Harlan Fire Department Meeting 09.21.26

Department Meeting was called to order by President Jacub Hazen at 2000. A sign up sheet was sent around.

The City Administrator, City Liaison, the Mayor and the Honorary Members were thanked for attending.

No corrections were made to the Aug 17, 2026 minutes. Motion to approve August's minutes were given by Chris Bylund and 2nd by 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

No new applications/resignations received.

No formal motion was made to accept Jack's resignation at the last meeting. Motion to accept Jack's resignation was made by Captain Ryne Nelsen. 2nd by Chris Bylund. All were in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Interim Chief Bruce Blum to suspend the agenda and have discussion with City and Honorary members. We can return to the agenda after the discussion. 2nd by Captain Ryne Nelsen. All in favor – motion approved.

Discussion was had regarding using the meeting room and the power washer as a privilege for firefighters and honoraries. State code was sent around. Todd Argotsinger, Attorney for City, stated this would be up to the State auditor for final decision. Brent Scheve, Insurance Agent for City, attended to help field insurance questions. Tom Ouren, Honorary member, provided a draft example of a policy, SOP, and a liability waiver the fire department could use. A Volunteer Recognition Program was mentioned. Further discussion was had including but not limited to: new fire chief, interview representatives, who can drive which vehicle, etc.

Old/New Business/Good for the Department:

- Board Member Alex Blum made a motion not to have Open House this year. 2nd by Logan Butler. Motion failed.
- Captain Ryne Nelsen asked that Bruce get some type of compensation for acting as Chief.
- Interim Chief Bruce Blum has received a request for a Fire Station tour on 10/16/26. Jacub will do it.
- Interim Chief Bruce Blum has been advised that everyone with a FireFighter plate will need to be renewed every year. Bring up with the new Chief.
- New code for SCAS was sent by 1st Lieutenant Russ Lacy to Board members and EMTs.
- 2nd Lieutenant Justin Schechinger was contacted about burning a house. They must do testing/inspections. Can we train in it? Across from the hospital. He will let us know when he hears back.

A motion was made by Captain Ryne Nelsen to table everything else. It was 2nd by Kyle Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Yates, Secretary

These minutes are as recorded by the secretary and are subject to Department approval at the next regular meeting.