

Thursday February 5, 2026, Called to order at 7:30PM.
Presided over by President Dot Brown with Mark Barbero as secretary.
Attendance was recorded using the Kiosk
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Moment of silence was observed.

Installation of new members:

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes were read, motion to approve by Jim Travis, 2nd by Juan Guzman. Motion carried

Correction: None

Treasurers report:

For January and February were passed around for approval: Motion to approve by Jim Travis, 2nd by Juan Guzman. Motion carried

Chiefs Report: Car 1:

Truck Assign. By Car 3

The physicals list is up. Please notify the chief when you have completed. Also note your medications on the prep sheet.

Look at the LMS learning system if you can. Sign up for courses and get an ID.me account.

This year's harassment training will be through McNeill. See Car 1 or Bob Q.

Please be thorough on maintenance night. Check the saw blades for sharpness and direction. Etc. Do not rush through it.

There is a new back drop for portrait pictures.

Issues – If you have any issues with any officer, please see Car 1 directly.

Thanks to Alex, Bones, Drew, James and AJ for storm standby.

If you were at the fatal MVA and need emotional help, reach out to someone.

The Middle Hope town hall is having a grievance meeting Monday at 7PM. Pertaining to free access to town parks for volunteers.

Committees:

Bob Quackenbush – The BY Laws need to match the Corporate Law. There is not currently an acceptable way to make up for missed department meetings A discussion followed.

Fundraising – There will be a pancake breakfast on 3/22 and 8/9. There will be a spaghetti dinner on 10/17. Chuck suggested a game show brunch.

Car 1 - There will a St Pats Friday nighter. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

The annual dinner – need to give final head count to the venue.

There will be a Superbowl party on 2/8 – bring a dish.

Old Business:

Bob made a motion to spend \$90 on a ¼ page add in the OCVFA journal. 2nd Donald Greene 2. Motion carried

Bob Quackenbush mentioned that we were \$20K over on last year's budget. The new budget is posted downstairs.

The letter from Susan Burtchaell and her pet emergency will be discussed by the BOR/BOD.

Correspondence

- Invitation to participate in the 11th annual HVVFA Golf Outing at Cronin's Golf Resort on 6/10/2026. \$140/player. \$100 to sponsor a hole.
- Letter from Meals on Wheels thanking us for our donation of \$50

New Business:

Bob Quackenbush – We can't use the old Bell Jar tickets. We have a new permit, but we need to buy new tickets. The status of the Bell Jar machine is in limbo.

Bob – The Iron Chef has given us all a gift certificate to the restaurant. We need to send him a thank you letter.

Bob – The hydrant in the front has a water leak. Be sure to crank it down if you close it.

The company store is completed and all should have received their orders. We will start a new store in the spring.

Bob – The new web site is in place. We need pictures which encourage recruitment.

Bob made a motion to spend \$900 on the .org site. 2nd James Leghorn Jr. motion carried.

Connor Mushlit discussed the Guns and Hoses hockey tournament. Donald mentioned that the last two checks for \$150 still have not been cashed. We need verification on the checks.

AJ mentioned that he would like us to purchase a Play Station for \$1500 to motivate the younger members to hang out here. He was referred to the district for that expense.

David asked about the \$2000 donation that his father made. Bob stated that it was included in the General Fund in the financial report.

Proposition for new members:

Joseph Perez will be interviewed next week.

Sickness and Distress:

Billy Myers has received a pacemaker and is doing well. Stevie is doing okay.

Good and Welfare:

Ron Fendts father has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Keep him in your prayers.

Receipts: \$32.00

Adjourn at 8:10 AJ