

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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January 8th, 2025

Sodus Twp. Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:10 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$158.

Roll call of departments indicate 8 departments represented with 30 members present .

Minutes for the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec were presented . A motion made by Austin Carlson with support from Denny Sexton to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec. was presented. The balance in checking is \$7,280.38 and the money market balance is \$22,905.66. The balance for the car show account is \$159.08 for a combined total \$30,345.12. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Everett Steinke to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment: An upcoming bill to be submitted will be for 7-8 Bibles at about \$230 cost shared with Chiefs Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief's Association:

- Next Meeting January 15th, 08:30 am Lake Twp. Fire Dept.

Training Committee:

- Make sure you check out Smoke for all training courses offered. Good to time to sign in and check that all your information is correct.
- Sat. class has 18 students, with seven from Van Buren and Cass counties.
- High school has 12 students and are mid-term already. Held a meet and greet with the chiefs in December. (May 1st written, May 8th practical) anyone interested in helping are encouraged to contact Cory Burks.

MITRT5:

- Call out to Coldwater for a structural collapse rescue!
- Training is scheduled in February.
- Received funding for adding new members to the team. Get your application in soon if interested.

Resource Directory/Web:

- Waiting on updates on a few items like new trucks, new Chief information, and department equipment changes.
- Revised edition will be published soon.
- Make sure to check web site for upcoming trainings and events.

Old Business:

- The State Regulations on smoke detectors are changing. Encouraging fire departments to register in the MI Prevention Smoke Detector Program for their smoke and CO alarms.

New Business:

- 2024 audit committee request was made. Austin Carlson and Denny Sexton will serve as the 2024 audit committee.

Announcements:

- Polar Plunge Supporting BC Sherriff Dept. in New Buffalo Sat. Jan. 11th, 9-12.
- Niles Twp. Breakfast Sunday Jan. 12th, 8-11. Sta. 2 on 3rd St.
- Howard Twp. Breakfast Jan. 18th, 8-12.

Host Chief Everett Steinke welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The evening program was presented by Al Lee from First Line Technology demonstrating DAHLGREEN DECON. This is a three-component decontamination solution.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Austin Carlson and supported by Denny Sexton. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting on February 5th
Three Oaks Fire Department**

6:30 meal

7:00 meeting