

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **Lake Township Fire Department**

Meeting called to order early at 19:24 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 18 departments represented with 53 members present.

Donations received for the dinner were in the amount of \$130 and the 50/50 was \$104.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Ryan Klaer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of December was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$8,084.39 and the money market balance is \$8,746.17 for a combined total of \$16,830.56. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Tom Wicker to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**There were no bills submitted for the month of December.**

### **Communications:**

- ICE Rescue 1 & 2 training slots are full. Date and times on our web site.
- ICS-400 at Baroda Fire. Times and dates listed on our web site. Register on SMOKE
- Berrien Springs Oronoko Pancake Breakfast Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-11:30.
- Niles Twp.- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street station - Pancake Breakfast Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 -11 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 / Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- New Dispatcher and Call takers are in training.
- 800mhz pagers have been ordered by 14 departments
- There's a need for a department sponsor for the 800mhz radio grant.

#### **Emergency Management: Rockey Adams:**

- Shoreline erosion
- Palisades E plan
- 2021 D.C. Cook Hostile Action Drill in planning.
- Homeland Security be alert of home-based terrorist and cyber-attacks.

#### **DNR: Ben Osterson**

- No Report

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

- Next Chief's meeting is on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 08:30 am.
- Starting to write a new radio/pager grant and the past radio/pager grant got a 100% score.
- The templates are being worked on.
- Keep up to date on filing your Reports. (very important!)

#### **Mi-TRT5: Allen Weich**

- Hosting the evening program.

#### **Landing Zone- Mark Berger**

- Offering LZ classes
- Looking for pictures for next year's calendar.

#### **EMS: Frank DeLaTorre**

- Cold winter weather is here – Stay warm – Stay safe – Call for help when needed. Use the resources that are available.

**Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- Check out the SMOKE site for classes being offered and check and update your information.
- Make sure those NFIRS are being filed correctly, this is very important to receive training funds.
- Adult and High School classes are doing well.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Changes have been added. Check web for trainings and events.

**HazMat: Cory Burks**

- Working on FEMA
- Michigan Hazmat Responder Conference April 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheriff Bailey**

- Happy New Year!

**Old Business:**

- Working on obtaining more information on the Serve Pro smoke detectors and CO detectors program.

**New Business:**

- A donation of \$500 was donated to the BCFA in support of replacing the front brick on the Fire Education Center at the BCYF. We are looking for someone willing to help make this project possible. It is expected to cost over \$2,000 to complete this project.
- An Audit Committee will be needed for 2019 Audit.

**Announcements:**

- The Berrien County Youth Fair is Celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! August 17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Many activities and special entertainments are planed throughout the week.
- BCYF Dinner Dance will be held at the Mendel Center on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Call fair office or visit BCYF.org for more information. This is a 21+ Event.

Host Chief Harold Heyn thanked everyone for coming and thanked his crew for all there help in preparing for the meeting. The evening program was presented by Allen Weich from the Michigan Region 5 Technical Rescue Team intitled How Can Mi TRT 5 help your department when they are called.

Denny Sexton was our 50/50 drawing winner and he donated back. Thank you, Denny!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Burks and supported by Ryan Klaer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 21:43.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Graham*  
*Sec/Treas*

The next meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lincoln Twp. Fire Department  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours