

## HSVFD Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Holiday Shores Volunteer Fire Department was called to order Monday, October 31, 2022 at 1901 hours by President Brian Bagby and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Brian Bagby; Blake Fry; Josh Harris; Patti McDaniel; Linda Meurer; Jim O'Brien; Darl Opel; Nik Opel; Gary Presswood; Doug Saye; Dave Wilson.

A total of 11 members were in attendance (11 at start of meeting): Quorum (8) achieved.

The following members were excused: Mark Brewer; Steve Cooper; Todd Frank; Bobby French; Bill Gavin; Mike Hayes; Debbie Jennings; Greg Jennings; Mike Thoe.

Probationary members in attendance: None.

A motion by Wilson, 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 - The meeting was held on 10/31/22 instead of 10/24/22 as noted in the minutes.

### Treasurer's report:

Checking: \$15,200.25      Savings: \$2,571.09      Total: \$17,771.34

(See the Chief's report below for information on the Foreign Fire Tax deposit.)

### Old/Unfinished Business

- The department website for our apparel, Logo It, is up and running. T-shirts have been ordered by O'Brien two weeks ago but we haven't heard anything back yet. Thanks to D. Jennings for coordinating with the company for the website.
- Last month we voted to start helping out at the Firemen's Hall bingo next year. The schedule will come out soon and we can pick 7-8 slots with four people attending each time, which brings in about \$6-8,000/year. We can split the money for showing up or bring it back to the department. Motion by O'Brien to make it a standing rule that any money made by individuals going to help out at bingo can be divided between themselves and they can keep it. Bagby seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- Debbie and Greg are on their mission trip to Guatemala presently.

### New Business

- Veteran's Day Parade is next Friday. Meet up here around 6pm. Sign up on the board if you can attend. Maybe we can order stress balls with our department logo on them to throw out to the crowd. N. Opel will order them if possible.

## Training

- October 15 we had Live Fire Training.
- October 26 was hose testing.
- November 11 is Veteran's Day Parade.
- Monday evening, November 14 will be Hazmat Familiarization here at the department.
- Saturday, November 19 is Traffic Management/Driving Safety also here at the station.

## Resignation of Officers or Members - None

## Accepting of Application/Members - None

## Probationary Members

- Holt is starting his 4<sup>th</sup> month.

## Junior Members - None

## Officer's Reports

### **Safety Officer** - Nothing

### **Chief: Jim O'Brien** -

- **Calls** - Overall we have had good call participation and have been running at an above average rate. We are noticing a decrease in Alton Memorial Ambulance's ability to respond in a timely manner. There is an EMS/Paramedic shortage in the system, so if they are not available, try for Hamel. We are approaching 180 calls so far this year.
- **October** - The month of October has been very busy. Thanks to the department members for stepping up and helping. Thanks to Josh and Gary for helping out with hose testing, and to Dave for helping with the Sentinel folks.
- **OSHA** - We received our official OSHA letter with five citations as expected. We were not doing quarterly firefighting training on "air", we failed to train on fire extinguishers, and we had three cylinders that were not completely full. Those were the most serious violations. We need a respiratory protection plan in place and a written exposure control plan for Hep B, etc. We have the final letter saying that we are done and are good now. It was recommended to do online training so a couple classes are now added and a couple were dropped.

- **Training** - Annual training updates were sent. You need 2.5 hours of training per quarter according to state regulations and 7.5 hours for a bump up in pay. Thanks to Jim for meeting with them and getting us in compliance. No fines were given to us.
- **Thanks** - We had our Midway Fire Safety Day and it went well. Thanks to all who helped out. We hosted the Madison County Firemen's meeting which also went well and thank you to anyone who helped.
- **Budget** - We received funding from the Illinois Public Risk Fund and we will use the funds for safety-related equipment and items that will reduce injuries. We also received over \$5,500 from the Foreign Fire Tax which shall be tracked as a line item in our budget, and the expenses will be used for the morale and benefit of the membership, not for budgeted items.
- **Equipment** - Sentinel performed our annual maintenance on all of our trucks last week and we conducted hose testing with Firecat on the 26<sup>th</sup>. A couple section of hose failed and were thrown away.
- **Fit Test** - If you haven't completed your annual FIT test let me know so we can reschedule it. You will have to make it up at Banner.
- **Trustee Christmas Party** - Tuesday, December 20 is the Trustees Christmas party. Doors and bar opens at 6pm, pictures in your formal attire is at 6:30, and dinner is at 7pm. No presents will be given to the trustees this year. Sign up on the board if you plan to attend and how many will be coming.

