

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: [mi-bcfa.org](http://mi-bcfa.org)

November 4th, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:03 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll call of departments indicate 9 departments represented with 18 members present online.

The treasurer's report for the month of October was presented. The balance in checking is \$5,577.10 and the money market balance is \$8,751.06 for a combined total of \$14,328.16. Check number 306 written for \$2,273.05 and check number 307 for \$2,626.00 to Gerry Kabelman for the purchase of the smoke detectors and the combination smoke/carbon monoxide detectors with Home Depot for ServPro to distribute have been written and have cleared. A motion was made by Donnie Johnson with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Communications**

This year SERVPRO has been able to distribute 1300 smoke alarms and 130 Carbon Monoxide alarms to 26 Berrien County fire departments. We Thank ServPro, Spectrum Health Lakeland Health and Honor Credit Union for their donations to make this possible.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Working on setting up more departments on the 800mhz and on paging improvement's when being dispatched

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

- Covid-19 – updates by BCHD -- county has seen a increase of positive cases.

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

No November meeting. Next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Landing Zone: Mark Berger**

- Landing zone information is available.

### **Training Committee:**

- Going well and online currently.

### **EMS:Medical**

- EMS tabletop meeting/drill has been planned.
- MABAS pod tanker drill went very well with local participation.

### **MI-TRIS;**

- Upgrading response areas on which local team members are deployed that are closer to the incident when called and to determine if more team members are needed. Coverage area is 9 counties.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Updating the web site and directory with new information and keep the information coming so the updates can be posted.
- Check out the Fire Education Centers 2020 makeover progress pictures on the web site. Final touches have been made to seal up the building for the winter months ahead.

**Old Business:**

- Nominating committee members Denny Sexton and Ryan Klear have stated the current officers are willing to serve the year 2021. A online vote can be done on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting if enough members are present in the zoom meeting.

**New Business:**

- A motion was made by Denny Sexton to request the current officers remain in service in the event that not enough members are present to vote for them at the December meeting and that they will remain in service til a full member vote can be made. With the support made by Frank DeLaTorre and present members the motion carried.
- A request was made to cancel the annual auction night held normally at our December Christmas meeting. A motion was made by Denny Sexton to cancel the auction and with the support from Donnie Johnson the motion carried.

**Announcements;**

Lincoln Township is hosting a drive thru Pancake Breakfast on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 08:00 – 11:30.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Klear and supported by Matt Wedde. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:33.

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

**The next meeting December 2nd at 7pm**

**This will be a zoom online meeting**

**No Annual Auction**

**Annual Officer Election to be held**

**WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION**