



July 7th 1913:

This is documented by the written words on the first page in the official Victoria Fire Department ledger dated July 7th 1913. On this date a meeting of the citizens of Victoria was called for the purpose of organizing a Fire Department and to hold a picnic to raise funds to pay for fire apparatus (chemical engine) already bought. Mike Notermann was elected to act as chairman for this meeting. It was noted on to keep a picnic date of July 20th 1913. The following committees were appointed to manage the picnic, Stands (to be erected), Cashier (for funds), Advertising Manager, (Bar setup), Confections and ice cream, Lunch, Amusement's and Police.

The organizing of the Victoria Fire Department was postponed due to picnic preparations until Monday, July 14th 1913.

Meeting Adjourned

July 14th 1913:

A meeting was called to order and the following officers were elected to serve until the next regular annual meeting. Chief Math Grausaum, Asst. Chief Carl Miller, Secretary Ed Plocher and Treasurer Mike Notermann. The Victoria Fire Department organized with a membership of 18 members. Other topics were to erect the town fire bell on a boxcar at the rear of hardware store until a new fire building is completed. *(As told by past members, this bell was to summons firefighters for a fire call. And was sounded at the start of each meeting.)* A committee was appointed to draft bylaws for the newly formed fire department. And the secretary was instructed to send invitations for the July 20th picnic to Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, St Boni and Waconia Fire Departments.

Meeting Adjourned

July 29th 1913:

Special Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. An itemized statement of receipts and disbursements of the firemen's picnic July 20th was read by Secretary. Voted on to pay all picnic bills as read. *(As reported in the Carver County Sun Thursday July 30th 1970 newspaper, those in attendance consumed 35 gallons of ice cream and 16 barrels of beer. The dance was attendee by 175 people and \$854.45 was raised.)*

Meeting Adjourned

October 1st 1913:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. He made a motion made that the new firehouse be put up between Notermann's Store and Lumber Yard. A motion was made that building committee buy the lot. Motion made that officers look after firehouse building.

Meeting Adjourned

February 4th 1914:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Bylaws were accepted as read. A motion was made to have the annual meeting of the fire department be held on the first Wednesday month of each year. A motion was made that the building committee is instructed to buy a barrel truck, pails, and see that repairs are made in firehouse.

Meeting Adjourned

March 4th 1914:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum.

The following are Charter Members of the Victoria Fire Department:

Matt Grausaum, John Diethelm, Joe Wartman, Joe Dill, George Sohns, Alb Litfin, R. W. Egan, Mike Notermann, Frank Notermann, John Schneider, Jacob Gardner, L. J. Schroers, Ed Plocher, Carl Miller, Tom Nordberg, Emil Seifert, Frank Diethelm Jr., Joseph Diethelm, Jenry Deithelm and Frank Salter.

Meeting Adjourned

November 11th 1914:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Motion made that fire lot trustees have power to buy lot from Joseph Diethelm land as soon as plot is arranged. Trustees elected are Tom Nordberg, Mike Notermann, and Joseph Diethelm.
Meeting Adjourned

March 4th 1915:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Motion made that Chief appoint 3 committee members to get estimates on new firehouse. R. W. Eagan, Joseph Diethelm and Tom Nordberg were appointed on this committee. (It has been told this new firehouse was to replace the first one built in 1913 between Notermanns Store and Lumber Yard that was destroyed by a fire). May it also be noted that each member pay their annual dues at the first meeting in January of each year.
Meeting Adjourned

April 16th 1915:

Special Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Motion made that we build a firehouse 24' x 40' and the same shall be built in line with Joseph Walvogel residence.
Meeting Adjourned

May 24th 1915:

Special Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Motion made that minutes of last meeting be reconsidered, carried. Motion made that vote be taken by ballot to decide whether firehouse is to be built in line with Walbogel house or porch? It was 15 to 1 that firehouse be built in line with porch.
Meeting Adjourned

January 15th 1916:

Meeting called to order by Chief Grausaum. Motion made that Jacob Gardner shall receive a salary of \$25.00 per year for heating firehouse. *(It has been told by past members this was a woodstove).*
Meeting Adjourned

March 3rd, 1921:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Grausaum. Carl Miller was elected as Chief for 1921. A note of thanks was given to the retiring Chief Grausaum for his part in building up this organization.
Meeting Adjourned

April 5th, 1921:

Special Meeting called to order by Chief Miller. Suggestion made by Chief Miller as to making cistern for water for fire protection in the Village were discussed. On motion Chief Miller appointed a committee of Frank Notermann, Joe Dill, Emil Seifert and Bill Braunworth. Committee to find the cast, size and location of said cistern. *(This was the first of six (6) cisterns built for fire protection. Each property owner in the Village was asses according to their fire insurance premium to pay for cisterns when built.)*
Meeting Adjourned

April 27th, 1916:

Special meeting was called and a motion was made to sell the current firehouse and lot to the Village of Victoria for not less than \$775.00 and not to exceed \$800.00. A bill of sale will be given to the Village.
Meeting Adjourned



March 1926:

Meeting called to order by Chief Miller. Elections were held and Frank Schneider was elected Chief 1926.