**Assistant Chief: Darl Opel -**

- MABAS cards were handed out tonight.

**Captains**

**Mike Hayes** - Nothing

**Todd Frank** - Nothing

**Bobby French** -Nothing

**Lieutenants**

**Doug Saye** - Nothing

**Engineers**

**Dave Wilson** - Nothing

**Brian Bagby** - Nothing

## Medical Training Officer

**G. Jennings** - Nothing

## Trucks

**3310** - According to Sentinel, the clunking in the cab is normal and no work needs to be done. The reservoir for the windshield washer was broken and will be replaced. A light is out in the side compartment.

**3311** - We are showing a wire harness error on the driver's side back compartment and a light is out - it will be fixed. A bumper line auto drain still needs to be fixed.

**3351** - None

**3360** - The check engine light is on now. Sentinel will check it out and it may need to go to Freightliner. Pull the master drain and get water coming through it then you can turn it on. See Wilson for questions.

**3361** - None

**3391** - Sentinel changed the oil and found antifreeze in it that looked recent. Wilson towed it to the shop and they are looking at it. They found a rear leaf spring was broken, and both rear leaf springs need to be replaced to make the ride even.

**Trailer** - Wilson hooked up the booster and it was working fine. He did also cold starts with the generator running and it started without a problem. OSHA wants monthly SCBA checks with each tank itemized on our checklist. They also want us to do a cascade check. A trailer check-off was added by Nik.

## Standing Committees

**Building and Grounds** - D. Opel: The generator outside was installed. We will have backup power throughout the whole station in case of a power outage. The gas load through Ameren needs to be filled out and then set up. We have a five year maintenance contract on it. It self-checks monthly and we can send them the report.

**Computer** - None

**Executive Board** - None

**ISO** - None

**Public Relations** - A full-size article by O'Brien was placed in the Holiday Shores Times about recruitment and safety issues.

**Trucks and Equipment** - None

**Sign Committee** - Will change for voting and for Thanksgiving.

### **Special Use Committees**

**Scholarship** - None

**Budget** - See Budget under Chief.

**Fund Raising** - None

**Madison County Meeting** - The Christmas County meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15 at the Dad's Club in South Roxanna. Doors open at 5:30pm. (The regular county meeting and the Christmas one are the same, with South Roxanna hosting.)

**Fish Fry** - None

### **Other Committees**

**Madison County** - There will be a training class on Wednesday, November 16 at the Firemen's Hall about Reading Smoke given by Muddy River Fools. Call Tommy Davison on the Alton Fire Department for any questions since he is the registrar. On Saturday, November 19, Rick Laskey will have training at the Collinsville Convention Center from 9:30am-5pm, but that is the day we are having Driving Safety training here at the department. A Halloween party was held and the Woody costume won. The Christmas party for firemen and their family and kids will be held on Saturday, December 3 with balloon artists, coloring, bounce house, Santa at 12:30pm, and a raffle for parents - all free.

**Department Good and Welfare** - The election will be held here at the station on Tuesday, November 8 with Precincts 5 & 7 voting here. Set-up will be Monday evening, the 7th.

A discussion was held on whether to continue with the Christmas dinner here at the firehouse or to do Santa visiting on the truck to members' families with young kids. We decided to do the visit from Santa on the firetruck this year.

The Chief received some feedback from the survey that was sent out. Favoritism and members who don't show up were a couple issues mentioned. The Trustees can relieve a member based on the Chief's recommendation but he cannot fire anyone. However; the trustees are usually strongly dissuaded from getting involved in employee problems. Our new SOGs are guidelines but we cannot fire people. We will continue to encourage people to show up and enforce requirements more.

We are to use 10 as the first truck to respond to fires, etc, and it is the second truck out for medical calls; 11 is for mutual aid. 10 & 11 can go on CO calls.

**Correspondence** - None

The meeting was adjourned at 1957 with a motion by D. Opel and second by Wilson, with all members in agreement. The next business meeting will be held Monday, November 28, 2022.

