

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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December 2nd, 2020

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:04 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 11 departments represented with 27 members present online.

The minutes for November were presented. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support from Ryan Klear to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of November was presented. The balance in checking is \$5,574.10 and the money market balance is \$8,751.42. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Ryan Klear to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Communications

- A few departments still need to pick up their carbon monoxide detectors, there are ten 2-packs left, for a total of 20 detectors.
- There are extra smoke detectors available if a department runs out of them. Contact Gerry Kabelman for more information on obtaining them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- 5 new dispatchers are in training.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams:

- Covid-19 : A good participation was done in a short period of time to get information on members wanting to get the covid vaccine when it becomes available. Some of the concerns with side-affects and the availability to the county departments was presented.
- Charts and graphs were presented on the status of our county on the steady increases of covid cases through the recent months.
- Making sure that we are staying on top of the procession of the disease and the progress of the vaccines.

Chief's Association:

Next Chief's meeting will be December 16th.

Landing Zone: Mark Berger

2021 new calendar in progress and should be released before Christmas.

Training Committee:

- 1&2 classes are going well. Van Buren and Cass county departments also have students in the class. Looking into modify the class into smaller groups in order to continue in person training.
- The 8 students in the high school class have been on virtual training sessions.

EMS: Medical

- No Report

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- No Report

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Seeking those department updates!!!

Old Business:

- Nominating committee members Denny Sexton and Ryan Klear have stated the current officers are willing to serve the year 2021.
- The call out for anyone wanting to run against any position in the governing body was made. There was no opposing recommendation's.
- The request to vote in the current officers for the year 2021 was issued to take place. A motion by Ted Nitz with the support of Matt Remmo to vote Gerry Kabelman, Dave Albers, Craig Brent, and Dennis Graham to remain as elected officers for the year 2021. Motion carried. Thank you!

New Business:

- None.

Announcements

The Berrien County Riders 2020 Toys for Tots drive and ride will be held on December 12th at Fisher Auto Parts warehouse on M-139 in Benton Harbor. Start time at 08:30.

Baroda Chief Doug deBest acknowledged President Gerry Kableman for his leadership of the Berrien County Firefighters Association.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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The next meeting on January 6th at 7pm

This will be a zoom online meeting

WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION