

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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November 3rd, 2021

Buchanan Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:11 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$70.

Roll call of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 19 members present online.

Minutes for the month of October were presented. A motion made by Bob Adams with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of October was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,754.84 and the money market balance is \$8,760.78 for a combined total of \$14,515.62. A motion was made by Travis Munday with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The treasurer presented a request to transfer the savings and money market accounts from Huntington Bank to Honor Credit Union due the changes and fees that have accord with the new bank system at Huntington. The request also included to have all four officers accountable on the account so signatures from any two of the four officers to validate a approved check. A motion to approve the requests as stated was made by Cory Burks with support from Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried.

Bills presented

- President Kabelman presented the bills from the fair. \$402.04 for the 2021 fire education center supplies and a bill for \$216 towards sticker badges. Motion by Denny Sexton with support from Tim Jesswein to approve payment. Motion carried.
- The purchase at LOWE,S of 375 smoke detectors for \$3,206.25 and 36 smoke/co combo units for \$499.93 was presented. A motion by Chris Burks with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve payment towards the bills presented. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch: Kris Burks

- Active 911 is not intended be used for primary dispatch due to time delays that may occur.
 - If you have not received a pager 800mhz tone on the call but received a active 911, make sure you read times of dispatch before fully responding because there may be a time delay from a previous call.

Chief's Association:

No November meeting. Next meeting December 15th.

Landing Zone: Mark Berger

- Hunting starting. Be safe.
- Landing zone classes welcome to any local department

EMS: Medical

- SMACAS infusion mobile unit available.
- Red cross has cots available. These are new and still in the box

Training Committee:

- The following are the continuing education requirements for each certification classification: An individual who is a firefighter of a recognized fire department or public safety department, who currently holds council certification regardless his or her rank, responsibilities, or certifications, shall obtain a minimum of 36 hours during a 3-year cycle, with a minimum of 6 hours per year, in firefighting knowledge and practical skills consistent with NFPA 1001, as adopted by reference in R29.410. Both of the following apply to the continuing education required under this subdivision.
- Firefighter I & II has 14 students and doing well.
- The High School class has 15 students which represent departments all over the county. Trainer Doug Wise commented how much this class shows interest and participation in what is being presented in class.
- Training committee is looking for complete used air packs for training purposes. If any department has used equipment and wants to donate towards the training center should contact Cory Burks with the information.

MI-TRIS;

- Training at the new Indeck power plant in Niles.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Car show donations and sponsorships have been coming in. Updates on website.

Hazmat:

- Make sure all size hazmat spills are reported. Helps with Federal funding.

Sherriff:

- Be safe, make wise decisions, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Old Business:

- December elections, in search for a new 1st vice president.
- Start collecting donations for the December fund raising auction.

New Business:

- Niles twp. is still planning on the December auction/election meeting.
- The 2022 meeting calendar has been completed.
- There are only 40 Challenge coins left and the need to order more is approaching. The cost is listed at \$800 and takes about 6-8 weeks to delivery.

Host Chief Tim Jesswein thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked his crew for their help in preparing the meal. Our guest for the evening was State Senator Kim LaSata talking on behalf of the new grants assigned to our county.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Chris Burks. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on December 1st
Elections and Auction
NILES TWP. STA.2
2049 3rd Street
6:30 meal
7:00 meeting**