

HSFD Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Holiday Shores Volunteer Fire Department was called to order Monday, July 26, 2021 at 1900 hours by President Jim O'Brien and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Mark Brewer; Steve Cooper; Bobby French; Blake Fry; Bill Gavin; Mike Hayes; Debbie Jennings; Greg Jennings; Patti McDaniel; Linda Meurer; Jim O'Brien; Darl Opel; Nik Opel; Doug Saye; Dave Wilson.

A total of 15 members were in attendance (10 at start of meeting): Quorum achieved.

Probationary Candidates present: Zach Thompson; Ed Leudde.

The following members were excused: Brian Bagby; Cale Henke

The minutes from last month's meeting were read aloud by O'Brien. A motion by Saye, with a second by Wilson was made to accept the minutes as read and passed by a majority vote of the members present. Additions - None; Deletions - None; Corrections - None.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$10,216.37 Savings: \$2,570.85 Total: \$12,787.22

Old/Unfinished Business

- Congratulations to D. Jennings who is now vice-president. O'Brien remains president. We also acknowledge that Cooper's term as Chief is expiring at the end of the year.
- Cooper: He hopes the person who becomes the next Chief is excited to lead the department. He feels it is time to retire after serving with the department for 30 years and wants to give plenty of time to find a replacement. There should be a more formal celebration of electing officials, such as at the Christmas party. O'Brien says Cooper has left an indelible mark on the department and will be sorely missed and says the trustees have acknowledged your contribution and leadership. They are taking the election very seriously. We will have nominations tonight and then they will go in front of the trustees for a formal interview. Any nominees are to send their resumes to them. Cooper sent out a document with roles and responsibilities of his job description to everyone. We have always had a good relationship with the trustees and the chief serves at their behalf. None of the trustees were here before our last chief was nominated so they are really trying to make this work well for all.

- We will hold a larger 9/11 service on the 20th anniversary this year. We need to make plans and extend invitations. It falls on a weekend this year. In the past, we have had kids open the service, had a pastor to the invocation, Patti sing the national anthem, guest speakers, and a light refreshment after. The garden club can maybe help clean up the front. We will get together after the meeting tonight to discuss the plans.

New Business

- We will take nominations for chief candidates. O'Brien accepts. D. Opel declines. Brewer accepts with questions about his attendance. The nominations are closed.
- August 13 & 14 is the annual Prairietown fundraiser. We should place an advertisement on our sign and take one or two of our trucks to their parade. We can decide later which trucks. The theme this year is Nashville. We will put a sign-up list on the board for those attending. We usually meet here at 5.
- We have some water bottles with our logo coming along with fire hats, Frisbees, key chains and can cozies for the Fire Prevention Day at Midway grade school.

Training

- We had enough members helping out at the ski show and fireworks. Not sure if another night of fireworks will be held due to a technical malfunction on July 4th but we will find out ahead of time because they have to apply for a permit.
- On Monday, July 12 we had the Region 4 and ambulance protocol review.
- On Saturday, July 17 we had Rural and Tender Ops.
- We may make changes to the training calendar in August. We did some ladder and roof ops at the last house burning so maybe we can do tool usage and familiarization at the next one.
- We didn't do water rescue yet so maybe we will do it on Saturday, August 21.
- We have access now to the house on Moro road so maybe we can start training in September and October with live fire evolutions. Edwardsville can possibly send us some instructors for this. Make sure we invite Prairietown also.
- Monday, August 9 is tool familiarization, maybe at the Moro house since Saye got the permits to start training there.
- Troy fire department has a mutual aid tender shuttle class on August 19 at 6pm. Meet at the fire department in Troy. They need to know by August 1 if you are attending.

Resignation of Officers or Members - None.

Accepting of Application/Members - None.

Probationary Members

- Thompson is starting his 16th month; Presswood his 7th; Leudde his 3rd.

Junior Members - None.

Officer's Reports

Chief: Steve Cooper -

- Let him know about any equipment issues. We've had a couple of calls in the past month where we should go to mutual aid. Do this on all calls but medical ones. We may need to remind dispatch.

Assistant Chief: Mark Brewer -

- 51 was not plugged in after one of the calls. There is a new checkoff sheet for 60. You can write notes on the new sheet if needed. We are working on sheets for 10 & 11.

Captains

Darl Opel -

- People have been suspended from calls and have still been actively attending - don't. Check to see if you need to fix anything on VAIRKKO.

Jim O'Brien - Nothing.

Lieutenants

Mike Hayes - Nothing.

Todd Frank - Nothing.

Engineers

Bobby French - Nothing.

Dave Wilson - Nothing.

Trucks

3310 - We had a mutual aid call with Prairietown and the radio was not switched back to Madison County. We have also had problems staying on the Mad Co channel but we think it's fixed. If you change the radio at the pump handle, make sure you switch it back to Mad Co.

3311 - When it got the striping done, we looked at the front bumper and saw that it showed eight gauges were bad. It may need to be flushed really well and may have been dirty.

3351 - Several lights are out along the ground and doors. They are in Brewer's garage to be placed.

3360 - None.

3361 - None.

3391 - None.

Trailer - None.

Standing Committees

Building and Grounds - D. Opel will install a new airline on Saturday.

Computer - Nothing.

Executive Board - Nothing.

ISO - Nothing.

Public Relations - Meurer writes articles for the HS Times and J. Jennings writes food recipes. G. Jennings says nursing students from SIUE can do community assignments.

Trucks and Equipment - None.

Sign Committee - We will change it to show the Prairietown fundraiser.

Special Use Committees

Scholarship - None.

Budget - None.

Fund Raising - The date for the Chicken and Beer dance is set.

Madison County & Meeting - The first official county meeting since covid will be August 18 at the hall. There was traffic accident training including a lot of tow truck people. 3360 has a big light on the back to be used for staging during accidents. It was pointed out that with the red and yellow lights on, the arrow gets lost. McDaniel is trying to get the finance committee to fund training.

Fish Fry - None.

Other Committees

Department Good and Welfare - Thanks for helping out at the fireworks and ski show this year. Saye is not running the MDA fundraiser this year. Shake a Boot will be on Sunday, September 5th. We need a new coordinator - see O'Brien if you want to help. The repaving of the intersection at 159 & Moro Rd should be done today.

Correspondence - We received a letter of thanks for helping out John (& Michelle) Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned at 1754 with a motion by D. Opel and second by Wilson, with all members in agreement. The next business meeting will be held Monday, August 30, 2021.

