

Hampton-Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department



Monthly Business Meeting for Thursday, March 11, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by Chief Chris Isaacs at 7:30pm

ROLL CALL

MEMBER'S PRESENT

**CHIEF CHRIS ISAACS
SCOTTIE WILSON (E)**

CAPTAIN JIMMY VINES

TREASURER DONNIE ISAACS

SECRETARY TINA WILSON

AMOS HALAVA

NICK MONTGOMERY

AUSTIN CLAWSON

TREY RACHALL

CALEB ODOM

ELIJAH SMITH

CURT BOWEN

MEMBER'S ABSENT

ASSISTANT CHIEF

BRYAN CRUM (E)

MARTY CABLE (E)

JOSH PIERCE (E)

ADAM KEYES (L)

ISAAC TOLLEY (E)

NATHANIEL TOWNSEND (E)

DARECK WOODS (E)

CODY BANKS (E)

ZACH FORD (E)

Motion to accept minutes of the meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 made by Caleb Odom. Trey Rachall second that motion.

Vote: Motion Carried

Captain's Report given by Captain Jimmy Vines

"For February 1,2021 through February 28, 2021"

- 5 Building Fires
- 2 Brush or Brush and grass mixture fire
- 2 motor vehicle accident with injuries
- 1 motor vehicle accident with no injuries
- 1 aircraft standby
- 3 public service
- 9 dispatch and canceled en route.
- 3 smoke scare, odor of smoke
- 4 smoke detector activation do to malfunction.
- 1 smoke detector activation, no fire unintentional.

Total Number of incidents: 31

Treasurer Report given by Treasurer Donnie Isaacs

"Net worth as of March 11, 2021"

- Checking: \$4,473.23
 - Savings: \$32,369.33
 - Savings PayPal: \$217.70
 - County Funds: \$8,730.00
 - Overall Total: \$45,790.26
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- Owe \$12,000 on tanker 304 payment

Old Business

- Station 3 loan closing date is March 16, 2021. Building will be insured for \$80,000.
 - As soon as Brad Dugger can, he is going to get station 3 dozer work done.
 - Will get permit for septic tank in the couple of weeks then we will get permits for building and electrical.
 - Get the girl who did our building drawings involved with the ground braking also members discussed giving her something in return for making the building plans since she is trying to pay her own way into college.
 - New gear has arrived. Fits a little small but company stated it will stretch with use.
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- Chris Isaacs talked to Mike McKinney who will be tearing down part of the building at station 2. Chris Isaacs got him a basic contract stating we asked him to tear down right-side hand of the building. He is not to damage existing building. He gets everything he wants out of what he tears down and gets rid of the rest of the rubbish. Mike McKinney also had his insurance company send Chris Isaacs a

copy of his liability insurance. Chris Isaacs opened one of the doors at station 2 for Mike to get inside and work when he is available too.

- BBQ Dinner Saturday, March 13, 2021 beginning at 2pm. Donnie and Helen Isaacs are going to Sam's to get everything needed for the fundraiser.

New Business

- Adam Keyes is on leave. He is working out of town and Adam stated to Chris Isaacs he would be back in June or July.
- Zach Ford will be back in about a week or so from working out of town. His next job is at Eastman so he will be home for a while.
- Bay Rental started back. Split times up to 10:00am-3:30pm and 4:00pm-8:00pm. \$50 minimum donation to rent the bay.
- Chris Isaacs is working with the owners of the bouncy houses and referring them to others so that if anyone wants to rent our bay and needs a bouncy house, they can contact the company.
- Station 3 construction will begin as soon as the dozer can get on site. If Brad Dugger is unable to get to it, we will find someone else to do it.
- Get trusses ordered. Block is ready. We just got to have someone pick it up. We will check with Brad Dugger to see if we can borrow his trailer to pick up the block. Also need to purchase the sand. We will not purchase anything until the site has been cleared and ready to start building.
- Chris Isaacs is posting a general schedule for the year on the board in the hallway for trainings and other things we will be doing. Dates are subject to change.
- Starting next Thursday, training is going back to learning the basics like where our fire dept. came from, who we are and what we do. We will learn what the trucks are, learn the equipment and gear.
- Please do not park longwise in front of hydrant at station 1. Someone can back into your vehicle by parking in this location.
- Having issues with 304 bay door getting hung up and not closing all the way. Before leaving make sure bay door is closed all the way.
- If TDOT wants to move vehicles on 10-45, do not get in the way. Do not help them unless a State Trooper or County officer ask you too. Do not move the vehicle ourselves as part of the department. TCA code allows TDOT to move vehicles in certain situations, but it does not allow us to.
- Curt Bowen is working on video for us to promote the department.
- Fire Views for the month: Tiger Creek fire was a mess. Got on scene and got line around it then it spotted way up the hill and was unmanageable by us.
- Car Wreck went well. County Officer's stated everyone did well and the State Troopers were nice.
- Benny talked highly about the firemen who stayed to help him and the funeral home with removing the body from the home on the cardiac arrest call. Family was very appreciative.
- Watch where you park POV on scene.

- **Hampton-Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department is being investigated by Com Controllars office of Tennessee for misappropriation of funds related to where we get our fuel and how we control our fundraisers. They have three years of our finances and our bank statements. It is going to take several months for the investigation to be completed. If there are any illegal actions found, he will turn it over to the DA for examination. They are looking for things such as large amounts of money that stand out for instance Dollywood tickets or vacations as well as charges from out of town. He could do state where the complaint came from.**
- **Do to having a large number of member's, before anyone can join the department, they must attend two trainings beforehand for us to get to know each other.**
- **Chris Isaacs addressed to Scott Pate in reference to apprentice membership training, asked him to be careful on where he parks POV and not to follow apparatus closely due to the apparatus not being able to see vehicles that are behind them and frequent stops and turns. Also, to watch speed due to citizens and police officers will complain.**

New Member's

- **Lee and Dominique Bemiller who are father and son from Florida moved here and both live in the Fish Springs area. They live in Elk Mills district but are closer to our department. Chris Isaacs stated that we can bring them in as apprentice members and train them then if Elk Mills ever gets their station built, they can transfer to their department if they want too or they can stay with us.**

Motion to accept Dominique Bemiller as 6-month apprentice member made by Caleb Odom. Trey Rachall second that motion.

Vote: Motion Carried

Motion to accept Lee Bemiller as 6-month apprentice member made by Jimmy Vines. Caleb Odom second that motion.

Vote: Motion Carried

- **Austin Clawson stated it would take 4-5 weeks for his dad to get the dozer to station 3 to work on clearing the land. He will be able to clear it in one day.**

Meeting was adjourned by Chief Chris Isaacs at 9:00pm