

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **Niles Twp. Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:08 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donnie Johnson and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 9 departments represented with 20 members present. Meal donations collected \$110.

The minutes for the month of May was presented. Motion made by Jeff Krolzick with support from Sarah Henderson to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of May indicated the balance in checking at \$1,524.80. Money market balance is \$21,559.60. Combined total of \$23,084.40. A balance of \$10,690.88 in the car show account. A motion made by Corey Burks with support from Donnie Johnson to approve the report. The motion carried

### **Bills submitted for payment:**

- None

### **Communications:**

- Reading Smoke class sponsored by SJDPS at Corewell on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Lest We Forget June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Benefit Car Show June 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm. Contact information, and sponsor information are listed on the [mi-BCFA.org](http://mi-BCFA.org) website. Parking available for fire trucks to be displayed.
- Baroda fireworks July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers welcomed to help out. Help starting at 1pm in parking and traffic. Contact Chief Burch for more information.
- Berrien Springs Pancake Breakfast July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks at the fairgrounds in evening. Fundraiser for youth, \$5 parking fee. Volunteers are welcome to help out. Contact Corey Burks for more information. BSOFD Challenge Coins available as a fund raiser towards purchase of cordless jaws/cutters.
- Salty Ash Golf Outing August 29<sup>th</sup>. More information on our web page. A motion for the BCFA to become a sponsor of the Salty Ash Golf Outing made by Corey Burks with support by Jeff Krolzick in the sum of \$100. Motion carried. Payment submitted.

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

- Next Chiefs Meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

### **Training Committee:**

- Check-in on SMOKE for more information and to register on the many courses offered in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. Particularly important that every department member check in on SMOKE and verify that all their information is up to date.
- Seeking replies from training surveys sent out. They need to be returned so they can be sent in.

### **Resource Directory/Website:**

- Check your departments lists for changes so we can keep the Directory up to date.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Benefit Car Show page has recent updates. Fire apparatus old and new welcome to display.
- BCYF August 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, updates and changes been taking place through out grounds. The new Public Safety building will be fully operational during the fair.

**Sheriff:**

- 2 attending LMC academy
- Helping out at Lest We Forget and the Car Show.
- Benefit Car Show Sheriff Dept. portion will be applied towards the Mounted unit and the Reserve unit.

**Old Business:**

- Reminder July meeting rescheduled to July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- No recent updates HART program. Committee has been formed. Seeking information and available recourses.

**New Business:**

- A request to purchase a cooler for the BCYF Public Safety Building in the sum not exceeding \$2,000 was presented by Corey Burks. A motion to start the request made by Jeff Krolzick with support of Sarah Henderson. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> reading presented.

Host Chief Tim Jesswein thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The evening program was presented by BCFFTC Instructors Corey Burks and Jeff Krolzick on the new BCFFTC mobile Driving Simulator.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Krolzick and supported by Sarah Henderson carried meeting adjourned at 19:42.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Graham*  
*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting July 10th, 2024  
North Berrien Sta. 1 Coloma  
18:30 Meal  
19:00 BCFA Meeting**