

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

October 5th, 2022

Watervliet Fire Department

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

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

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$73.11.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 25 members present .

Minutes for the month of September were presented . A motion made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Dave White to approve the September minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of September was presented. The current balance in checking is \$4,222.42 and the money market balance is \$14,513.96. The balance for the car show account is \$8,620.99 with a combined total of \$27,357.43 A motion was made by Jeff Krolzick with support from Dave White to approve the September treasurer's report. The motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

- North Berrien Ladies Auxiliary Quarter Auction, Oct. 16th , 2 pm at Sta. 1.
- Buchanan Twp. Fish Fry, Oct. 22nd, 3-8 pm
- St. Joe Twp. Sta.1 Incident Safety Officer training Oct. 22nd and 23rd from 8am-4:30pm
- Niles City EMT course Starting Nov.1st through March 25th.
- North Berrien Toy Drive Nov.12th and Nov.26th from 5-8 pm at Sta. 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch:

- Working with minimum staff and new staff in training.

Chief's Association:

Next Meeting Nov. 16th at 8:30 am Bylaws updated and approved.

Old Business/New Business:

- By-Laws and Constitution Changes and Additions 2nd reading. Copy included with minutes.
- C-Art. V Sect.# 2 Change to two (2) year terms from one (1) year term.
- C-Art VII Sect # 2 Change to August, from elections occurring in December.
 - Add Section # 8 Split Terms for Officers, with two Officers being elected/voted on each year. (1) President and 2nd Vice President (even year)
(2) 1st Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer (odd Year)
- By-Laws-Add Sect.# 6 – Virtual Meetings - Meetings that may be held virtually as needed due to severe weather, major on-going emergency, health concerns, or any other reason deemed appropriate by the President and Officers.
- Awaiting total amounts for Smoke Detectors and CO detectors followed by getting them ordered.
- New BCFA MEETING Schedule preview presented.

Host Chief Bill Whitney thanked his crew for their help preparing the meal setup and thanked everyone for coming. The evening presentation was with Mark Berger from Med-Flight.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave White with support by Bill Whitney. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:28

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on
November 2nd, 2022
Sister Lakes Fire Department
6:30 Meal
7:00 meeting**