

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: mi-bcfa.org

April 10th, 2019

Buchanan Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:31 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 13 departments represented with 28 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$78. No 50/50.

The March minutes were presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Essig to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of March was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$5,897.03 and the money market is \$8,742.88 for a combined total of \$14,639.91. Check no. 282 wrote in March has cleared. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Essig to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

Communications:

- We have four fellow firefighters that need help. Our web page has a site for each fundraiser being held. They are John Rydwelski from Buchanan City and D.C. Cook Fire Protection, Kent Churchill from North Berrien, Bill McAllister from Niles City and the MI-TRT-5 Technical Rescue Team, and Tom Hall from Niles Twp. And FF I/II Instructor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Denny Sexton

- Looking at options on a new CAD system.

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams

- No Report

DNR: Ben Osterland

- No Report- New representative.

Chief's Association: Chief Mike Davidson

- No Report
- Next Chief's meeting is April 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No report

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- No Report

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- New equipment and technology are being researched for future upgrades to the systems.

Training Committee:

- Could use the help on upcoming testing. The dates and times on the web page.
- A lot of new classes have been added the web site

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- More updates have been added. Announcements were added to web page. More pictures of old retired trucks added to web site. If anyone has pictures they want to add please share.

HazMat: Cory Burks-Paul Bailey

- Any department in need of refresher training contact Cory Burks for scheduling.
- Any firefighter wanting to join the county HAZMAT Team can contact Cory Burks for an application.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Planning on safe festivals.
- Benton Harbor High School has a deputy assigned to the school.
- The Jail remodel is moving along with the receiving area first to be completed late fall.

Old Business:

- Update on the Non-for-profit status. The next step is to file the 1023 form with the IRS, there will be a request for a check for \$250 for a submission of the 1023 form at the May meeting.

New Business:

- No Report

Announcements:

- April 14th – Sodus Pancake Breakfast – 7am – 12:30 pm
- April 17th - Mass Casualty Response Workshop - \$49 cost – Mendel Center – 8a-12p
- April 24th – Learn and Lunch - Preserving the scene presentation by Ken Doroh CFI – lunch at 11:30 and presentation 12-1pm located at First Response Training Center in South Bend.
- April 27th- Bertrand Pancake Breakfast – 8 am – 11 am.
- May 4th – Buchanan Twp. Fish Fry – 3 pm – 8 pm.
- May 19th – Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast – 8 am – 1 pm.

Host Chief Tim Jesswein thanked everyone for coming and he also thanked his crew and wife Tammy for helping setup and preparing the meal.

The evening program was presented by Ross Moore and Tim Draskovits from AEP on contact information, the Civil Authority Waiting (CAW) Priory, pulling meters, and dealing with downed power lines.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Klaer and supported by Allen Weich. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on May 1st, 2019
Chikaming Twp. Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**