

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, October 5th, 2016

Chickaming Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:29 hours by President Rob Gruener

Roll call of officers present: President Rob Gruener, 2nd Vice President Patty Cattes and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll calls of departments indicate 15 departments represented with 40 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$111. The 50/50 was \$30/\$15.

The September minutes were presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for September was presented. A motion was made by Chris Houston with support from Mick Oldenburg to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No report.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-

- October 10th-14th is Fire Prevention Week.
- SBA loans from rainstorm on August 15-16, 2016 have an application deadline of November 1st. So far loans approved total \$23,200 w/4 applications pending.
- D-Star (Amateur Radio Trunked System) Repeater install at Lakeland SJ, operational by end of October. Repeater install in Summerville at the end of October being operational Nov.-Dec. Repeater installed in Paw Paw should be operational end of October.
- R.A.D. Fall Training classes are being held on Oct. 13th, 18th & 20th at Chickaming campus; Nov. 3rd & 7th at the St. Joseph High School and on Dec. 1st, 6th & 8th at the BCSD-Stover training Facility in Coloma. Each date will run from 5:30pm – 9:30pm. Pre-Registration is required.

DNR:

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson:

- Working on the communication grant. Have had a low participation and may not happen this year.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Testing continues on 800 MHz pagers in North Berrien area.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- 25 students in the class. High school class has 12.
- Michigan Fire Instructor I course in January is limited to 16 students. Register by Dec. 2nd, 2016 on the SMOKE web site.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman:

- Need updates on new equipment so it can be posted!

- Thank you to everyone who helped out at the fair this year. The winners of the coloring contest will be posted on the web soon.
- It has been announced that Jon Vollman is retiring from the fair board. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to him for his 20+ years of dedication and service to the fair.

HazMat: Cory Burks-

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Request for a nominating committee for 2017 officers

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- North Berrien Ladies Auxiliary Quarter Auction Oct.6th,6:00pm at the Coloma station
- Coffee with a cop Oct. 7th at Buchanan Union Coffee House (115 E. Front St.) from 7am-10am.
- Wesaw Twp. holding pancake breakfast October 9th,7-11am
- American Red Cross Spaghetti Dinner on Oct.19th, 5pm-7pm. Held at the American Cultural Hellenic Center, 17760 Behner Rd. New Buffalo.
- BuchananTwp Fish Fry October 22nd, 3 pm to 8pm.

Host Chief Davidson thanked everyone for coming and his firefighters for all their help in preparation for the dinner. He wished everyone to have a good fall and winter! Evening program was Autism 101 for Fire & Rescue- Presented by Dan Ryan Director of LOGAN Autism Services of South Bend. An Autism Learning Center was opened locally in Benton Harbor on Sept.12th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mick Oldenburg and supported by Craig Brent. Motion carried.

The 50/50 winner was Jerry Novack.

Meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on November, 2016
American Red Cross Saint Joseph
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**