

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

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**1. Call to order** – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. at the Princeton City Hall.

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair            City of Princeton  
Gene Stoeckel                    Princeton Twsp  
Cathy Lundeen                    Wyanett Twsp  
Stephen L. Dolin                 Greenbush Twsp.  
Bill Andresen                     Blue Hill Twsp.

Staff present:

Mark Karnowski, City Admin.  
Jim Roxbury, Chief P.F.R.D.  
Andy Gerold, PFRD Truck Committee  
Billy Gerold, PFRD Truck Committee

**2. Review/Consideration of October 6, 2009 Minutes**

ANDRESEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2009, MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STOECKEL. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. Agenda Additions/Deletions** – none.

**4. Reports:**

**A. Run Reports** – A summary run report for September was handed out by Chief Roxbury and reviewed with the Board. The actual reports for each township will be mailed out.

**B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury**

Chief Roxbury advised that they did the final ISO event (water shuttle) and had 16 tnkrs from 11 different departments participating. It went well and took about 2 hours to move a total of 38,000 gallons of water. Roxbury advised that the PFRD now has two official stations, the main fire station and the garage at the PUC that houses one of the other fire rigs. The Wyanett station won't be official until we locate a pumper in that location. They had over 900 kids at the Halloween event. They've been practicing with the Aerial at the airport. The PFRD will be doing their agility tests over the next couple of weeks. They have relocation training coming up. They'll be doing several house burns on the next few weeks including some arson testing and training.

**5. Old Business**

**A. 20 Year Truck CIP** – Andy Gerold and Billy Gerold – both from the PFRD Truck Committee provided information on the proposed purchase of a chassis for a grass rig to replace Unit 6 (which will move out to Wyanett). They have a State Bid price from Elk River Ford that all agreed was a good price for a 1 ton, 4 door 4WD Long box chassis. When completed, it will have a slide in grass rig and will otherwise be used as a tow vehicle. The Committee was advised that the funds are in place to buy the chassis and the fund will be in place next year to finish the vehicle without having to have an additional assessment to the FAB members. Gerold advised that the price was only good until November 27<sup>th</sup>, then it will go up by about 10%.

STOECKEL MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE CHASSIS FROM ELK RIVER FORD FOR \$27,465.04. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ANDRESEN. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The FAB also reviewed the Truck Committee's vehicle replacement plan that suggests that the following schedule be pursued.

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| 2009-10 | - | Replace Unit #6 (1991 Ford Grass Rig) - Estimated Cost: \$60,000              |
| 2010    |   | Refurbish Unit #9 (1996 Freightliner w/Engle tank) – Estimated cost: \$70,000 |
| 2011-12 |   | Replace Unit #1 (1977 Ford 1000 GPM Pumper) – Estimated cost: \$300,000       |
| 2016    |   | Replace Unit#5 chassis ('91 Spartan 1500 GMP Pumper) Est. cost: \$200,000     |
| 2019    |   | Replace Unit #4 (1999 Chev. Tanker) Estimated cost: 200,000                   |
| 2024    |   | Replace Unit #8 (2004 1750 GPM Peterbuilt) Estimated cost: \$550,000          |
| 2028    |   | Replace Unit #3 (2008 Dodge grass & rescue) Estimated cost: \$90,000          |

Gerold noted that the dates of the proposed schedule was subject to change but accurately reflected the Department's priorities.

Chief Roxbury commented that, in his opinion, the schedule was exceptionally aggressive and that he understood that funding at the level proposed was probably unrealistic. There was no action requested or taken on the proposed plan.

## **6. New Business**

- A. 2010 Budget** – The FAB briefly reviewed the proposed 2010 budget with Chief Roxbury and agreed that it appeared to meet the previously agreed to 3% increase.

## **7. Next Meeting & Agenda**

It was noted that the next meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, it was noted that the PFRD's annual meeting is also that night, so the group agreed to begin the meeting at 6 PM.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business:

DOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN. ANDRESEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,  
City Administrator