

## Harlan Fire Department Meeting 04.20.26

Department Meeting was called to order by President Chris Bylund. The minutes from March's meeting on 03.16.26 were read by Secretary Mary Yates. Motion to approve March's minutes was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Russ Lacy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:

- Fireworks Grant – can spend on anything you want.
- Talked to Chief Shipper in LeMars about Fireworks inspections – can contact state and they will do it for us. Won't retain the revenue – can check with SwitCo.
- 8 campsites reserved and one golf team – Richard, Chris & Traci – will pay in July
- Races – June, July & August – need to discuss. Will discuss in Association.
- Ragbrai – need to discuss.
- City Budget – need to discuss.
- May 2nd – Fire Service Training. Will someone be able to open the doors?
- Budget – Bruce Blum, Justin Schechinger, & Ryne Nelsen went to City Hall to discuss what we have for money available – overspent by \$20,000 for vehicle repairs, \$7800 left for fuel, grounds care, insurance, utilities til the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Must be tight with money.
- Gator is out of service. Something is going on with the rear axle. Can check with Dillon with John Deere or Avoca or Manning. Cannot pay for repairs until July. Don't lose or break stuff. Drive new gator in low – need to train or use people who know how to run it.
- Outstanding bill with Conway Shields – they are ok with holding non-payment until 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.
- SCAS will be using the station for Image Trend training Wednesday night.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade field day at Prairie Rose, Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 0845. Start at 0915. Harlan, IKM, Manning, Exira, and Elk Horn. We will be at site 89 in the west loop at the top of the hill.
- Grad parties – Tim Pedersen needs meeting room, roasters & coolers May 16<sup>th</sup>, Russ Lacy needs meeting room, roasters & coolers on May 17<sup>th</sup>, Tom Butler needs meeting room, roasters & coolers on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Lori Stitz IWCC reached out to Bruce for Ragbrai. They are going to have 1500-1600 people out there. It's the Pork Bellies. She is concerned regarding fire protection for the building. Wants to know where they can park vehicles. We might need to get access to the west side on the circle drive. May need to get ladder truck on the south side. May have to have officers come down to help survey the area. Talk to Tim Miller, he is doing the parking.
- Need to get radios are out of truck chargers to help with battery charges – radios will stay at station. It is your responsibility to be sure radios are charged. There is one radio per truck – people need radios. Can work as trial run. Need a radio on Gator or with 26. Can get straps later. We were authorized to buy 10 straps. Spare batteries will go where ice maker used to be. It was asked if we have enough spare batteries. Justin has a list of serial numbers so everyone would be responsible for their own radios. Chad asked if we have enough spare batteries. Chad

and Allison do not want radios until we have batteries. Looking at grants for that. Need to talk about when we get more batteries. Can discuss getting from Amazon. 32, 33, and 28 are priority trucks.

- Applied for FireHouse Subs grant – need a list 2 sets of wildland/structure gear.
- TVs – on HMUs old cable. Discussing what we need to do to get TVs working – need firestick or Roku.
- Relay 4 Life is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Want to get a truck there and put the flag up. Set up between 1530 and 1630. Need to set up cones that morning.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Captain Ryne Nelson:**

- Will check to see if Drew can help with Fire extinguishers. Normally charge \$35/hr.
- 2 year certification for fire extinguisher inspector - \$200 to recertify.
- We will be trying new different hose loads and hydrant bags.
- 2 ½ hose – need to order more. 3 had holes. We can repurpose the short sections. Bruce will check on costs for recoupling.
- Need help with hose testing. Will text when ready to test. There are people on our IAR that do not belong. Will look into it.
- Pheasants Forever – lots of red tape – in the past we have helped each other. If we help, we will get 50%. Bryce is a “burn boss”. Can put money into Association and get wild land stuff. They want to burn tomorrow. Have a truck there for PR. Reinig wants to pay us. Burn behind Schechinger Seed. We cannot help burn if it is in someone else’s territory. Kurt Jacobsen wants help with a burn on a road ditch & waterway. We will look at it. Probably too far gone to do this year.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Russ Lacy:**

- Quarterly report from SCAS. We have no reports. We are ineligible for tax money. If you have pt contact at scenes, do a report.
- June 7, Log Cabin days, 9 am – 3 pm. We will bring a truck. Please help if you can.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Justin Schechinger:**

- Changing the hose lays on the trucks. 28 – 250 ft of 3 inch, 34 - 300 ft of 3 inch nozzle off – gated wye can add a second line, 32 - 200 ft of 3 inch. 34 is the only one done. Need to train on it first before we do any other trucks.
- Redid the hydrant bag on 34.
- Alex stated there is no 2 ½ inch hose on any truck. We need 2 ½ inch on trucks. Also need a gated wye. Do we want to set up 31, 32, and 34 identical? 32 is ready to fight fires
- Chad asked if we can beg, borrow, barter, or trade some 3 inch for 2 1/2? Can we add a new line item back in for expenditure account and revenue account?
- We need to do training on 34 with the new hose lays.
- We can send a text when we do inventory.

- Do we have a pump chart?
- Should we have a committee – PRI or Rogue to have a flow meter so we can set up hoses with nozzles. Will set up to check.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Richard Petersen:**

- Nothing.

**Fire Calls**

**Good for the department:**

- Patrick Gaul stated he has 3 guys who want to donate a 500I to replace our vent saw. That will cost \$2000. He will bring a 500I next training night so we can work with it.
- Traci stated she wants an emergency contact noted on IAR. Needs that info from everyone.
- Who needs physicals? Richard, Justin, Jacob, Mike, Madi, Chad, Troy, Patrick, Ryne, Traci, Mary. Need to contact Occupational Health for a fire department physical (755-4288).
- Bruce, Ryne, Alex, Keaton, Logan, and Madi will be unavailable until Saturday.
- Test and reload hoses for all hoses \$5000. Need to schedule after July 1.
- Will go back to regular budget. Need to include \$6700 for Conway Shields, \$4500 for DNR grant. Problem was the \$20,000 in truck repairs this last year.
- Ropes are expiring. Trying to get Tri County to buy.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Submitted by Mary Yates, Secretary

*These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and are subject to Department approval at the next regular meeting.*