

HSFD Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Holiday Shores Volunteer Fire Department was called to order Monday, November 29, 2021, at 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; Debbie Jennings; Greg Jennings; Patti McDaniel; Linda Meurer; Jim O'Brien; Nik Opel; Doug Saye; Luke Voss.

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

The following members were excused: Todd Frank; Cale Henke; Michael Lane; Darl Opel; Zac Thompson. Probationary members excused: Ed Luedde; Gary Presswood.

A motion by Voss, 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 - None.

Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$13,269.77 Savings: \$2,570.91 Total: \$15,840.68

Old/Unfinished Business

- Brian Bagby was installed as president and then continued to lead the meeting. A big thank you to Jim O'Brien for his years of service as president of HSFD, and we wish him well in his new position as Fire Chief.
- D. Opel is working on the MABAS cards.
- Meurer will email the monthly minutes to all the members.
- We had money set aside for a new chainsaw but since the old one was found, the motion is cancelled.
- Covid testing - We are still following Region IV for guidelines and will continue with our weekly testing for those who have not had the vaccine. The State of Illinois said about three to four weeks ago that we are now officially a lab and to use their test kits. The new guidelines say to still get tested weekly and have the results posted on a special website within 24 hours and Gavin will do this. IDPH says our licensure is on the line if we don't comply. Our lab is only open Sunday-Tuesday.
- We had a previous motion to possibly move to a new bank without fees and French was checking. He says that Associates Bank, which is the bank we are using, can waive the

fee if we go totally digital. We still have lots of checks left but future checks are not free. French suggests sticking with Associates Bank. After a discussion, the group agrees.

- Since Bagby is President, nominations for a new director is now open for the November and December meetings. We will vote at the January meeting and install in February. Dave Wilson is the senior director. Says is nominated by O'Brien with a second by G. Jennings.
- The Foreign Fire tax of about \$4500 was deposited. It is to be used on non-budged line items. Cooper made a motion to spend up to \$3000 for a glass front drink fridge and to fill it with water and soda that we buy ourselves. D. Jennings seconds the motion, discussion is held and the motion carries 11-2. Saye makes a motion for O'Brien to spend up to \$1000 for a new scanner/copier/printer, D. Jennings seconds and the motion carries. O'Brien makes a motion to add to the book of rules in perpetuity, unless the privilege is abused, to stock the soda and water fridge. Saye seconds and the motion passes. Harris makes a motion to spend up to \$500 for an ice maker. There is no second so the motion dies.
- A vote was held on whether to have the family Christmas party here at the firehouse on Saturday, December 11 or to have Santa visit the kids in the fire truck. By a show of hands, it was decided to have Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the children. Please contact Meurer or put your child's name and age, along with the address and a contact number on the board so Santa knows who to visit.
- A motion by Saye with a second by O'Brien was made to destroy the votes from Troeckler last month - motion passes.

New Business

- Cooper: We buy gifts every year for our trustees and the Fort Russell trustees. Fort Russell gave a large donation for our truck and gives \$15,000 every year to us. The trustees said they would like another shirt with our logo on it. Cooper thinks that along with the shirt, we can give gift cards to various places for their Christmas presents. He makes a motion to spend up to \$545 for this, O'Brien seconds. Motion carries.
- Make sure you sign up for the trustee Christmas party. Pictures are at 6pm and wear your uniform because Julie will take photos again. FEMA out of Benld will provide the food.

Training

- Hose testing was done October 30.
- We did a building prep and small refresher on fire ground management on November 8.
- Saturday, November 27 was a practice burn.
- This coming Saturday, December 4 is the live burn. Prep starts at 6am, breakfast here at 7am, and burn evolutions start by 7:45. We will break for lunch then burn down the

house. Meadowbrook, Prairietown and Edwardsville fire departments will join us. D. Opel needs help tearing out windows and boarding it to get ready to burn.

- We will have Trivia Night on Monday, December 13.
- Saturday, December 18 will be a training make-up day.
- See O'Brien for any issues with training.

Resignation of Officers or Members - None

Accepting of Application/Members - None

Probationary Members

- Troeckler is starting her second month and has been checked off on 51. She has her NIMS and is an EMT so she can go on calls. Luedde is starting his 7th month and has requested a 90 day extension. Presswood starts his 11th month.

Junior Members - None

Officer's Reports

Chief: Steve Cooper - Join us at the dinner and house burn, do your annual training and do your weekly testing if you are not vaccinated. 11 is back in service.

Assistant Chief: Mark Brewer - Nothing

Captains

Darl Opel - Nothing

Jim O'Brien - Says he has not made calls his priority and will do better. Try to make sure we have an officer on our calls. For the first time we did not have anyone to go on a call two weeks ago. It was for a lift assist. Please answer the 911 page. Continue to fill out reports more clearly, write a brief narrative and note who is writing it. Make sure you write hard enough to go through all the copies. The on-scene (incident) report gets filled out on all calls except medical. There are two sides. At the least, fill out the narrative on this sheet.

Lieutenants

Mike Hayes - Nothing

Todd Frank - Nothing

Engineers

Bobby French - Start thinking about the Chicken and Beer dance on February 5th. Brewer won't be doing it again. He has the chicken, clubhouse and band set up. We will have to see how the new variant affects indoor gatherings by then.

Dave Wilson - Nothing

Trucks

3310 - None

3311 - It's back in service. It has an electric cusmal meter that's not working. The cusmal is working so just keep charging it.

3351 - None

3360 - None

3361 - It shifted a little roughly so maybe it needs to be driven more.

3391 - None

Trailer - None

Standing Committees

Building and Grounds - The air line is done and needs a regulator replaced. Multiple entry lights are out.

Computer - Nothing

Executive Board - Nothing

ISO - Nothing

Public Relations - Meurer continues to write articles and D. Jennings still writes recipes for the HS Times.

Trucks and Equipment - Nothing

Sign Committee - We will change it.

Special Use Committees

Scholarship - Nothing

Budget - Nothing

Fund Raising - The Chicken and Beer dance is coming up on February 5th.

County Meeting - The meeting will not be held here at HSFD until 2024.

Fish Fry - Nothing

Other Committees

Madison County - Nothing

Department Good and Welfare - Wilson made 1500 calls. Congratulations! A family brought sandwiches to the department tonight in appreciation for responding to their house when it caught fire and saving their dogs.

Correspondence - We received a thank you card from the Jennings' with pictures of their trip to Guatemala. Let G. Jennings know if you ever want to go with them. They are returning again and will do some studies. Joanne from Amaze Health is coming here in April to do physicals. Patti passed out tickets for an ornament raffle tonight - Gavin and N. Opel won.

The meeting was adjourned at 2026 with a motion by Voss and second by Harris, with all members in agreement. The next business meeting will be held Monday, December 27, 2021.