

**Meeting Minutes 12.16.19**

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Pedersen. 27 members were present with 1 being excused by Chief Roger Bissen. Minutes were read by Secretary Connie Miller from the 11.18.2019 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was given by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ryne Nelsen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JR Campbell. Board Meeting Minutes were also read by Secretary Connie Miller from the 12.9.2019 meeting.

At this time the meeting was handed over to Secretary Connie Miller to conduct the vote for the President position for the 2020 year for the Fire Department. Tim Pederson was the only name up for nomination. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Russ Lacy made the motion to cease nomination and select Tim Pederson as President and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Kienast – motion was passed by all members. The meeting was handed back over to the President to continue with the nominations.

Secretary position for the 2020 year for the Fire Department – Connie Miller was the only name up for nomination. 1<sup>st</sup> Captain Chad Butler made the motion to cease nomination and select Connie Miller as Secretary and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Tom Butler – motion was passed by all members.

Treasurer position for the 2020 year for the Fire Department – Kristi Pederson was the only name up for nomination. Mike Kienast made the motion to cease nomination and select Kristi Pederson as Treasurer and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> Captain Chad Kroger – motion was passed by all members.

Board Member for the 2020 year for the Fire Department – there were three names up for nomination, Justin Schechinger, Richard Petersen, and Patrick Gaul. There was a secret ballot that was counted by President Tim Pederson and verified by Secretary Connie Miller. Justin Schechinger will be the new board member .

**Applications and Resignations:**

The department had an application to vote for-Alex Abel. There was a secret ballot done which was counted by President Tim Pederson and verified by Secretary Connie Miller. Alex Abel is now a new member of the Harlan Fire Department.

The department had two new applications to read: one for Mary Yates for Fire Fighter and EMT and the second for Austin Nixon for Fire Fighter. Mary Yates and Austin Nixon still needed two signatures for their applications.

No resignations at this time.

**Chief Roger Bissen:**

Fire Fighter One class will be Jan 7<sup>th</sup> every Tuesdays and Thursday with some Saturdays. Chief Roger would like to get with all instructors to go through the book right after the first of the year – he will send out a text for a reminder. The members of the Harlan Fire Department that will need Fire Fighter One are Chris Bylund, Shawn Bates, Alex Abel, and Logan Butler.

There is an update on the boat that was talked about at our November meeting -

*11.18.2019 Chief Roger Bissen, the Sheriff Department, and the EMA program all went to Cherokee to look at a boat that would be a possible option for water rescues. Right now our only option is the inflatable yellow boat that is on 33.*

They did purchase the boat and are looking to train in the spring or summer months, if you are interested in learning how to operate please let Chief Roger know.

Fire Fighter day on the hill will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Capital in Des Moines, please let Chief Roger know if you are interested in going.

**Chief Roger Bissen Cont.**

Myrtue Medical Hospital had their Quarterly meeting and it was discussed that they would like to do decon training – Chief Roger is still waiting on more information at this time.

Chief Roger wanted to thank everybody for a good job and to have a Merry Christmas.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Tom Butler:**

Got new gas detectors

Thank you for everything you guys do.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Blum:**

Thank you for a good year – there were a lot of hours that you guys have put in for the department and it has not gone unnoticed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Bruce Blum presented a gift to the Chief from the members of the fire department for Christmas.

**1<sup>st</sup> Captain Chad Butler:**

Wondering about HazMat training – Chief Roger Bissen said that it is not in the budget for this upcoming year. 1<sup>st</sup> Captain Chad wanted to know if we could at least have a refresher course – Chief Roger said that it might be possible during the Fire Fighter One course about HazMat.

Thank you everyone for the whole year

Thank you for the gift cards and the thoughts and prayers that have been received.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Captain Chad Kroger:**

There have been some crazy rough calls this year, and everyone did a good job – thank you.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jordon Sanders:**

Nothing to Report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ryne Nelsen:**

Thank you everyone for a good year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ryne would like to get with the other officers to discuss the training calendar for 2020.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant Russ Lacy:**

CPR classes are coming around again – will be having classes in January as well as our February meeting

There is an EMS conference on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> here in Harlan. There will also be another one in Earling on January 11<sup>th</sup>

We are still waiting on Narcan

Thank you everyone for a good year.

Fire Calls were read off from 11.25.19 through 12.16.19

President Tim Pederson read off some Christmas cards that were sent to the department

**Good for the Department:**

City Council member Sharon Kroger asked about our current head count (32). She also wanted to know where we are at with Drone training/usage. We have had some training and we have used it on a HazMat call.

Justin Schechinger brought up about tri-county training – it is every other month.

Chris Bylund brought up about a fundraiser in Audubon for New Year's Eve, if you need information please contact him.

**City Liason:**

Gene Gettys wants to thank us for all that we do – really appreciate it.

The city budget is still being worked on for 2020.

Submitted By,  
Connie Miller – Secretary

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