

**HAHNVILLE VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS MEETING (September 2, 2015)**

Vice President Christopher Boros called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. There were 20 members present. (Minutes were recorded and taken by Dawn Landry due to the secretary being absent from the meeting.)

Motion by Davis Nicholas Jr, seconded by Jeff Raia to deviate from the regular agenda to present Mr. Thomas Tamplain's family his shadow box from the fire service. Members voted. 17 yes/ 0 no. Motion does pass.

Motion by Reginald Gaubert, seconded by Dwayne Tregre to return to the regular agenda. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Business Minutes: The minutes from the August 5, 2015 Business Meeting was given to every member, motion made by Davis Nicholas Jr to accept minutes as is, 2nd by DeAnn Nicholas, members voted 17 yes / 0 no, motion does pass.

Advisory Board Minutes: There was no Advisory Board Meeting on August 31, 2015 due to lack of participation.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the month of August 2015 was passed out and read, motion made by Davis Nicholas Jr to accept minutes, 2nd by DeAnn Nicholas, members voted 17 yes / 0 no, motion does pass.

Meetings: Next Finance Committee meeting will be 10/5/2015 at 1830 hours. Next Advisory Board meeting will be 10/5/2015 at 1900 hours. Next Business meeting will be 10/7/2015 at 1900 hours. Next Association meeting will be 9/10/2015 in LVFD at 1930 hours.

Fire Chiefs Report: The Chiefs met with Blaine regarding the rating grade. We must have 1 rescue and 2 engines to respond to all fire calls. Jack will talk with Craig about this and getting it changed in the 911 system since PIAL (Blaine) wants the dispatch at the center to say respond with 2 engines and a rescue. Still working on more things that will help with raising up our PIAL score.

Asst Chiefs Report: Listen to what's going on in service to put another apparatus in service anything fire related. We have an automatic aid agreement with Luling Volunteer Fire Department so when responding to Luling's district make sure you bring a pumper (preferably 321).

Station 31 report: Thanks to everyone that has been helping out around the station. Unit# 318 has been repaired, Unit # 304 has been serviced, oil has been changed in the lawnmower, 2nd a/c cleanings have been performed, roof has been repaired.

Station 32 report: We have a new Station Captain at Station# 32 and it will be Jeff Raia (since our last station captain took a leave from the department). Thanks to Britton Allshouse for bringing over the ladder truck and replacing the rope for the flag pole. 2nd a/c cleaning have been performed.

Grants: No Report

Jr. Fireman: No Report

Training: We had a great multi-company training on August 17 at the Training Facility. All of the upcoming training will be on the website. September 16 will be the Radiation Training by Waterford III at HVFD at 6:30pm. Annual Waterford III drill will be on October 14 at 6:30pm.

If you want any type of training for 2016 – send Matthew Allshouse an email and let him know. The different training classes that LSU offers are on their website. www.feti.lsu.edu

Fire Prevention: Will start planning fire prevention events for the near future.

Safety: Stay Hydrated when coming to training and fire calls.

Sergeant of Arms: No Report

BEST PRACTICES: This meeting we discussed Hurricane Guidelines. Please read this document and make sure you are aware of the information since we are in Hurricane Season.

Building Committee: We need to have another meeting and see if we are going to move forward or not.

Installation Committee: With the installation coming up in a few months, we need to start working on things. DeAnn Nicholas will chair this committee. If anyone is interested in helping out – she will send out emails and let everyone know when meetings will be.

Public Relations Committee: We need to start working and planning events for the public (open house, smoke detector installation, fire prevention events, etc.). Dawn Landry will chair this committee. If anyone is interested in helping out – she will send out emails and let everyone know when meetings will be.

Car Seat Events: We will be having a car seat event on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Luling Fire Station #21 from 8:00am – 12:00 pm. Also our quarterly car seat event will be on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 pm at Hahnville Fire Station# 32.

Old Business:

- Chief and President are in the process of moving their offices to Station # 32.
- Background checks have been done on all applicants and new members.
- We have received over 30 applicants for our paid firefighter/operator position. We did have 5 to qualify but 2 showed up for the agility test. One applicant (Eric Rawls) passed all the parts (agility, aptitude test, and background check) and the only thing we left to do is physical before the hiring process. Motion by Davis Nicholas Jr, seconded by DeAnn Nicholas to move forward in the hiring process for Eric Rawls as one of the paid firefighter/operator positions. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
- Gator is still in the shop but it has not meant the \$1,500.00 budget set by the members yet.
- Irons (marriage sets) have come in and will be placed on Units 311,319 and 321. These sets are only to be used interior or with RIT Teams. The yellow handle ax will be placed on 319. If you need an ax use the yellow handle one and not breaking up the sets.

New Business:

- Nominations for Elections will take place in October.
- Physicals have been scheduled for November 2-6, 2015 for all the members that have signed up. If you still need to sign up, let us know so we can add your name to the list. Discussion on new members joining the fire department – should they be able to take a physical. Motion by Jeff Raia, seconded by Debbie Raia to only allow the members that put applications in at the September Business Meeting to participate in the 2015 physicals; anyone the submits an application after the September Business meeting will not be offered a 2015 physical. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
- Flu Shots was discussed. Motion by Jeff Raia, seconded by Joseph Zeringue to give all members a flu shot. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
- Budget 2016 – we will start working on this soon. If you think the department can use and benefit from an item, let me know so we can add it to the 2016 budget.
- Automatic Aid with Luling and Hahnville VFD is in place; so make sure we are rolling an engine and sending manpower to Luling's area.
- Fire Department IDs was discussed. Fire Department IDs are for all members. At the next meeting or business meeting – get with Matthew Allshouse and he will take your picture and complete your fire department ID for you. If you have a head shot of yourself, you can send it to Matthew Allshouse at training@hvfd.net and he will see if he will be able to use this for your ID.
- Phillip Matherne's leave of absence was discussed. Motion by Davis Nicholas, seconded by DeAnn Nicholas to accept Phillip Matherne's leave of absence up to 6 months. He will have to turn in all of his stuff until he returns back to the department. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.
- Discussion on sponsoring members for the EMS Memorial Bike Ride which will be on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at a cost of \$75.00 per member. Motion by Matthew Allshouse, seconded by DeAnn Nicholas to sponsor members for the EMS Memorial Bike Ride at a cost of \$75.00 per member. Members voted 12 yes / 1 no. Motion does pass.
- Discussion on sponsoring 2 meals for the Southwest Division of the IAFC Conference. Motion by Dawn Landry, seconded by Britton Allshouse to sponsor 2 meals for the Southwest Division of the IAFC Conference not to exceed \$500.00. Members voted. 3 yes / 9 opposed. Motion fails. More discussion on sponsoring 2 meals for the Southwest Division. Motion by Reginald Gaubert, seconded by Matthew Allshouse; if the Association does not support sponsoring 2 meals for the Southwestern Division of the IAFC Conference, Hahnville VFD will support the \$500.00 for the 2 meals. Members voted. 8 yes / 3 no / 1 abstained. Motion does pass.
- Southwest Division of the IAFC conference will be October 7-10 in Metairie, LA at the Landmark Hotel. If you are interested in attending these training class – please let us know so we can get you registered for the classes. These training classes are for all members that would like to attend; especially officers.

Purchase Requests: None

New Members:

Raul Davila 1st meeting

Joseph Pope 1st meeting

Alonzo Mitchell 2nd meeting

Motion by Trevell Gordon, seconded by Jack Landry to adjourn the meeting. Members voted. 17 yes / 0 no. Motion does pass.

Meeting Adjourned.