Meeting Adjourned

January 21st, 1929:

Meeting called to order by Chief Schneider. The following committee was appointed by Chief to canvas the neighborhood as to getting funds to purchase a fire pumping engine. Committee members being Frank Notermann, Carl Miller, Henry Fossum, Bill Braunworth and Joe Dill.

Meeting Adjourned

January 21st, 1930:

Meeting called to order by Chief Schneider. Motion made and carried that we turn over to Village to pay on Fire Truck. Motion made that fire department not pay over \$300.00 with fire department money for fire truck. Chief Schneider appointed as Engineer's for new Fire Truck Henry Fossum and Bill Braunworth.

Meeting Adjourned

February 28th, 1930:

Special Meeting called to order by Chief Schneider. This meeting was called for the purpose of rearranging the former officers and for the new Fire Truck which arrived a few days ago. The following men were elected to assist Chief engine men Bill Braunworth and Henry Fossum on the new fire truck. Ben Wartman, Emil Seifert, Ben Diethilm and Milton Fink. John Diethelm was elected Hose Captain and selected the following to assist him. Al Steinbarger, T.J. Klein, E. Kirsch, John Kirsch, Ed Diethilm, John Schneider and Reuben Nordberg. Carl Miller elected Hook and Ladder Captian and selected the following to assist him. J.J. Thul, Florian Tschimperle and Ed Plocher.

Meeting Adjourned

January 16th, 1931:

Meeting called to order by Chief Schneider. Bill Braunworth was elected as chief for 1931.

Meeting Adjourned

January 19th, 1934:

Meeting called to order by Chief Braunworth. Henry Fossum was elected as chief for 1934. Meeting Adjourned

March 1st, 1938:

Special meeting called to order by Chief Fossum. A motion was carried that Bill Braunworth, Mike Notermann and Henry Fossum act as a committee to investigate fire siren.

Meeting Adjourned

February 23rd, 1939:

Meeting called to order by Chief Fossum. On roll call 30 members were present. A motion was carried that we pay \$338.10 for a siren.

Meeting Adjourned

February 13th, 1947:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Fossum. On roll call 50 members were present. Paul Schneider was elected as chief for 1947. Motion was made that officers consult with the Village Council to purchase a pump trailer.

Meeting Adjourned

February 14th, 1949:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Schneider. On roll call 42 members were present. Henry Fossum was elected as chief for 1949.

Meeting Adjourned

February 31st, 1950:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Fossum. On roll call 50 members were present. A discussion was had on the construction of the New #5 Hi-Way. With the possibility of our Fire Hall being moved because of the new Hi-Way. A committee was appointed to meet with the Council + recommended their location. Maurice Leuthner was elected as chief for 1950.

Meeting Adjourned

February 6th, 1951:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Leuthner. On roll call 42 members were present. A discussion was held on the bill presented by the council for payment by the Fire Department for new Fire Hall. Motion was made for the officers to settle the affair with the Council.

Meeting Adjourned

February 3rd, 1953:

Meeting was called to order by Chief Leuthner. On roll call 57 members were present. Leonard Koehnen was elected as Chief for 1953.

Meeting Adjourned

February 4-1914

Regular meeting

Meeting called to order by chief.

On motion the annual meeting will be held on 1st Wednesday in March of each year

By Laws accepted as read.

On motion J.M. Nordberg, C.J. Miller and J.A. Diethelm were appointed by the chief as a finance committee to look over the books of the secretary & treasurer & report at next meeting

On motion the building committee is instructed to buy barrel truck, pails, and see that repairs are made in fire house.

On motion the bills of Kraussau, J.M. Nordberg & Lyman-Irving were ordered paid.

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

E.B. Flacker, Sect.

March 4-1914

Regular meeting.

On motion minutes of last meeting accepted as read.

Annual report accepted as read.

On motion Shrears bill of \$10.00 ordered paid.

" " All officers reelected.

" " meeting adjourned.

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Reg. meeting Apr 3-1914

On motion lot of Jos Diethelm bought for \$170.00. On motion Math Kraussau & M. Noterman were appointed as a committee to look up caps and buy same if cost is not over \$175.

meeting adj.

Victoria Minn July 29-1913

Special Firemen's meeting
meeting called to order by Chief.

An itemized statement of receipts + disbursements
of the Firemen's picnic July 20-23 was read by
secretary.

Voted on to pay all picnic bills as read.

To have firemen's meeting on 1st Wednesday
of every month at 8 P.M. sharp.

By Laws to be passed on at next meeting.

A. Shreer to make two roof ladders free of charge
material to be furnished by Dept.

Secretary instructed to buy all necessary stationery.

Joe Hartman, T.M. Nordberg + E. Blocher appointed

by Chief to look up lot for fire building

meeting adjourned.

August 6-1913

meeting called to order by chief.

minutes of last meeting accepted as read.

By Laws laid over until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned

Oct 1st 1913

meeting called to order by chief.

moved that fire bldg be put up between Noterman
Store + Lbr office. Moved that officers look
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