

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, November 4th, 2015

Watervliet Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:35 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers present: President Rob Gruener, 1st Vice President Mike Moran, 2nd Vice President Patricia Cattes and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicated 10 departments represented with 22 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$62. No 50/50 .

The October minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chief Davidson with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Bills submitted for payment: *None*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-Dave Albers

- Cook Drills have concluded Thanks to New Buffalo City, New Buffalo Township and Berrien Springs Fire Departments for their participation.
- School lock down drills being conducted.
- Participated with Marathon oil on a spill exercise.

DNR: Steve Schrader-

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- No Chief's meeting for month of November. Next meeting is Wednesday December 16th, 2015 at 6:30pm at Lincoln Township Fire Department.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- New Phone System going into service by Friday the 13th.
- New Cad Software in the process of going in service.
- 800mgh Usage bill signed by the governor.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- 29 students in Firefighter I and II class and 13 in the high school class.
- CTE Program promoted in school districts.
- Can always use help on practical days. Must have a back ground check turned in.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Nothing new.

HazMat: Cory Burks- Rocky Adams

- Nothing to report.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- *Careful driving, Holidays are coming. Pay attention to your surroundings.*
- *Protect yourself not to be a victim. Use covers over your purchases.*
- Sheriff Bailey recognized Dr. Beyer for his dedication of service to our community.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 501CS-Nonprofit application research and application ongoing
- Nominating Committee reported that current officers are willing to run in next election.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE PROPOSED
- Second Vice President last name change-Mattson to Cattes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- North Berrien holding a Holiday Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on Dec. 3rd, 5-8pm at Sta. 1.
- Baroda is hosting an Incident Safety Officer Training Course starting Jan. 11th, 2016.
- Watervliet hosting a MFR class.
- TransCanada Pipeline Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Dec. 10th from 6-10pm at the LMC Mendel Center. RSVP to Gayle Bassett at 983-7141 ext. 4915

Host Chief Dan Jones thanked his crew for their help in preparing for our meeting and thanked everyone for coming. His crew also gave very helpful demonstrations of firefighter down rescue techniques.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:27 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham
Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting will be held on December 2th, 2015
Weesaw Township Fire Department
(Annual Elections and Auction)
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.