

WAVERLY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS MEETING 03/13/07



Chief Dan McKenzie called the business meeting of the Waverly Volunteer Fire Department to order, Chaplain Frazee led the department in devotions.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and there being no corrections or additions were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was given and the bills against the department were listed, a motion to accept the report and to pay all bills was made by Will Rutledge, with a second from Pat Shields, motion carried.

Roll was answered by 32 members, 3 were excused, and one absent.

Correspondence was read.

Chief McKenzie thanked the department for their work on the recent house fire and the positive homeowner feedback received on our job and our professionalism and caring attitudes.

Jim McKenzie reported on the annual Firefighter's banquet being rescheduled for March 24th at the VFW beginning at 5:30 PM.

Jason Dorman reported on the new station progress. We are told it is on track for April occupancy. Everyone is encouraged to inspect it and provide feedback. Herb Meyer brought up the flag display and the desire to possibly have one with our logo on it. This will be investigated.

Jeff Soash reported that the city council has approved the new ground lease for the proposed museum. We hope to be ready for bids by April first.

Firefighter Grant Committees: Pat Shields pointed out there are two manufacturers PPE gear in for membership examination and comments. They are working with three vendors. Jim Schutte reported there are also three brands of SCBA gear in for membership review and comments.

Discussion was held on the desirability of a granite sign for the museum or new station. Herb Meyer moved we work with a more local vendor if we work with anyone at all. Seconded by John Rediske, motion carried.

Jeff Soash reported on his investigation into the cost for a new pop machine. Discussion was held around using a refrigerator and an honor system, but access by the public was a concern. Pat Shields agreed to investigate repairing the old one before any decisions are made.

Unfinished Business:

Roy Hardy updated the department on the status of the tin signs.

Rob Edgar is looking for input on who wants to camp at fire convention this year.

The Chief brought up Driver/Operator and Driver Aerial training. Due to the aerial's size and weight he desires that everyone who wants to drive it obtain either a CDL driver's license or pass the Driver/Operator certification classes. The CDL or Driver/Operator training will not be required for the other vehicles. Discussion followed. Bob Edgar will investigate and make recommendations on a training schedule.

Donnie Soash was voted off of probationary member status. Bryce McKenzie moved to destroy the ballots. Randy Meyer seconded, motion passed. Congratulations and welcome Donnie.

Caleb Carr has returned to the area and requested that he be returned to active status from social. There is currently an opening. The department voted to return Caleb to active duty.

Chief McKenzie advised the membership of Rescue Skills training being offered through the IA Fire Service Training Bureau.

New Business:

Roy Hardy solicited input on providing rope and rescue training. A recent call could have been made much easier with the proper equipment and training. He and Jim Schutte will look into providing such training.

Herb Meyer reported that the annual 4H Safety Day is May 1st from approximately 9 AM to 2 PM at the fairgrounds. We will provide our smoke trailer and extrication equipment. Walker auto has committed to bringing a vehicle.

Chief McKenzie discussed the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and what we might want to pursue. Dual areas can be requested for the first time this year. The membership agreed to ask for funds towards a new rescue vehicle in addition to any gear. New SCUBA gear and radios were ideas. Members are encouraged to provide additional thoughts.

A reminder to buckle up and drive safely was brought up.

The move into the new station will soon be here. Members can come in and start organizing and packing anytime.

The Chief distributed our Blood Borne Pathogens Policy. A hand sanitizer will be placed in 804. If you haven't already, turn in proof of your Hepatitis B series if you've had them.

Discussion was held around Applebee's opening and its construction and hydrant locations.

Jason Dorman reported that the tankers have been retrofitted with quick fill, quick disconnect, fittings for faster filling. There is a spare hydrant kit in the station. Couplings for mutual aid needs are in 805 as well.

County Fire Association meeting is on 3/14/07 at 7:30 PM in Shell Rock.

We now have our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the new station. The chief demonstrated its audio capabilities.

Chief McKenzie read and discussed February's fire calls.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Burman, seconded by Kevin Miller. Motion carried.

Additional business handled at March 20th Training Meeting:

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) committee presented Securitex as their recommended brand of replacement PPE gear to be purchased with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funds. Matt McKenzie moved we accept their recommendation, Steve Faga seconded. Motion Carried.

The Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) committee presented Scott as their recommended brand of SCBA equipment to be purchased with the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funds. This is the same brand as currently used and allows us to leverage some existing equipment. Jeff Soash moved we accept the recommendation, Nick Rector seconded. Motion Carried.

Pat Shields reported that it could cost up to \$500 to fix the membership's pop machine. Discussion followed. Will Rutledge moved we authorize up to a \$500 expenditure to do so. Seconded by Herb Meyer. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Glenn Engel, Secretary/Treasurer