

HAHNVILLE VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING
(Date: December 2, 2020)

President JOHNNY SALDANA called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. There were 20 members present.
(17 voting members, 1 non-voting member, and 2 junior members)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Business Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the **November 4, 2020 Business Meeting** were presented to every member. Motion by DARREN DRUMM, seconded by CALEB KIHNEL, to accept the minutes. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the **November 30, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting** were presented to all members. Motion by DARREN DRUMM, seconded by RAUL DAVILLA, to accept the minutes. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Treasurers Report: The **Treasurer's report** for the month of **November** was presented to every member. Motion by BRITTON ALLSHOUSE, seconded by DWAYNE TREGRE, to accept the treasurer's report. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Fire Chiefs Report:

1. Recently had an issue with the charger for Engine 321. The amperage output was changed and it seems to be working as of now.
2. New tires were placed on Engine 321.
3. Notified about free desk space available for any member to utilize for training and paperwork.

Assistant Chiefs Report:

1. If you have incomplete reports, please see to it that they get completed as soon as possible.
2. When a call is completed, make sure someone is assigned the task of completing the report. Reports need to be completed and finalized in a maximum time of ONE WEEK, preferably within 48 hours.

Safety: Discussed call from Sheriff Greg Champagne.

Station 31 report:

1. Discussed IT equipment usage. Please see Chief Allshouse if you are interested in using the IT equipment and becoming more familiar with it.
2. Sensit unit is back in service on Engine 311.

Station 32 report:

1. Please try to keep the station tidy, possibly passing by frequently to check it out.
2. Will be getting quotes for new roofing over meeting room portion of the station.

Grants: NO GRANTS

Medical:

1. New medical bags are in for the engines and will be placed into service soon. Discussion on medical response.

Jr. Fireman: NO REPORT

Training:

1. LIVE CONFERENCE: VCOS is virtual this year. Please see Dawn Landry for additional information on this opportunity.
2. Waterford III radiological training will be December 9, 2020, it will be at station 31.
3. Head count will be needed for Waterford III drill on December 11, 2020 that is upcoming. Make sure to let Chief Matthew Allshouse know if you will be attending.
4. Congratulations to Wayne Duvall for completing and earning his firefighter II certification!
5. Killona Volunteer Fire Department has invited us to join them in training at the St. Charles Parish Training Facility on December 14th. Everyone is highly encouraged to attend as this will be our last training of the year.

6. Discussion on Waterford I and II plant tour.

Association: NO REPORT

Installation:

1. Date will be Saturday, January 23, 2021. Details and information will be given out at a later date. Anyone has any ideas about catering, gifts, etc. please let us know.
2. Meeting will be held December 16, 2020 at 18:00 hrs. if anyone is interested, please see Johnny Saldana if you would like to sign up.

Public Relations Committee:

1. Request for station usage at Station 32 for the Annual Toy Drive. Request to host Toy Drive at station 32 on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

Truck/Building Committee: NO REPORT

Fire Prevention: NO REPORT

SOP/SOG/PREPLAN REVIEWS:

1. This meeting we reviewed the pre-plan for "EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (075)". Please familiarize yourself with the aspects of this location in the event of an emergency incident at or near that location. Discussion was also held on the fire hydrant locations as well as the exposure hazards.
2. Members also discussed about discrepancies on the building preplan and items that need to be added to the drawing and hazards list.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on 401k for paid employees. Motion made by Wayne Duvall, seconded by Michael Kendall, to pursue a 401k plan for all fulltime paid employees, percentage will be set at 3.5% department contribution up to 6% employee contribution. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
2. Pump testing has been completed.
3. Discussion on Generator Issues – Still have not received parts yet.
4. 2021 proposed budget has been sent out multiple times, it will be finalized soon.

New Business:

1. Contacted by OLINDE insurance, we were given a quote that could save us around \$12,000.00. Difference in deductibles. Motion made by Michael Kendall, seconded by Caleb Kihnel, to switch the department's vehicle and property insurance from VFIS to OLINDE. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
2. Motion made by Matthew Allshouse, seconded by Raul Davilla, to allow usage of the station to host the toy drive. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
3. Motion made by Wayne Duvall, seconded by Raul Davilla, to accept the Proposed 2021 budget and allow it to be finalized. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
4. Motion made by Matthew Allshouse, seconded by Wayne Duvall, to sign the Letter of Engagement. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
5. This is the **third reading** of the proposed Bylaw Change. This bylaw change was requested and submitted by Wayne Duvall to the membership.
Bylaw Change: Remove Article XII, Section 10 – Dues shall be \$5.00, due January 1st of each year and must be paid by March 1 to remain active and retain voting privileges.
motion made by Caleb Kihnel, seconded by Wayne Duvall to **remove Article XII, Section 10** from the bylaws. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
6. Reading of resignation letter by Jacarr Williams. Motion made by Matthew Allshouse, seconded by Caleb Kihnel, to accept Jacarr Williams resignation. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Nomination for the 2021 Officers

a. Nominations for Fire Chief

Matthew Allshouse was nominated by Justin Ward and accepted the nomination.

No other nomination. Nominations closed for 2021.

Motion made by Wayne Duvall, seconded by Raul Davilla to accept Matthew Allshouse as the Department Fire Chief for 2021 by acclimation. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

b. Nomination for President

Johnny Saldana was nominated by Raul Davila and accepted the nomination.

No other nominations. Nominations closed for 2021.

Motion made by Matthew Allshouse, seconded by Caleb Kihnel to accept Johnny Saldana as the Department President for 2021 by acclimation. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

c. Nominations for Vice President

Darren Drumm was nominated by Justin Ward and accepted the nomination.

Justin Ward was nominated by Wayne Duvall and accepted the nomination.

No other nominations. Nominations closed for 2021.

Membership voted by secret ballot. Vote count was: 12 votes for Darren Drumm and 5 votes for Justin Ward.

Darren Drumm will serve as the Department Vice President for 2021.

d. Nomination for Secretary

Noah Allshouse was nominated by Wayne Duvall and accepted the nomination.

No other nominations. Nominations closed for 2021.

Motion made by Caleb Kihnel, seconded by Dwayne Tregre, to accept Noah Allshouse as the Department Secretary for 2021 by acclimation. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

e. Nominations for Treasurer

Wayne Duvall was nominated by Caleb Kihnel and accepted the nomination.

No other nomination. Nominations closed for 2021.

Motion made by Johnny Saldana, seconded by Caleb Kihnel, to accept Wayne Duvall as the Department Treasurer for 2021 by acclimation. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Motion made by Caleb Kihnel, seconded by Manuel Davilla, to accept the nominations for all 2021 officers. Members voted 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

New Members: NO NEW MEMBERS

Purchase Request: NO REQUESTS

Public Attendance Announcements: (2-minute time limit per public guest) – No Announcements

Membership Announcements:

1. Sign up for installation committee will be up front for members to join.
2. HVFD hoodies will be available for purchase, you can place your order by signing the sheet up front. Cost for nonmembers will be **\$35.00. ENDING SOON.**

Announcements:

1. Next Board Meeting will be held on January 4, 2021. If you would like to attend, please do so!
2. Next Business Meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2021 starting at 7:00 pm.
3. Next Association Meeting will be held on January 14, 2021 at Des Allemands VFD starting at 7:00 pm.

Motion by DARREN DRUMM, seconded by CALEB KIHNEL to adjourn the meeting. Membership voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:30 hours.