

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Lake Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.30 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 Bill Long.

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

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$119.00, no 50/50 because of annual auction.

November minutes were presented. Motion by Craig Kovach with support from Jim Spiegel to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was presented for review. Motion by Craig Brent with support from Jim Spiegel to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Tom Stiles reported that former Eau Claire Assistant Chief Ed Young passed away. The funeral will be tomorrow at Bowerman's Funeral Home in Eau Claire. A moment of silence was observed by the body.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Reported that there were a few problems as was expected with the recent Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test. They are being addressed by FEMA. There will likely be more testing in the future.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Reported that the simulcast grant extension has been filed and received. Telerad has been working on installing the necessary equipment for completion. All Chief's should have received the paperwork for programming of radios and pagers. This needs to be completed by the end of the year.
- Reported that thanks to everyone's support we have reached and exceeded our monetary goal for the burn training trailer matching funds. The trailer has been ordered and will be on display this coming April at FDIC.
- Reminded all Chief's that the chief's meetings are being held monthly. They will alternate mornings and evenings with this month's in evening, Dec. 21 at 6:30PM.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Reported that the EMD Cards have been logged into the PRO QA Computer System.
- Reported that they are developing a program for dispatch for the upcoming simulcast grant.
- Spoke about an upcoming regional grant for radios that will be a 20% match.

Training Committee: Tom Hall –

- Reported that there are 30 firefighters in class. He asked for volunteers to assist with practical training.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- Reported that a new directory was published about three weeks ago.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- None

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Corey Burks reported on behalf of the Sheriff who had a previous engagement and could not be present. The Sheriff wished to thank all fire and EMS departments for their continued support throughout the year and looks forward our continual support in the New Year.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- The nominating committee reported that there were no new candidates for the officer positions. Nominations were closed. A motion was made by Corey Burks with support from Mike Moran to cast a unanimous vote to re-elect all current officers to their existing positions. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- Gerry reported that the schedules for next year's meetings are located on the tables and has been posted on the web page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gerry introduced Mike Mitchell, Coordinator for the American Red Cross West Michigan Region and Susan Bandsma, the American Red Cross Disaster Readiness and Response Coordinator for Berrien and Van Buren Counties.

Host Chief Harold Heyn thanked everyone for coming and all of those involved in the evening's dinner. He also asked that their retired former chief be kept in your thoughts as he is not in great health.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Burks and supported by Jim Spiegel.

Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1951 hours to the annual White Elephant Auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2011
at Lincoln Township Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**