

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Baroda Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1939 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Rob Gruener, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, 2nd Vice President Mike Moran, and Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 16 departments represented with 47 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$107.00 and 50/50 was \$100.00.

May minutes were presented. A motion was made by Marlene Beach with support from Dennis Graham to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Marlene Beach with support from Bill Knisely to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Rich reported that New Buffalo City and Township have been switched over to the new simulcast. At this time it is still a little sketchy.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the annual exercise with DC Cook is being wrapped up. The overall general consensus has been very positive. Corey thanked all departments for their help and assistance during the exercise and throughout the year.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- None

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Denny reported that we have been having reception problems due to a couple pieces of equipment having been struck by lightning. The equipment has been sent out for repairs.
- Things are moving forward with AEP regarding the tower in New Buffalo.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Corey reported that the training committee has received a 501C (3) Not for Profit Status. So donations made to the committee are now tax deductible.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- None

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- No Hazmat calls to report. Rocky has been helping other departments with reporting issues.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Corey reported that the Sherriff is resolving issues at the office and regretfully can't make it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chief Ron Burkett reported and introduced their new Assistant Chief Scott Wiederwax.
- Chief Mike Davidson reported and introduced a new recruit Katie Oldenburg.
- Baroda also has three new recruits, Sara Smaltz, Andy Adkin and Ray Manke.
- Baroda will once again be having Fireworks July 3rd and would welcome any help with crowd control.
- Baroda FF Don Johnson spoke briefly and handed out a flyer for Barodafest coming Sept. 7, 2013.

Host Chief Larry Klug thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Huston with support from Mike Davidson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1955 hours to a presentation by Batt. Chief Brian Kazmierzak of Penn Twp. Fire entitled "The Mission and Modern Day Tactics for Firefighter Safety/Survival", firefighterclosecalls.com

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2013
At Benton Twp. Fire Department, Station #1
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**