

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Michiana Shores Fire Department

Meeting called to order early at 19:26 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 13 departments represented with 38 members present.

Donations received for the dinner were in the amount of \$99 and \$20 for 2 BCFA Commemorative coins sold at meeting.

The February minutes were presented. A motion was presented by Jamie Flick with support from Dan Mandalis to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of February was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$8,484.39 and the money market balance is \$8,746.89 for a combined total of \$17,231.28. A motion was made by Bob Adams with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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

## **Communications:**

- South Bend Fire Department is hosting an Electric fire truck viewing at Tire Rack on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Waiting on talk groups from the State for 800mhz pagers. A short training will be needed for all members once they are delivered.

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

- Michigan and Indiana working together on 800mhz talk group frequencies.
- Continuing shoreline erosion observations and warning for possible spring flooding preparation.
- A pre plan on the COVID 19 outbreak has been put in place and very important to wash your hands and not touch your face. If your sick STAY HOME.
- Health Department monitoring Triple E updates.

### **DNR: Ben Osterson**

- No report

**Chief's Association:** Next Chief's meeting is on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 08:30.

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

- Finalizing area response box cards.

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

- LZ-1 and LZ-2 on 800mhz to be used when in helicopter communications.

### **EMS: Dr. Beyers**

- Hospital departments are starting to move into the new pavilion.

**Training Committee: Allen Weich**

- Check out the SMOKE and BCTC sites for classes being offered and check and update your information.
- Help for practical's are needed.
- Due to health issues the high school teacher cannot continue teaching this class.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Sodus Twp. has named Wayne Davis as chief and Austin Carlson as assistant chief.
- Report any updates on Department Trucks both active and historical.
- The Page of Honor for Remembering Our past Firefighters.

**Old Business:**

- Working with Serve Pro smoke detectors and CO detectors program on legal information.
- Still looking for more help and supplies for the Fire Education Center front artificial brick replacement before the August 75<sup>th</sup> Fair Anniversary.
- The 2019 audit has been completed by the Audit Committee. A motion to accept the Audit and pay the Secretary/Treasurer \$365 was presented by Denny Sexton with the support of Allen Weich. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

- Michiana Shores has a Pancake Breakfast on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Host Chief Gerry Bendix thanked everyone for coming and he thanked his crew for tonight's meal and setup. Chief Bendix introduced LaPorte County Hazmat Director Jeff Hamilton. The program was on how the collision of three trains was handled in Porter County back in 2012.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Wise and supported by Allen Weich. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

The next meeting to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>  
at New Buffalo City Fire Department  
Has been **Canceled** due to COVID 19

**The next meeting will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>  
New Buffalo Twp. Sta. 1  
Meal at 18:30 and the meeting at 19:30**