

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds

Meeting called to order at 19:05 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call 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 call indicated 15 members present representing 10 departments.

The minutes for May were presented. A motion was made by Dan Cronin with support from Denny Sexton to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of May was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,018.10 and the money market balance is \$8,753.60. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support Dan Cronin to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Communications:**

- Retirement Party for Chief Larry Klug of Baroda is planned on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the Baroda Twp. Park.
- Baroda fireworks are planned for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Berrien Springs Pancake Breakfast July 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 11:30 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911/Dispatch: Kris Burks**

- The only remaining fire department not on 800 mhz paging is Sodus Twp.
- Active 911 should not be relied on for primary paging. This system relies on the internet, if the Comcast system goes down for any reason the dispatch capabilities to your phone cannot be completed. The 800mhz pagers need to be used for primary dispatch.

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

- D.C. Cook Drill dates have changed to September.

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

- Next Chief's meeting is June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Training Committee:**

- The Firefighter 1&2 class had 17 students, and 2 from the high school class passed the course.
- Graduation will be held at the fairgrounds on June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.
- For those students wanting to retest, check the SMOKE site for area test dates.
- Benton Harbor Dept. Public Safety will be hosting a 10-week Firefighter 1 and 2 class starting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Resource Directory/Web:**

- Waiting on a few more updates from Eau Claire.
- Please check your department in the Directory to see if any updates need to be added.

**New Business\Old Business:**

- Dan Cronin made a request to look into starting a Tribute Memorial for Berrien County Fallen Firefighters at the fairgrounds.

The evening program was a presentation by Jim Schouz from Great Lakes Search and Recovery.

Capt. Joe Ehrenberg of the Saint Joseph Public Safety brought the new Pierce Tower 106 to the meeting for show and tell. The truck will be placed into service later in July after training and department modifications have been made.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:35 with a motion by Jim Schouz and supported by Denny Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting on July 7th at 7 pm**

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