

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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September 7th, 2022

Three Oaks Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:09 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$130.

Roll call of departments indicate 15 departments represented with 42 members present .

Minutes for the month of August were presented . A motion made by Jon Vollman with support from Mark Berger to approve the August minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of August was presented. The current balance in checking is \$1,724.01 and the money market balance is \$14,512.76, for a combined total of \$16,236.77. The balance for the car show account is \$8,620.99. A motion was made by Joe Burk with support from Corey Burks to approve the August treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Bills:

- Bills totaling \$77.13 were submitted by Dennis Graham towards replacing two window fans, supplies and hardware for the Fire Education Center.
- Bill in the totaled amount of \$60.46 were submitted by Gerry Kabelman for supplies for the Fire Education Center during the 2022 fair.
- Motion made to approve paying the amounts was made by Corey Burks with support from Jamie Flick. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Weesaw Twp. Pancake Breakfast September 18th, 8am-1pm.
- Lincoln Twp. Pancake Breakfast September 11th, 8-11:30am.
- Three Oaks Pancake Breakfast September 25th, 6am-12pm.
- New Buffalo Twp. Fired Up 5K September 24th, 9am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch:

- Working with minimum staff and new staff in training.

Emergency Management:

- Joining the social media with accounts being opening soon.(Facebook, Instagram, twitter etc.)
- LEPC meeting Sept. 15th at 9am at the Administration building.
- Sept. 12th at 3pm sending out a targeted test alert in a section of SJ city and a portion of BH.to test accurate location reception.
- School Safety Training for area teachers being held.

Chief's Association:

Next Meeting 8:30 am Sept.21st. Constitution revision vote and box card discussions.

Training Committee:

- High school class started with 7 students and the FF 1&2 class starts soon.
- Driver Ed class Sept. 24th
- Make sure you are checking out SMOKE for upcoming Trainings.

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- PLEASE review the sections for your department in the Directory for any changes and then submit them in. This can be very helpful knowing what a neighboring department may have when in need. (Portable fans, rams, boats, saws, water supply etc...)
- Web updated with fair photos and winners of the coloring contest.

Hazmat:

- Team members attended a State of Michigan Regional Training
- Seeking qualified department members to help the HAZMAT team. Contact your chief if interested then he will contact Corey with the information.
- Available for Awareness OPPS Trainings.

Landing Zone:

- A policy change has been made on helicopter approach. The pilot will now circle the area of the landing zone at least two times before setting down.

Old Business/New Business:

- Motion to purchase 900 Smoke detectors at the cost of \$3,969 was presented. Dan Mandolis with support from Mike Plis. Motion carried.
- Motion to purchase CO detectors was also presented. Corey Burks with support from Joseph Dyniewski. Motion carried.
- On behalf from Chief Myers and the Fair Board, Corey Burks, thanked everyone helping support the 2022 fair. Plans are being made to start on the new Safety Building in March of 2023.
- Gerry Kabelman and Dennis Graham wished to thank everyone who helped them at the Fire Education Center this year. We had the highest participation ever at 85%, many that never volunteered before enjoyed helping.

On behalf of Chief David Flick, Capt. Kert Craft thanked everyone for coming and our evening presentation was the MI-TRT-5 Unit out of Niles City.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jon Vollman and supported by Chief Jamie Flick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on
October 5th, 2022
Watervliet Fire Department
6:30 Meal
7:00 meeting**