

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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April 6th, 2022

Saint Joseph City Department of Public Safety

Meeting called to order at 19:06 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 36 members present online.

The minutes for April were presented. A motion was made by Ryan Klaer with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of April was presented. The balance in the car show account is 5050.05, checking has \$8,383.10 and the money market balance is \$8,752.50. A motion was made by Doug deBest with support from Pete Fister to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills

- Two bills presented for payment from the car show account for printed flyers for the event. Both bills combined to the total of \$220.34. A motion from Jeff Krozick with support by Denny Sexton to make payment to Steve Wright for reimbursement. Motion carried.

Communications/Announcements

- Berrien Springs/Oronoko Pancake Breakfast April 10th, 7:30am-11:30am.
- Benefit Dinner for Buchanan Twp. FF Kyle Mullen April 16th, 4pm-7pm at fire station.
- Niles Twp. Pancake Breakfast April 24th, 8am-11am at Sta. 2
- Sodus Twp. Pancake Breakfast April 24th, 7am-12:30pm at fire station.
- Bertrand Twp. Pancake Breakfast May 7th, 8am-11am at fire station.
- Lincoln Twp. Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast May 15th, 8am-11am at fire station

Landing Zone: Mark Berger

- Available for those LZ trainings.

Training Committee: Cory Burks

- The 1&2 class and high school class are moving toward the end of their curriculum. Participation from the supporting departments with students in the class in upcoming practical sessions will be appreciated.
- A VERY important notice to all firefighters that are registered on SMOKE is to check-in on the site and do any updates on your personal information that has changed.
- There are many local Trainings listed on Smoke.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Check web for updates on coming events
- Each department check directory for changes and updates and turn them in so they can be entered.

MI-TRT-5

Kalamazoo City with the help of a grant has added more structural collapse equipment to their response trailers. These are available for our county in the event of a collapse emergency.

Hazmat:

- Members will be attending the Michigan HAZMAT Responder Conference at Crystal Mountain on April 11th-13th.

Old Business:

- The money market account at Huntington Bank was not fully closed at the time we transferred to HONOR Credit Union. When we closed the account back in October, the very next day .07 interest was applied to the money market account, with a balance now in the account (.07) it kept it as an open account. With fees and interest being applied to the account thru March of 2022. We have finally received conformation the money market is closed without any fees or penalties.
- Sec/Treas Dennis Graham presented the 2021 BCFA files to audit committee for review.
- Denny Sexton and Matt Remmo represent the 2021 audit committee.
- After audit review, the audit committee approved the 2021 BCFA files complete and final. They were presented it back to the secretary/treasurer.
- A motion presented by Doug deBest with the support of Dale Stover to approve the recommendation of the audit committees approval of the 2021 audit and to pay the secretary/treasurer Dennis Graham \$365 for the 2021 year. Motion carried.
- Second request to form a committee of three members to go over the BCFA Constitution and Bylaws.
Doug deBest offered to be on the committee, looking for two more members to serve.

Host:

SJDPS Jeremy Connell welcomed everyone and thanked his crew for the planning and setup for the meeting. The program for the evening was presented by Mark Berger the Transport Outreach Director for MedFlight. The training on Landing Zone set up and Safety included a visit by the MedFlight Helicopter landing on a set up LZ by the fire station.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 19:28 was presented by Ryan Klaer and supported by Jeff Krolzick. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

Sec / Treas

**The next meeting on May 4th,2022
Niles City Fire Department
18:30 meal
19:00 meeting**