

**Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, July 18,2022     Call to order: 1905**

**Attendance:** In Person: Mark Nall, Dave Wheeler, Alison Dvorak, Diane Carboni, Richard Dvorak, Braydon Crofts, Gaynelle Crofts, Ed Page, Bethany Lovett, Jason Lovett, Danitza Nall, Byron Crofts, James Crofts, Jeremy Beisiegel, Brian Reynolds, Nick Allard, Laura Burke and James Dart. via Google Meet: Jodie Hanks, John Hanks (17 voting members)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from June 2022:** Gaynelle makes motion to approve, Mark seconds, all approve (17)

**Treasurer Report:** Shannon Peppin absent, report provided via email, read by Alison Dvorak and will be posted with minutes. Jeremy makes motion to approve, Richard seconds, all approve (17)

**Chief Report:** Mark Nall provided report

- 19 calls: 15 EMS, 3 Fire, 1 Mutual Aid (per logbook)

**Deputy Chief Report:** Dave Wheeler provided report

- New batteries for SCBA
- New packs arrived but no masks
- Ambulance renewal accepted and posted
- Homatro tool serviced
- Eversource gave WW another reporting tool for pole services. Chief added that we give the pole number and it is entered electronically. There is no ETA provided. Membership discussion about situational needs of staying or not staying on a “trees on wire” call. Left to officer in charge of call to make decision based on individual situations.

**Assistant Deputy Chief Report:** Gaynelle Crofts provided report

- Welcome to Nick and Laura!
- James Dart turned 16 and now allowed to go on calls with the apparatus as long as properly trained.
- Red Bags to be checked monthly. Braydon is adding 2 med bags to the monthly checks program.
- Shirts needed- request to uniform committee to organize prioritizing long sleeve and sweatshirts. Jodie requests all members to fill in a form with what sizes they would like for the various shirt items.
- Run forms must be completed. Fire 2 level authorized to enter information directly. Others must fill out a call sheet with MINIMUM call number, date and who was there. Additional information important especially if something notable happened on the call. These are legal documents and need to be accurate.

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

**Lieutenant:** Brian Reynolds provided report

- Stay Hydrated!
- County Chiefs coordinated training coming up in September. More details to be provided at August meeting.
- Please make effort to make calls

**Rescue Lt:** Braydon Crofts provided report

- First in Medical Bags (Red) being added to truck checks.
- Please alert if find anything missing or needed.

**Chief Engineer:** George Hagar absent, no report

**Old Business:** Chief notes:

1. DEEP report of violation regarding Foam received. Kropp environmental involved in response. Chiefs worked on Best Management practices as part of reply report. The foam that was banned has been removed and isolated, awaiting State to implement the take back program. The foam that is currently on truck is ok to use.
2. PPE must be worn on calls. If officer in charge allows, may be downgraded based on case if situation safe.
3. All members who wear and SCBA must be clean shaven- this is required by OSHA

#### **New Business:**

- Chief notes that we will be doing an audit due to change of Treasurer per Standard Operating Procedures. We will follow minimum staffing standards in this process.
- Gaynelle suggested the Hall needs update and improvement such as floor refinishing, painting, etc. Membership discussion on paint colors etc. Suggestion of a Committee to plan this. Jim Crofts will Chair. Mark and Alison agreed to participate. Committee to meet and report at next meeting.

#### **Good of the Order:**

- Chief reminded members to keep track of the time they spend on Fire Department affairs outside of calls or training. This all gets logged for time volunteered and is accounted toward tax abatement credit.
- Many thanks to those that participated in the Columbia Water Parade. It was a lot of fun!
- Music In the Park is this Friday, July 22, 6:30-8:30 pm. Members coming on Fire Truck must be at department no later than 6 pm. All members encouraged to wear department insignia items, can come in personal vehicle. Reminder to NEVER wear department insignia items when consuming alcohol or not actively representing the department. If a crew for Ambulance can be achieved (need EMT), may take Rescue + Ambulance.
- Need volunteer to make dinner for next month's meeting. August 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Gaynelle if you can.
- Brian shared newspaper that featured pictures of department on scene at the Memorial Day accident. Discussion regarding crowd control, appropriate (or not) items to share etc. Consider opportunities to educate public.
- Alison invited any members to attend a webinar on Hourding and Bed Bug remediation this Thursday 1-2 pm.

**Membership:** Membership meetings will be held with President Dvorak and Vice President Carboni. This is a way to touch base with each member individually for sharing ideas on how to improve the department. Please contact them to arrange a meeting or they will be contacting you soon.

#### **Committees:**

- Uniform Committee- Please complete form of what sizes of various items you would like. Committee will inventory existing items like T shirts. Class A uniforms inventory previously suggested for Monday, July 25th.
- Media/Marketing Committee – no report
- Craft Fair – Facebook post with interest reactions. Will be connecting with past vendors to allow them to early sign up by August 30, then open to others.
- Truck- Jeremy suggested that a Funding committee be created adjunct to or in addition to the truck committee. Discussion of funding sources such as town budget, grants, state allocations, etc. Danitza suggests writing a letter of history and recorded facts re: need of and information about truck proposals thus far. Additional discussion. Existing truck committee members plus Jeremy and Alison will work on a letter or other needs.
- Jodie Hanks offered to create a Fundraising Committee. Suggested meeting Monday August 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- By-laws- no report

#### **Correspondence: none**

**Motion to adjourn:** Richard makes motion, Brian seconds, all approve (17). meeting adjourned 2016 Hours

Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary

Next monthly meeting will be Monday, August 15, 2022, 1900. Live at FVFD and available on google meet

<https://meet.google.com/rai-trbh-bqz>