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Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Bridgman Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 41 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$83.51 and 50/50 was \$50.00.

October minutes were presented. A motion was made by Marlene Beach with support from Mike Davidson to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Gerry Kabelman to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMUNICATIONS:

- Baroda Fire Department is hosting the following training opportunities: "Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings" Dec. 9th, 2013 from 6:30pm – 10:30pm, "Courage to Be Safe" Dec. 30, 2013 from 6:30pm – 10:30pm, "Arson Detection for the First Responder" Jan. 13, 27 & Feb. 10, 2014 from 6:30pm – 10:30pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Nothing to report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Rocky reported that those departments that have TOT Books will be getting a visit sometime in January for updating.
- They are still working on the completion of the FEMA approved mitigation plan. The plan needs to be through the county and state process and to FEMA by December 5th.
- Senior PGA planning is in progress
- The NWS will be having "Skywarn Weather Spotter Training" at Notre Dame Feb. 4, 2014 @ 1830hrs.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Mike reported that they are still hashing out communication issues in New Buffalo. They did find a broken coax cable.

- There was a need to purchase more protestant bibles. The Chiefs Association voted to pay for half. A motion was made by Mike Davidson, supported by Craig Brent to pay for half of the cost of the bibles. Motion carried.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- No report.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- No report.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Gerry reported that new updates have been posted to the resource directory. Gerry reminded everyone if you have any type of announcement you need put up on the site to contact him.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Rocky reported that Benton Township Police and Fire were sent to a car in a field with someone in the car having seizures. Was found to be a chemical detergent suicide attempt. He reminded everyone to please be aware of the scene so as not to put ourselves also in danger. A couple of the Officers became nauseous from the fumes.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The donation of \$600 was given to the American Red Cross.
- Rob reported that the meeting schedule for 2014 is ok with the exception of the Covert date as they have not responded back.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rob reported that three people are needed for the nominating committee. Gerry Kabelman and Dennis Graham have volunteered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Nothing to report.

Host Chief Rich Knuth thanked Bridgman Premier Meat Market for providing the meal and everyone for coming. He stated that they have a rescue truck for sale if anyone is interested.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marlene Beach with support from Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours to a presentation by Michigan State Trooper Jim Janez, "The Importance of Accident Investigation; Scene Preservation".

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting (Annual Elections/Auction) will be held on December 4, 2013
At Buchanan City Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours**