

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD
AT 7:00 P.M., ON June 5, 2007, 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
Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp.
John Roxbury Princeton Twsp.
Stephen L. Dolin Greenbush Twsp.

Staff present:

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

Members absent:

Bill Andresen Blue Hill Twsp.

2. Review/Consideration of May 1, 2007

DOLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2007, MEETING. JOHN ROXBURY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – will be mailed.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Chief Roxbury informed the Fire Advisory Board that:

1. He'd met with the Baldwin Fire Department's Assistant Chief who he found to be accommodating. He explained that some members of the Town Board apparently don't want Princeton to be automatically paged for structure fires because it would appear to others that the Baldwin FD has to depend on Princeton. He noted that the Bremmer Foundation grant for the fire house was not funded. They also didn't get the Federal Wildlife grant that they were told would be a "shoe in". They are getting a \$2,000 grant from both the Eddy Foundation and North Star Access. They also got an \$1,800 grant from the EMS group. The PFRD is training to use the new fire house. The new fire district maps are now in. The PFRD did some trading with the police department where the police could use some of the PFRD's new radios until the switch over to 800 mgtz; in exchange the PFRD will use a couple of the police's extra laptop computers. Apparently the Santiago citizens petition to put the fire sub station w/Becker to a vote was declared invalid. A second petition apparently didn't get in on time, but apparently the issue may still go to a vote. The department recently responded to a call where a guy got his arm caught in a manure spreader. There's reason to believe he may be able to save his hand. They also responded to a house fire at the request of Dalbo who only had three firefighters respond and their pumper wouldn't work. The PFRD arrived and saved most of the house. Apparently Zimmerman is still working on a fire district agreement with Livonia Township. He's met with both Wyanette Township officials and Dalbo firefighters to discuss fire coverage in that area. The Executive Board is drafting plans for a generic sub-station, should one be needed in the future. He asked and received permission to disperse the old air packs to other departments whose equipment is older than the packs we recently replaced. Roxbury may be able to exchange the air packs for some Hurst Tools that another department cannot use. He reminded all that the fireman's ball is July 7th with the band Jonah and the Wales.

5. Old Business:

A. Public Safety Building Update

Karnowski advised that much of the space needs had been determined. He reviewed a map of the sites being considered and discussed the pros & cons of each. He encouraged the mem-

bers to have their boards pass resolutions of support for getting the building's funding included in the Governor's 2008 bonding bill and assured all that adoption of a support resolution would not commit the Township to providing funds for the building.

B. Contact List Update

Karnowski asked the members to review the contact list and update the names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers.

C. Fire Inspections

Chris Wilke, PFRD member, addressed the Board and advised that he has been taking classes on fire inspections in response to the development that's going on in the city. He noted that only commercial buildings need to be inspected and explained that the fire contract between the city and the townships – at this point – includes only fire coverage but not “fire authority” which would allow the PFRD to make commercial fire inspections. Wilke advised that there are currently no plans to up the fire contract cost if the townships agreed to include “fire authority” but that, in the future, there may be a charge against the requesting property owner for an inspection or plan review. Some of the members assumed that their building inspectors or state health inspectors were looking for fire code compliance when they reviewed plans for new commercial structures and were advised that those inspectors only deal with their specific area and not fire code issues. It was acknowledged that there are very few commercial operations in the townships. The members agreed to bring that information back to their respective boards and see if there was any interest in changing the contract to include “fire authority”. The Board requested that “Fire Inspections” be included on the next meeting's agenda

6. New Business: None

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

It was noted that the next FAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3 and that – because of vacations – some of the members will not be available. The group agreed to forego the July meeting unless there was some urgent issue that needed discussion. In that case, the Chair is to call a special meeting. Otherwise the next meeting will be August 7th.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, JOHN ROXBURY MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator