

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, June 4, 2014

Galien Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1943 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 13 departments represented with 33 members present.

Copies of the May minutes were distributed. Minutes approved by Denny Graham with support from Ron Warner. Motion carried.

Donations for dinner were \$88.80. 50/50 was \$58 with a \$29 split

Treasurer's report was not presented.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

Michigan Propane Gas will be holding a training at LMC Bertrand Campus on June 24th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Nothing

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Rocky reported that meetings the Palisades drill will be Oct 28th and 29th
- PGA went well
- Emergency alert systems are being improved and implemented
- Railroads must notify emergency management of crude trains with 1 million gallons or more
- Changes to school drill documentation are being implemented
- Weather radio programming was completed

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Decided to meet every month.
- Meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Lincoln Twp. Fire
- Chief's Association donated money to Berrien CISM group, which is available as needed

Dispatch: Denny Sexton -

- Phone line to New Buffalo site complete

Training Committee: -

- FF 1&2 ceremony went well

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

Gerry states that an update is in the works

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- One incident to report of a fuel spill from a boat.

Sherriff: Rock Adams for Sheriff Bailey-

- Rocky reported that the Sheriff is taking his grand kids to soccer and thanks everyone for their help and continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Facebook page for the association is up to approximately 150 followers

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fair fire station plans are in the works. A motion was made for up to \$500 for resources. \$200 has already been pledged by 1-800 Boardup. Motion presented by Dale Stover, worded as follows: Authorize using \$300 General Fund Money pending any further contributions, pending final spending approval at July 9th meeting. Approval from Dale Stover and Denny Graham, with a vote of support from members present. Motion of support carries. Final vote on monies to be held on July 9th. List of items to purchase will be submitted then. Also Bridgman Fire may allow the use of its smoke house.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sodus fire hosting 5k for St. Jude August 5th

Host Jim Trapp thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Stover with support from Denny Graham. Motion carried. Tim Williams won the 50/50 and donated \$9 to the association. Thanks were given to Tim for his donation. The meeting adjourned at 2046 following a presentation on Galien Twp's new fire station.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Moran

**The next meeting will be held on July 9th, 2014
At Lake Twp. Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours**