

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION#

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Wednesday, April 6th, 2016

Berrien Springs Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:23 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 37 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$104.00. The 50/50 was \$74/\$37.

The March minutes were presented. A motion was made by Steve Trapp with support from Jim Fogarty to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for March was presented. A motion was made by Bill Knisely with support from Matt Wedde 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-

- State wide Tornado Drill will be done on Wednesday, April 13th, at 1:30 pm.
- Time to update your family emergency plan and emergency supply kit.
- Weather Radio programming: April 13th at Walgreens in Niles at 907 S. 11th from 5-7pm
: May 11th at Walgreens in Stevensville at 1710 W John Beers from 5-7pm.
- Palisades' drills:
EOC Dates;
Drill 2 on April 13th at 8 am.
Exercise on April 26th at 8 am.
Public Reception Decon dates are April 11th&25th. Dinner at 5:30 pm and starts at 6 pm. This will be held at the Berrien Springs Middle School.
Emergency Worker Decon dates are April 19th&26th at 7 pm. This will be held at the Watervliet High School.

DNR:

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- A Regional Grant for radio and pager replacement.
- Each county department is to make a list of their communication needs for the grant.
- Next meeting on April 20th, at 6:30 pm at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- No Report

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- April 12th is practical at 7pm. Fire fighters with I&II certification needed to help.
- April 16th is review day at 8 am-2pm.
- **April 30th is the test day at 7am. Briefing at 7:15 and testing starts at 8 am. Manpower and trucks needed from area departments who have students being tested. Participating fire fighters to help must be I&II certified.**

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- Remember Fair coming up. In need of ideas!
- A budget plan was drawn up for the fair supplies needed.
- Putting out a schedule later for help at the Fair.

HazMat: Cory Burks-

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- No Report

Old Business:

- Audit Committee-Chief Long and Denny Sexton-Presented Their Report.
- A motion was made by Chief Long with support from Pat Corteville to approve the Audit Committee Report. Motion carried
A motion was made by Gerry Kabelman with the support of President Gruener to pay the Secretary/Treasurer \$365.00. Motion carried. Thank you!

New Business:

- None

Announcements:

- Berrien Springs Pancake Breakfast on April 10th from 7:30-11:30am.
- Bertrand Township Pancake Breakfast April 9th, from 8am-11:30am.
- Sodus Township Pancake Breakfast April 10th from 7:00am-12:30pm.
- North Berrien Fire Auxiliary Spring Bling Craft Show on April 16th from 10am-3pm.

Host Asst. Chief Don Damron thanked everyone for coming. Our evening presentation was the Berrien County Hazmat Team and their equipment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chief Davidson and supported by Matt Wedde. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours.

50/50 winner was Chief Knisely who donated it back. Thank you Chief!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on May 4th, 2016
At Bertrand Township Fire Station
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**