

Harlan Fire Department meeting August 17, 2026

President Jacob Hazen called meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

Motion was made by Allison Taylor to not read the minutes moving forward verbally as they are submitted electronically corrections will be addressed at each meeting.

Motion was 2nd by Chris Bylund all in favor motion carried

Motion to approve the minutes July 27 motion made by Christopher Bylund 2nd by Richard Peterson all in favor -motion carried

Kyle Lindberg is present asking to have the minutes emailed to him at lindbergward1@gmail.com

New applications -reviewed Brandon Gray -confirm not completed. Will not be moving forward.

Resignations -Jack Gubbels sent a text message to Bruce Blum stating that he would like to resign.

Officer report reports:

1st Assistant- Bruce Blum

Discussed if anyone is interested in fire extinguisher training in the community to children utilizing the machine owned by the department.

Discussed use of Class B suits for deceased bodies- reviewed county entities including Public Health, billing county, or use of funeral homes. \$1,716 cost associated with replacement of suits, boots and gloves. Will utilize 810 account to replace items.

Hazmat discussed- utilize old suits if possible - possible new boots from Bomgaars to save \$

Bruce will exhaust all efforts to get reimbursed.

Fire Chief opening -came out 8/14/26- Richard has excused himself from voting at City Council due to conflict of interest.

Reviews of fire call charges.

NVFC grant update- Was not awarded the grant. Will continue to work with Gervais on grants.

Conventional delegate- Richard nominated

Ryne-nothing to report

Russ-

Hydrant flows- no response from HMU

Reviewed recent call to Little George- discussed fire member's attitude and complaints.

The Mayor called and discussed with Russ with complaints and concerns. No comments

from any department members and no further discussion held.

34- check engine light is on- water in fuel. Justin recommended to change fuel filter first.

Bruce agreed to call city to discuss repairs

Asked to have thank you to FS donated fuel at Ragbrai and City call

Justin

I am responding - updated hydrants- reminder nozzle demo on 29- current owned one is broken

29 losing prime intermittently- possible previous repair on pump

Discussed nozzle cost for 1 1/2 inch hose \$900-1500. Justin will get quotes

Motion by Chris Bylund to replace and purchase a nozzle 2nd by Ryne Nelsen. All in favor motion carried.

Old Business

Pager issues reviewed- Bruce to discuss with Alex Londo

School- RJ is working on a map for alarms

New Business

Letter from Midwest Missions reviewed as thank you for donations.

Chris Bylund- IFA updates

Hall of Flames

Fire Department Coffee shuts and coffee sales donations

LOSAP - Brent Tate ends November and checks cut in December for Chad Butler

Full time chief application- Kyle Lindberg discusses interview with Fire department will be panel with city council representative, 2 Harlan Fire Department members, and 2 outside members. Interviews start September 14. Final approval to city council. Sharon Kroger and Richard have excused themselves from voting. Kyle asked the Facebook representative to post every 3-4 days to make sure it is getting shared.

Justin- traffic cones replacement discussed

Mike Kienast announced verbal retirement and requested to be honorary. Standing ovation.

Chris Bylund makes motion to accept resignation and move to honorary, Bruce Blum 2nd all in favor- motion carried

Adjourn 9:12

Reopen to vote for board member- Allison Taylor and Keaton Jones nominated- votes compiled via paper ballot- Allison Taylor awarded