

- A flag and certificate was dedicated to our department and presented by D. Opel. It was flown during combat operations in Syria and combat support operations in Jordan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2032 with a motion by D. Opel and second by Harris, with all members in agreement. The next business meeting will be held Monday, September 27, 2021.