

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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

July 7th, 2021

Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds

Meeting called to order at 19:04 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 21 members present representing 11 departments. \$30.00 was collected towards the sale of challenge coins at meeting.

The minutes for June were presented. A motion was made by Bill Knisely with support from Denny Sexton to approve the June minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of June was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,018.10 and the money market balance is \$8,753.94. Check in the amount of \$25 was written to the State of Michigan for nonprofit annual fee. A motion was made by Jim Jonatzke with support Tom Wicker to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Communications:**

- Charity Golf Outing, Friday 30, 2021 at Berrien Hills Golf Course supporting Carol's Hope, a crisis intervention center in Berrien County.
- The retirement party for Chief Larry Klug of Baroda celebrating 45 yrs. held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, was very well attended.
- Baroda fireworks held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was well received went well.
- Berrien Springs Pancake Breakfast held on July 4<sup>th</sup> served over 900.
- Car show planned for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Saint Joseph Twp. soccer field. A one-day show. Proceeds going towards Police and Fire. Swap meet, Food, and pancake breakfast in planning stages.
- Weesaw Twp. Pancake Breakfast August 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- The only remaining fire department not on 800 mhz paging is Sodus Twp.
- New box cards have been received but not implemented yet.
- 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 exercise still in the works.

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

- Next Chief's meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Training Committee:**

- Graduation held at the fairgrounds on June 10<sup>th</sup> well attended.
- Benton Harbor Dept. Public Safety will be hosting a 10-week Firefighter 1 and 2 class starting on June 15<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Resource Directory/Web:**

- Entering updates from Eau Claire.
- Please check your department in the Directory to see if any updates need to be added.

**New Business\Old Business:**

- Sign up sheet for fair education building during fair week available. Help is needed for daily activities each day.

The evening program was a presentation by Dan Carrick representing Sen. Kim LaSata. HB 4171 and 4172 for work man's comp extended for vol. and part time fire fighters. Now's the time to get those budget issues in.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:30 with a motion by Jim Schouz and supported by Matt Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**Note: Time Change**

**The next meeting on AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Berrien County Youth Fair Grounds  
"KORN DOGS"**