

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Chikaming Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.32 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Richard Wing.

Roll call of departments indicated 17 departments represented with 41 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$122.00 and 50/50 was \$56.00.

A motion was made to amend the minutes from May regarding the amount received for dinner from \$88.00 to \$101.00. Motion by Chris Corteville, second by Mike Schuler. Motion carried.

May minutes were presented. Motion by Chris Corteville with support from Mike Schuler to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Mike Schuler with support from Craig James to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- No report

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Spoke at length about the NOAA all hazards weather radios and the upcoming programming partnership with WNDU and Martin's Supermarkets in Niles on July 16 from 07.00 to 12.00

DNR:

- No report

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Mentioned the grant funding application for the training trailer.
- The simulcast grant has been granted a 6 month extension to allow all the frequencies to be purchased and allocated and all the equipment to be programmed.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Echoed Corey Burks comments on the all hazards radios and the importance of having a radio in your house.

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- No report

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- The website has been updated with new pictures and new Chiefs.

HazMat: Chris Corteville

- Announced that this was his last meeting as he is retiring.
- Introduced his successor – Sgt Rocky Adams
- Gave a brief description of the recent HAZMAT incident in St Joe City on Hilltop Road involving an industrial battery and the acid that leaked out. He recommended that all departments carry a 50lb bag on bicarbonate of soda on at least one of their rigs for just such an event in order to neutralize the acid.
- Spoke about the new EAS system that is in place at the 911 Center

OLD BUSINESS: -

- Sodus Chief Bill Long will be the new Secretary / Treasurer taking over from Richard Wing. Motion by Tom Stiles, second by Jay Pendergrass. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- No new business

SHERIFF:-

- No report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Lake Township is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday June 5 from 08.00 to 12.00.

Host Chief Mike Davidson thanked everyone for coming.

Presentation was made by Angie Laskarides, Regional Director of the American Red Cross

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig James and supported by Mike Schuler

Motion carried: Meeting adjourned at 19.54 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wing

**The next meeting will be held on July 6 , 2011
at Bertrand Township, 4770 US12W**

Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.