

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015 (revised 10-07-2015)

Sodus Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1935 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers present: President Rob Gruener, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Moran and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Patty Mattson was absent.

Roll call of departments indicated 12 departments represented with 27 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$79. The 50/50 was \$46/\$23.

The August minutes were presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Craig Brent to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for August was presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

- BCYF Fire Education Center- Gerry Kabelman-supply expense of \$426.56-receipts presented.
- BCYF Fire Education Center- Doug Odell-meal for remodel crew- Expense of \$78.23-receipt presented.
- A motion was made by Danny [Cronin](#) with the support from Denny Sexton to pay the two presented bills. Motion Carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth-**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-**

- MPSCS doing tower maintenance during business hours M-F
- Decon Center Drills upcoming
- School Lock Downs will be starting soon

### **DNR: Steve Schrader-**

- No Report

### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-**

- Chief's meeting will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 08:30am at Lincoln Township Fire Station.

### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton-**

- Updating Dispatchers on shift change the status of your call and any changes noted.

### **Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- Holding a driver training course in December.
- Registration for the new class has started and it's filling fast because Cass County is sending their students to us. You can get the form on line.

### **Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Nothing new-Keep those updates coming.

**HazMat: Cory Burks-**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- S01C3 nonprofit status explained and presented by President Gruener. A motion was made by Danny Krone and supported by Denny Sexton to seek more information on how to obtain nonprofit status. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A Nominating Committee will be needed for officers for next year.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Red Cross Beam Dedication at City Hall in Benton Harbor at 10am.
- Red Cross Ride To Remember is Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Bertrand Fire Department Open House September 26<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm.

Host Chief Bill Long thanked his crew for their help in preparing for our meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Bill Knisely to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Cory Sobralski won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Three Oaks Fire Department  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**