

**TOWN OF FAYAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
12 Apr 2006**

I. The regular meeting of the Fayal Fire Department was called to order at 1908 by Capt. Rob Spolar.

II. Roll Call.

PRESENT

Nick Domiano
Dave Hartman
Eric Garman
Steve Kniefel
Jack Oakman
Chris Petrack
Frank Pavelich
Rob Spolar
Steve Shykes
Scott Smith
Therese Elverum
John Knapper
Mike Knutson
Nels Myklebust
Chris Sailstad
Brian Sampson
Josh Stachovich
Greg Weaver

ABSENT

Jim Bertucci
Robbie Ochis
Tim Tammaro

III. Old Business

A. Motion by Knutson, Second by to Oakman to approve the minutes of the meeting of 8 March. Motion carries.

B. Correspondence

1. Miscellaneous advertising and catalogs-in office.
2. Miscellaneous Periodicals - in office

D. Secretary-Treasurer Report. Total disbursements from the Fire fund in March was \$ 1439.10. Year to date total is \$ 9209.11.

E. Chiefs Report.

1. There will be a Regional Firefighters Association meeting in Grand Rapids on 6 May. Shykes plans to attend - others welcome as well. There will be training in addition to the meeting.
2. A new list of hydrant locations has been placed in the rigs. These correlate now to the new addressing grid.
3. An application has been submitted for the 2006 cycle of FEMA grants. This is for a new Water rescue craft and associated accessories.

4. There will be a kick-off meeting for the 2006 wildfire season at the USFS office in Aurora on 13 April. Group will be leaving Fayal Fire hall around 6:15 for those interested in going.
 5. Lettering and logos have been ordered for the rescue sled and six wheeler.
 6. ERFD Coalition is working on grant funds to upgrade communications equipment across the coalition.
- F. Assistant Chief Report
1. FF I & II Classes are available in Hoyt Lakes, Mt. Iron, Grand Rapids, Boise Forte, which will be winding down in June. One is being organized in Ellsburg for the fall.
 2. State Fire School in Eden Prairie is scheduled for 5-6 May.
 3. Mandatory training this month will be Wildland Fire Refresher.
- G. Captains Report
1. Weaver and Sailstad have the truck check in April, Knutson and Oakman in May.
 2. Squad 100, Six Wheeler, and the rescue sled are now set up for the summer season.
 3. The new SCBAs have been placed in service on board engine 91
 4. Pictures of the new truck under construction have been received via e-mail
- H. Lieutenants Report
1. No report
- I. EMS Report.
1. 3 runs over the past month responded.
 2. Arrowhead EMS Association has some small grants available that are being pursued.
 3. The on-board defibrillator is back on line
- J. Committee Reports.
1. Membership - One new application is being processed. A posting for new applicants has been made and also placed in the Township newsletter distributed this past week.
 2. Health and Welfare - Robbie Ochis' father passed away. H&W will make an acknowledgement.
 3. Truck - Delivery looks like it will be 27 April.
 4. A disposal plan for 88 has been approved and is now in advertisement. Town Board will consider bids 2 May.
 5. SCBA Acquisition - Items have all been received to include a Thermal Imaging camera and 4 gas atmosphere tester. FEMA funds have been requested and payment will be completed on 18 April.
- K. Other Old Business
1. Elverum reported on her findings related to Firefighter and EMS compensation among the area fire departments and presented several scenarios to increase Fayal's compensation rates and the impact this would have on overall budget. A Wage Committee has been formed and will evaluate these findings further and make a recommendation for future action. A Wage committee meeting will follow tonight's relief association

meeting. Elverum withdrew her previously proposed by law change to increase EMS personnel reimbursement to \$ 5.00 per call pending the result of this study.

2. Shykes reported on the simultaneous page out agreement with Eveleth that has now been established among the parties and the Communications center.
3. Spolar distributed a breakdown of the Spaghetti Feed income and expenses. Feed was one of the most successful to date.
4. A Relief Association meeting will be held after tonights regular FD meeting.

IV. New Business.

- A. More discussion regarding the emergency light visibility from the rear on Squad 100 and Engine 91. Motion by Spolar, second by Shykes, to acquire new LED emergency lighting for the rear of Engine 91 and Squad 100. Motion carries.
- B. Shykes reports on the planning for a large scale mock accident being sponsored by St. Scholastica on 29 April. Many agencies will be involved. Several Fayal Firefighters indicated they would be available to participate.
- C. Hats and Tee Shirts were discussed. An order sheet was distributed to order shirts at individual's expense. Purchase of Hats was referred to the Relief Association.
- D. Spolar indicates he would like to attend Fire School in the Cities. No objections made.
- E. Knutson Discussion on the need for a copier for the FD. No action taken

V. Review of the Bills. Motion by Sailstad, Second by Knutson to pay the bills - carried

VI. Next Meetings.

- 19 Apr - Optional Training
- 26 Apr - Mandatory Training - Wildland fire Refresher
- 3 May - Work Night
- 10 May - Regular Business Meeting

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2045

Respectfully Submitted
S Kniefel, Secretary/Treasurer