

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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February 6th, 2019

Bridgman Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:38 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 14 departments represented with 37 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$84. The 50/50 amount was \$38/\$76.

The January minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Chris Huston to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of January was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$5,971.03 and the money market is \$8,742.17 for a combined total of \$14,713.20. Check no. 281 wrote in January has cleared. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Mike Davidson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

Communications:

- A moment of silence was observed in the memory of Lake Twp. firefighter/Medic 1 paramedic Dan Daniel who passed away January 15th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- Local flooding is a concern with the recent cold/thaw.
- Hazmat train the trainer workshop 2/13 from 8-5 at the B.C. Conference Center.
- Weather spotter course-how to report-at Andrews-3/13 at 6 p.m.
- 2 day Homeland exercise on 4/3 and 4/4.
- All information and registrations on these are at Mi-train.

DNR: Ben Osterland

- No Report- New representative.

Chief's Association: Chief Mike Davidson

- NFIRS reports are tabulated by the 20th of the month so make sure you compete and send them in by then.
- New Buffalo City and Township now running on 800MHz and working well.
- Next meeting is February 20th, at 8:00 a.m.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No report

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- No Report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Working on entering target hazard information that have been received to Active 911 alerts.
- Very important to turn in those preplans and target hazards so they can be entered.

Training Committee: Cory Burks

- Feb. 9th – VFIS Drivers Training (classroom only) 8 am to 5pm – Berrien Springs-Oronoko fire station – Sign-up on SMOKE (LIMIT 30 STUDENTS)
- Feb. 13th - Globe CARES NFPA 1851 Class – 6pm – Berrien Springs-Oronoko fire station – Advanced Inspections, cleaning, and repairs to fire gear.
- Feb. 15th, 16th, and 17th - FF Strategy & Tactics - \$85 cost for book – no cost for class -
- FF I&I classes going good with practical review day on March 9th, those with FF I&I wishing to help be there by 8 a.m.
- March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – FF Strategy & Tactics
- March 9th and 10th - Education Methodology
- March 23rd and 24th – Incident Safety Officer
- Mar. 25th - Globe CARES NFPA 1851 Class – 7pm – Baroda Fire Department – Advanced Inspections, cleaning, and repairs to fire gear.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Check the web site for updates and upcoming trainings.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Returning from attending the State of the Union Address.

Old Business:

- Non Profit 501C3 has cleared the first step, registered with the state. Due to government shut down, still waiting for a tax exempt from the IRS.

New Business:

- Sec/Treas Dennis Graham announced that the files for 2018 have been handed over to the Audit Committee for review.

Announcements:

- Stop the Bleed classes offered by Lakeland Health, Email juandersen@laklandhealth.org
- March 23rd - North Berrien Trivia Night – FOP Lodge – doors open at 6 and starts at 7.
- April 17th – Mass Casualty Response Workshop - \$49 cost – Mendel Center – 8a-12p

Host Chief Joel Buist thanked everyone for coming this evening and thanked his crew for their help with the preparations for the meeting. The evening program was presented by Jim Scholz representing the Great Lakes Search and Recovery on Water Rescue / Technical Rescue.

- The 50/50 winner was Bill Boyed Jr.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:38 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on March 6th, 2019
Buchanan City Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**