

Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Regular Business Meeting
January 9th, 2017

Members present: Jeff Barker, Jeff Burns, Trey Burton, Rachel Elliot, Marcial Foisie, Jeremy Juarez, Travis Kirtley, Mark Loose, Frankie Ornduff, Marcelino Perez, Jacob Pouland, Caleb Ramsey, Brian Smith, Jacob Smith, Mike Smith, Robert Smith, Willie Thomas, Michael Vinther

Explorers present: Michael Clemens*, Kourtnei Collins, Reagan Dwire, David Timmons

Applicants: Victor Mills

- Meeting Called to order by President Robert Smith @ 6:59 PM
- Pledge to the American and Texas Flags
- Moment of silence for the fallen brothers and sisters
- Motion by Hawk to accept the December minutes as written, 2nd by Marcial. (MPU)
- Motion by Hawk to accept the treasures report, 2nd by Marcial. (MPU)

Apparatus:

1. Discussion on Tanker 1 – Jeff Barker is going to contact Midwest.
2. Chief Foisie brought up that we need to have a work day soon to work on Tanker 1 and Engine 2
3. Discussion on Brush having a dent in it, Chief Foisie is going to have Skipper look into repairing this.
4. Michael Vinther - brought up changing the decal writing on the front of L1 to “First Out the Door on Hwy 94”. After much discussion a motion was made by Michael V. to go forward with this and a 2nd by Jacob P.... Motion Failed – Unanimously

Equipment:

1. Jacob Pouland - reported that the pack off of E2, still has not been located.
2. Chief Foisie - make sure all flashlights on Brush are plugged in properly after use.
3. Michael Vinther – Stated we can purchase two Akron brand smooth bore nozzles for \$650.00 each. Motion by Jacob Smith to purchase the nozzles, 2nd by Mark Loose. Motion Passed – Unanimously.

Station / Grounds:

1. President Smith - still no BID on upstairs plumbing.
2. Chief Foisie - work continues on foam board installation.
3. Chief Foisie - we need to have a work day to take apart the Christmas float.

Financials:

1. President Smith - someone was wanting permission to place a Taco Stand on the fire department parking lot for \$350.00/Mo. At this time an alternate location has been found. No further discussion.

Applicants:

1. President Smith - Explorer Michael Clemens is now 18 and needs to be voted on by the department. Michael turned 18 on December 22nd of 2016. A vote by secret ballot was taken.
*Michael Clemens met the required votes to be accepted into the Hudson Fire Department as a member.

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SAR:

1. Jeff Burns - the SAR team was called out for a search earlier today (January 9, 2017) but was turned around by the FBI before the team could deploy.
2. Jeff Burns - there are five slots left at Neches Bluff for ropes training. He is offering these spots to the fire fighters free of charge. The date of the training is January 28th and 29th. 8:00 am to 12:00

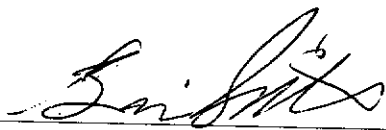
Operations:

1. Jeff Barker - reminded everyone the RIT Class will be Jan. 11th – 14th. The 14th will be the basic course for the Explorers. Classes will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Other:

1. President Smith - Brookshire's will be donating water on Saturday.
2. President Smith - the Explorers will now be headed up by Michael Vinther and Travis Kirtley.
3. Willie Thomas - Shattered Dreams is set for Thursday, March 30th and Friday 31st.
4. Chief Foisie - the walk through for the new Brookshires on Hwy 94 is set for next Monday @ 7:00 pm.
5. Chief Foisie - brought up discussion on Thermal Cameras, stating that the cameras could run as high as \$5,000 to \$10,000. After much discussion it was decided to place a hold on the funds that were to be allocated toward the inflatable house for fire prevention. The funds are to now be placed toward these cameras.
6. A motion was made by Jeff Burns to allow the officers to handle the purchase of these thermal cameras, with an amount set up to \$10,000.00... Motion by Jeff Burns, 2nd by Michael Vinther. Motion Passed – Unanimously.
7. President Smith - By Law Changes. The By-Law changes were presented to the department by Jacob Pouland in the December business meeting. The changes pertain to the current laws that only a member with a Class B license can drive an apparatus. The submitted changes will allow for members who do not have a class B driver license to drive the smaller fire apparatuses. Two By-law proposals were submitted, one as a change and the other an addition. The by-law stating the change was voted on and passed unanimously. The by-law addition failed – unanimously.
8. Chief Foisie – opened discussion on doing something different for the banquet at the end of this year, the officers will start looking into this

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Chief Foisie, 2nd by Jeff Barker, meeting adjourned @ 8:09 pm.



Brian Smith – HVFD Secretary



Robert Smith – HVFD President