

## **Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, May 16, 2022**

**Call to order:** 1945 (delayed start due to Town Budget Meeting)

**Attendance:** In Person: Mark Nall, Alison Dvorak, Diane Carboni, Richard Dvorak, George Hagar, Braydon Crofts, Jim Crofts, Ed Page, Danitza Nall, Shannon Pepin, Brian Reynolds, Bethany Lovett, Jason Lovett, and James Dart. Offered via Google Meet: no attendees (11 voting members)

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from April 2022:** Mark makes motion to approve, Diane seconds, all approve (11)

**Treasurer Report:** Shannon Peppin provided report prepared by Heather Glidden to be posted with minutes. Added that she will be creating an email account for all department related requests. Please put any checks or bills in locked mailbox on wall by desk – do not leave items on desk. Working on creating a PO system. Richard makes motion to accept, Brian seconds, all approve (11)

**Chief Report:** Mark Nall provided report

- 18 calls: 13 EMS, 3 Fire, 2 Investigation (per logbook)
- OSHA has approved FF1 for High School students but they must be 18 to get certificate.
- Cancer risk rulings note that Firefighters should have 2 sets of gear to ensure they are able to clean gear adequately between events. Chief reminds members that gear is to protect you but you don't need to purposefully cover self in dangerous material.
- Class B foam was used at a car fire, approximately a ½ gallon of material. This was noted on scene by Yantic. Banned chemicals have been removed. Item in question has been removed, wrapped, labeled and stored for any pending investigation and appropriate disposal. May gather with other departments to coordinate pick up from our region at same time. Discussed ways of removing products from tanks.
- County Chiefs are planning a table top drill and a large tanker drill tbd end of September.
- Be aware of weather changes

**Deputy Chief Report:** Dave Wheeler absent, no report

**Assistant Deputy Chief Report:** Gaynelle Crofts absent, no report

**Captain:** Byron Crofts absent, no report

**Lieutenant:** Brian Reynolds provided report

- Caution and Hazard tapes have been placed in vehicles for use on scene to keep people away from scene or unsafe environmental items. They are under the driver side rear passenger seat where available.
- Encourage all to work as teams, help all on scene.
- Suggest Communicate on radio when approaching intersections to alert Mutual Aid responders.
- Brian used his fire extinguisher for an on scene need. Willing to donate for department to refill. Chief makes a motion to purchase a replacement personal fire extinguisher for Brian Reynolds, Dian seconds, all approve (11)
- Truck checks still need to be done.
- Introduced "Zello" Walkie-talkie app, Brian will arrange presentation to officers for review

**Rescue Lt:** Braydon Crofts provided report

- Working on office sorting and inventory

**Chief Engineer:** George Hagar provided report

- TIC can be easily unplugged if not cautious with SCBA equipment in seats. Please monitor and use caution.

**Old Business:** Chief notes:

1. Shannon is now the Treasurer. Chief and Shannon have completed update of Banking paperwork.
2. Review of By-Law Certification requirements of Officers. Discussion of intent of wording from Jim Crofts (who was on the last By Law committee). Example of Rescue Lt stating Certified EMT 3 years and Certified on 525 means that candidate must be EMT 3 years (anywhere including Franklin) and currently certified on 525 (for any length of time). Chief requested vote of confidence for this clarification and 9 voting members agreed, passes.
3. Chief expressed that he is available to all members for concerns they feel the need to bring forward.

**New Business:**

- Chief noted recent difficult calls and commended membership on professionalism and support of one another.

**Good of the Order:**

- Banquet will be held at 5 Tyler Drive Hall on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, start 5 pm, Catered Dinner and DJ. All members plus one guest invited (no charge). MUST have food selections to Diane no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>. Seeking raffle donations. Invitations have been sent to neighboring department chiefs and dignitaries.
- FES Award ceremony is June 14<sup>th</sup> (morning). Gaynelle will attend. Bethany also offered.
- Jason reminded all members to stay hydrated in warm weather.
- Memorial Day parade update that there will be a gathering at the pavilion with hot dogs and ice cream after the parade. Additional details, muster time, etc to be provided.
- Brian is newly certified CPR BLS instructor.

**Membership:**

- Bethany Lovett completed probationary period. Mark makes motion to accept as full member, Brian seconds, all approve (11).
- Tony Hawkins completed probationary period. Brian makes motion to accept as full member, Mark seconds, all approve (11)
- George Messler application reviewed. Richard makes motion to accept as probationary member for 6 months, Brian seconded, all approve (11)

**Committee:**

- Uniform Committee- no report
- Media/Marketing Committee – working on more social media posts. Will invite public to attend monthly meeting live or via google meet next time. Danitza suggests posting approved minutes on town website so that community members are more informed of activities. Discussed “Career Night” plans for end of June.

**Correspondence (addition after close of meeting):**

- Donation of \$313.13 in memory of Butch Manning from the Manning family with thanks for use of the hall for his memorial service. The number 13 was significantly lucky for Butch and is important to many memories.

**Motion to adjourn:** Richard makes motion, Brian seconds, all approve (18). meeting adjourned 2034 Hours

Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary

Next monthly meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2022, at 1900. Live at FVFD and available on google meet:

<https://meet.google.com/yco-pyxu-wzi>