

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: mi-bcfa.org

June 3rd, 2020

June Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:14 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 18 members present online.

The March and June minutes will be presented for a motion at next meeting.

The treasurer's report for the months of March-April-May- was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,238.39 and the money market balance is \$8,748.86 for a combined total of \$16,987.25 A motion was made by Corey Burks with support from Ryan Klaer to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills presented in April or May.

Communications:

- Gerry gave a power point presentation on the Fire Education Center at the fairgrounds. The plans to replace the front of the building has moved forward and Serve-Pro is donating their time to help on this project. The request of using up to \$3,000 for needed material was presented for an approval vote.
A motion presented by Doug DeBest and supported by Ryan Klaer to approve the request. The motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams:

- Covid-19 guidelines – updates by BCHD
- Erosion and Flooding
- Area peaceful demonstrations and getting the word out if you see or hear something say something right away don't delay on reporting it to the local authorities.
- Dave Agens has retired and Catlyn Sampsel has taken his place as 911 director. Jennifer Flick has been name as 911 assistant director.

Chief's Association: Next Chief's meeting is on June 17th at 08:30.

Mi-TRT5: Allen Weich

- Added a new member from North Berrien Fire.
- Training on going – catching up now
- Had a building collapse in Hartford – no reported injuries

Landing Zone- Mark Berger

- Will start the landing zone trainings soon.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Classes have resumed.
- Practical review will be on June 6th at 0800, June 13th at 0900, and June 21st at 0900.
- Written test on June 25th at 1800 – Berrien Springs Station.
- Practical Test on June 27th at 0800 – Fair Grounds – This will be modified and spaced out – no more help will be needed for the practical due to the pandemic spacing and amount of attendance guidelines.
- Cass County will not be present at the test's.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Updating the web site
- A pager power point is on the web site
- Click on the fire stations on the web site to listen to each departments pager tone. This feature has been recently added to help get the tone sound on the new 800 MHz pagers

Announcements:

Berrien County Youth Fair updates to follow next meeting !

No Host Chief represented at the zoom meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donnie Johnson and supported by Allen Weich. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:54

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on July 1st
At Niles Twp. Sta. 2
Meal at 18:30 and the meeting at 19:30**

**THE JULY MEETING IS A TENTATIVE PLAN
WITH THE OPTION OF HOLDING ANOTHER
ZOOM MEETING IF NEEDED FOR THE MOUNTH OF JULY
WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION**