

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Benton Harbor Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:25 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dave Albers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll calls of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 22 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$38. No 50/50.

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

The treasurer's report for the month of October was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$3,393.81 and the money market is \$8,741.07 for a combined total of \$12,134.88. No checks were written last month. A motion was made by Chief Davidson with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

A yearly bill of \$20.17 for the .ORG Domain Renewal for the Association's web site was presented. A motion was made by Kevin Burkhard with the support from Denny Sexton to pay the bill. Motion carried. Payment presented.

## **Communications:**

- Bertrand Twp. All you can eat Chili & Hot Dogs. Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Benton Harbor Dept. of Public Safety holdings a driver's training course class room only.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911Committee:**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Dave Albers**

- Training school teachers for lock down drills.

### **DNR: Steve Schrader**

- No Report

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

- No Chief's meeting in November!
- 800 MHz Pager/Radio grant application has been filed.
- We thank Chief Bruce Stover for all his efforts in this grant process!

### **Landing Zones: Steve Shedd**

- No report

### **EMS: Frank DeLaTorre**

- The Red Bud Motocross of Nations went very well. With over 81,000 people attending the event and having a fully staffed medical tent, only eleven were treated. There were three transport units available and only one patient was transported to the hospital! Sending many thanks to all the departments and agencies that made this a safe event!

### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- Look over response plans for large target hazards and keep them updated. The changes need to be in before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of December. (the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- New emergency button for Benton Harbor Area Schools.

**Training Committee: Dave Albers**

- FF I-II class's going good.
- A list of the high school students and the departments they represent has been sent out to the fire chiefs.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman**

- Updates and pictures of those new trucks are needed.
- Photographer Dave White has shingles and had eye surgery.
- A history section will be added to the Fire Stations page.

**HazMat: Dave Albers**

- Tank car roll-over training simulator purchased by the Sheriff Department

**Sheriff: Dave Albers**

- Sheriff Bailey is attending a meeting and sends his regards.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Jim Scholz from Sister Lakes Fire and Great Lakes Search and Recovery is willing to help our Association with the application to start the process of becoming a nonprofit 501C3 origination.
- A motion was made by Jim Scholz with the support of Frank DeLaTorre to draw up a resolution at the cost not to exceed \$499.00 and pay a filing/franchise fee of \$20.00 to the State of Michigan. Motion carried. Payment of \$20.00 was made to State of Michigan.
- The host address will be the Berrien Springs Fire Department for our Association.
- Denny Sexton and Mike Davidson of the nomination committee opened the nominations for next years officers and anyone interested running for office to contact a committee member. The present officers are willing to serve 2019. Voting for officers will be at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

Host Deputy Director of Fire Services Mike Phelps thanked Kinexus for using their facility and everyone for coming. He introduced Mark Simpson from Flint Fire Department and EFI Global as senior fire investigator with the program on Arson Investigation for the First Responder.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Denny Sexton. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Berrien Springs/Oronoko Fire Department  
(Annual Elections & Auction)  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**