

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
AT 7:00 P.M., ON JANUARY 6, 2009, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

1. Call to order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair City of Princeton
John Roxbury Princeton Twsp.
Stephen L. Dolin Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp
Roger Nelson (sub for Andresen)

Staff present:

Mark Karnowski, City Administrator
Jim Roxbury, Chief P.F.R.D.

Members Absent:

Bill Andresen Blue Hill Twsp.

--- Special Order Of Business – Annual Elections ---

The Chair, Whitcomb opened nominations for Fire Advisory Board Chair for 2009.

ROXBURY MOVED TO ELECT WHITCOMB AS FAB CHAIR FOR 2009. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE NOMINATIONS CLOSED. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitcomb opened nominations for FAB Vice-Chair for 2008.

NELSON MOVED TO ELECT DOLIN AS FAB VICE-CHAIR FOR 2009. ROXBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Whitcomb opened nominations for FAB Secretary for 2009.

ROXBURY MOVED TO ELECT LUNDEEN AS FAB SECRETARY FOR 2009. NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Review/Consideration of December 2, 2008 Minutes

ROXBURY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2008, MEETING. LUNDEEN NOTED THAT “WAYANETT” WAS MISSPELLED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT AS CORRECTED. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – none

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – The run reports were mailed before the meeting.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Chief Roxbury handed out a year end summary of runs (without township designation) and went over it briefly. He advised that he was going to a grant writing class. He'll also be attending a meeting at Mille Lacs County regarding their plans to switch to 800 megahertz radios. The PFRD had a family type get together at the fire station on New Year's Eve...and had one call that evening. They've had quite a few calls over the last month. He attended a Relocation meeting and learned that they're looking for a 3rd site because of population growth around the Monticello plant site. Jim suggested that they may not need to open a whole new site if the new Public Safety Building was constructed to handle more folks. Mark noted that he's working on getting the new Public Safety Building included as part of the President Elect's Economic Stimulus package. Roxbury noted that, as we were meeting, the Princeton and Dalbo fire departments were training at the Wyanett facility.

Roxbury also noted that, last Friday night, he received a surprise phone call from the Baldwin Fire Chief asking when his department can start training with the PFRD. Further, he asked if Roxbury could hold a class at Baldwin on the training and duties of the fire captains. That's definitely a change in direction from their former posture.

C. Correspondence – None

5. Old Business

A. Wyanett Sub Station

As noted above, both the PFRD and Dalbo firefighters are doing a joint exercise at the Wyanett substation. Comments by Lundeen suggested that we may need to do more PR to assure Wyanett residents that the addition of the substation enhances their emergency service protection and does not reduce it.

B. Glenn Olson Presentation

The Board briefly reviewed the minutes from the Princeton City Council meeting where the head of the statewide Relocation effort gave a presentation on the program.

C. Other

Roger Nelson advised that Blue Hill Township is still looking at switching over to having their whole township covered by the PFRD.

Chief Roxbury handed out the "draft" fire contract bills for 2009. Those number might change if Blue Hill switches coverage.

6. New Business

A. Year End Review

The year end review was covered above. There will be more information on 2008 at the February meeting.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

It was noted that Mark will be at a conference on February 3rd and will not be staffing the meeting – Mary Lou will handle that meeting. That meeting's agenda will include discussion on the March 3rd annual meeting at the Fire Station and the city's presentation(s) to the townships at their annual meeting on March 10th.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

DOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN. ROXBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark H. Karnowski
City Administrator