

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 4th, 2017

Eau Claire Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:13 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 1st Vice President Dave Albers was absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 13 departments represented with 24 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$66. The 50/50 was \$36/18.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Bill Long to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for December was presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Bill Long to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- A request was made to pay \$130.17, which is half the amount shared with the Chiefs Association, for funeral dress gloves.
- A request was made to pay \$287.13, which is half the amount shared with the Chiefs Association, for Christmas Dispatch food. This is for both 2015 & 2016.
- A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support by Denny Sexton to approve the payments be made. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-

- Pipeline Safety Training Tue. Feb. 7th at the LMC Mendel Center, dinner starts at 5:30.p.m.RSVP
- Weather Spotters Training March 14th at Andrews, starting at 6:00 pm.
- D.C. Cook EOC are planned on April 18th, May 2nd, and May 23rd.

DNR:

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson:

- Chief's meeting Jan 18th at 8:30 a.m. Checking on location with the new Chief at Lincoln Twp.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- A dispatcher resigned Dec. 31st.
- Automatic Mutual Aide Agreement between Baroda/Lake/Bridgman and Lincoln Fire Departments is now in place.
- Rip and Runs have been updated and running well.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- No Report

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman:

- New updates made and check out the listed web trainings.

HazMat: Cory Burks-

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Stay Safe- Happy New Year

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for audit committee was presented by President Kabelman. Denny Sexton and Bill Long answered that request to oversee the 2016 audit.

Announcements:

- All you can eat Pancake Breakfast at Berrien Springs Fire Station 7:30-11:30a.m.on Sun. Jan.8th.

Host Chief Norm Carl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and our presentation for the evening was presented by insurance agents from Health Markets with findings from a study of cancer among U.S fire fighters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Bill Long. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on February 1st, 2017
Galien Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**