

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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June 5th, 2019

Covert Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:25 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 16 departments represented with 38 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$187.25. The 50/50 amount was \$46/\$23.

The May minutes were presented. A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Jim Jonatzke to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of May was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$5,971.03 and the money market is \$8,743.51 for a combined total of \$14,714.64. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Jim Jonatzke to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment: A bill of \$398.50 submitted by President Kabelman for the portion owed for the commemorative coins. A motion to pay the amount submitted was made Jim Jonatzke with support from Mike Essig. Motion carried. Check presented.

Communications: A moment of silence was observed for William Edward Skiba Jr. who passed away on May 16th. He had served on the Bridgman Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Denny Sexton

- New positions in dispatch to be filled. These are fulltime positions.
- Upgrades to the system.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- The CERT June 4th in Berrien Springs Train the Trainer class started
- Chemical Facility Planning Data forms are being received.
- Looking in on where we are on HAZMAT certifications for each department.
- D. C. Cook Exercises with EOC starts July 30th with drill 1, August 13th for drill 2, and the evaluated exercise on August 27th.

DNR: Ben Osterland

- No Report

Chief's Association: Chief Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is June 19th at 08:30 a.m.
- No word on the grant yet.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- No report

EMS: Frank DeLaTorre

- Red Bud season starting with a large event July 6th. Metro Alert app being used.
- The Association congratulated Frank DeLaTorre on receiving the Star of Life award by American Ambulance Association.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Addressing tower issues.

Training Committee:

- Had a great turnout for the 2019 graduating FFI & FFII class held on June 4th.
- Live Burn Training Day to be held on July 21st for the graduating class. Sign up deadline is July 16th. Sign in form available on the BCFFTA website.
- Fireground Survival & RIT class Sept. 19th-22nd. Registration deadline is Sept. 1st. More information on web site.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Updates and corrections have been added.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- No Report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- No report

Old Business:

- The acceptance letter for our 501c IRS letter to the attending Association members.

New Business:

- The fascia and garage door on the Fire Education building at fair grounds needs replacement and with the need to upgrade the front of the building, waiting on more quotes being received. A second proposal reading to receive quotes was presented, estimated at \$2,000.

Announcements:

- Berrien Springs – Oronoko Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast July 4th, 07:30 – 11:30.
- Three Oaks Flag Day Pancake Breakfast July 9th, 8 AM - 1.
- Bridgman Summer Street Dance-July 12th-13th.

Host Chief Doug Myers thanked everyone for coming and offered tours and a viewing of their new Pumper after the meeting. Chief Myers also introduced the program given by Jed Wild from Rescue Task Force.

Allen Weich was our 50/50 winner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:02.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec/Treas

**The next meeting will be held on July 10th, 2019
Donald C. Cook Visitor Center
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**