

## HSVFD Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Holiday Shores Volunteer Fire Department was called to order Monday, September 30, 2024 at 1903 hours by Vice-President Brenda Saye and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Bill Gavin; Joshua Harris; Kelly Harris; Mike Hayes; Bob Jennings; Debbie Jennings; Eric Hogan Jennings; Greg Jennings; Patti McDaniel; Linda Meurer; Jim O'Brien; Darl Opel; Nik Opel; Brenda Saye; John Meurer.

A total of 15 members were in attendance (15 at start of meeting): Majority of Quorum achieved (7).

Probationary Candidates present: Jason Rosen; Courtney Sickmeier; Marcie Stein.

The following members were excused: Brian Bagby; Mark Brewer; Todd Frank; Bobby French; Cale Henke; Gary Presswood; Doug Saye.

A motion by Hogan Jennings, with a second by Gavin 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:** Report given by Chief O'Brien.

Checking:

Savings:

Total: \$25,743.00

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

- The 9/11 Ceremony went well. The flag was lowered at sunset and McDaniel sang the National Anthem. A few people from the community showed up.

### **New Business**

- There are two bingos left in 2024: Sunday, October 13 from 11am-4pm and Friday, November 22 from 5:30-9:30pm. French signed up on Oct 13 as an alternate with no one else so far. Sunday, January 5 from 4:30-9:30pm is the last one in our bingo calendar year and is also open.
- Absentee members were discussed.

### **Training**

- Monday, October 14 is Fireground Management and Burn Prep.

- Saturday, October 19 will be Fire evolutions with a live fire if possible.

**Resignation of Officers or Members** - Bill Gavin sent a letter to the department stating he is moving from regular status to an Auxiliary member as of October 8. We thank him for his service and welcome him to his new level of membership.

**Accepting of Application/Members** - None

**Probationary Members** - Sickmeier and Stein are starting their 5<sup>th</sup> month; Rosen is starting his 6<sup>th</sup> month and finished his EMT class. Congratulations!

**Junior Members** - None

### **Officer's Reports**

**Safety Officer** - Nothing

**Chief: Jim O'Brien** -

- Participation has been pretty good.
- New SOGs will be introduced regarding EV fires. If the fire is not causing any danger then we will monitor it and let it burn. If the car is a garage or somewhere that could cause further loss of property or is life-threatening, then we will move it or pull it away.
- An electric chainsaw is now in the bay and ready for use. You still need to oil it and there is a wrench to loosen or tighten the chain. There is also one in 3311.
- The Officers met and are in the discussion & information-gathering stage only right now about the possibility of expanding the department building in the future. There may be a need to add bunk rooms and other facilities in case we need to staff in-house paid personnel down the road.
- Sentinel will be here the week of November 4<sup>th</sup> to do ladder, pump, and truck testing.
- Fit testing will probably be in October. We are checking to see about renting our own equipment or having Banner do it.
- Revised truck responses and other SOGs: It is less likely that we will have staffing to drive big trucks, so we are not going to automatically send out more trucks. Continue to respond with more trucks for fires, car accidents, or serious calls. We can also use POVs if needed.
- At the Officer's meeting we discussed things we want to do around the building.

**Assistant Chief: Darl Opel** - Nothing

### **Captains**

**Mike Hayes** - Nothing

**Todd Frank** - Nothing

**Bobby French** - Nothing

**Greg Jennings (EMS/Medical)** - R. Lair says to make sure your licenses and certificates are updated in VAIRKKO. C. Henke, N. Opel, J. Harris, and McDaniel have expired licenses. Frank, Hayes, and D. Saye have expiring BLS Certificates. See G. Jennings after the meeting.

### Lieutenants

**Doug Saye** - Nothing

**Cale Henke** - Nothing

**Nik Opel (EMS)** - Nothing

### Engineers

**Dave Wilson** - Nothing

**Brian Bagby** - Nothing

**Gary Presswood** - Nothing

**Linda Meurer (EMS)** - Nothing

### Trucks

**3310** - We got a new RAM mount and will install it soon. We need electric run to the officer's rear side.

**3311** - None

**3351** - We are still waiting on radio components.

**3360** - None

**3370** - All brush fire equipment is back in place.

**Trailer** - It was used recently for mutual aid and worked well. The generator struggles to start the air compressor, so start the compressor on shore power first, start the generator, then shift over from shore and run it.

### Standing Committees

**Building and Grounds** - There is a hold on the bay doors' motherboards downstairs for now.

**Computer** - None

**Executive Board** - Has not met yet.

**ISO** - None

**Public Relations** - Nothing

**Trucks and Equipment** - Nothing

**Sign Committee** - Will update it for the blood drive and for Halloween.

### **Special Use Committees**

**Scholarship** - Nothing

**Budget** - Nothing

**Fund Raising** - Nothing

**County Meeting** - The next County Meeting is Thursday, October 17 at Prairietown's Firemen's Hall.

**Fish Fry** - None

### **Other Committees**

**Madison County** -

- Sunday, October 6 is the Firemen's Memorial at Lifebrook Church in Bethalto. Meet and greet is at 9:30am with the service starting at 10:30. There are 18 firefighters being remembered this year.
- Thursday, October 10 is the Executive Board meeting at the Firemen's Hall in Collinsville at 7pm.

**Department Good and Welfare** -

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> here at the department. Set-up will be here Monday night on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Midway Fire Safety Day is Friday, October 18. We need someone to coordinate and will talk to French and Presswood.
- McDaniel has three firetrucks and one antique truck for the Christmas raffle next month.
- Thanks to Stein and D. Jennings for fixing the meal tonight.
- The crew that polished the floor will come back to redo it since they are streaky. Help put up tables and chairs after the meeting.
- The Impact Life Blood Drive will be held here this Saturday, October 5 from 8am-noon.

**Correspondence** - None

The meeting was adjourned at 1931 with a motion by O'Brien and second by G. Jennings, with all members in agreement. The next business meeting will be held Monday, October 28, 2024.

