

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

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

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Baroda Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:07 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$77.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 29 members present.

Minutes for the month of October and notes statement for November were presented. A motion made by Ted Nitz with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes and notes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of December was presented. The balance in checking is \$1,078.03, \$21.05 in car show account to keep it open, and the money market balance is \$19,818.12 for a combined total of \$20,917.20. A motion was made by Bill Knisely with support from Mark Gyman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Bills presented**

- Anonymous donation check in the amount \$1,000 has been received and divided between the Berrien County Firefighters Association and the Berrien County Firefighter Training Committee. A motion to present a check in the amount of \$500 to the BC Training Committee was made by Sarah Henderson with support by Denny Sexton. Motion Carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911/Dispatch:**

- Training on new dispatchers going well.

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

- Next meeting December 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Training Committee:**

- The High School class has 8 students, and the FF1& FF2 class has 15 in attendance.

### **MI-TRIS;**

- No November call outs. Participated at a training in Kalamazoo.

### **Resource Directory/Web:**

- Announcements and trainings have been posted on web.

### **Hazmat:**

- We recognize Lt. Corey Burks for 25 years dedication of service with the Berrien County Sherriff Department. Happy Retirement Lt. Burks.

### **Sherriff:**

- Be safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**Announcements:**

The New Buffalo Twp. Fire / Berrien County Sheriff's Office are hosting a Polar Plunge Pancake Breakfast on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:00 – 11:00.

NBT Public Safety Building  
18959 US-12 New Buffalo, MI

All proceeds benefit Special Olympics of Michigan.

**Old Business:**

- The 2023 Election Nomination Committee stated that no one has challenged the present officer positions.  
A motion to re-elect the following current officers for 2023, Gerry Kabelman as President, Craig Brent as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Donnie Johnson as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Dennis Graham as Secretary/Treasurer by Ted Nitz with support by Matthew Johnson, the motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Need to finalize approval of the 2023 Meeting Schedule.

Host Chief Jeff Gaul wished Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to his crew for their dedication in helping setup the station and meal preparation,

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Matthew Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:25.

**Thank you for all the support and donations for the auction.**

The total of \$3,076 was raised.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Benton Charter Township Sta. 1**

**6:30 meal**

**7:00 meeting**