

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON APRIL 7, 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
Stephen L. Dolin	Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp
Roger Nelson (for Bill Andresen)	Blue Hill Twsp.

Staff present:

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

Members absent:

Gene Stoeckel, Princeton Twsp.
Bill Andresen, Blue Hill Twsp.

2. Review/Consideration of March 3, 2009 Minutes

DOLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2009, MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LUNDEEN. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – none.

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – The run reports were reviewed without comment.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Chief Roxbury advised that there was nothing new to report regarding the Monticello Relocation program. Karnowski advised that he'd read in the Minneapolis STrib that the state was anticipating a cutback in the number of bridges replaced this year because of budget shortfalls. In checking with both MnDOT and the County, it does not appear – at this time – the plans for the TH95 and Rum River Bridges will be impacted in 2010.

Roxbury noted that they're looking forward to the grass fire season and working with Dalbo from the Wyanette substation. There is no date set – as of yet – for the joint meeting between Wyanette, Princeton and Dalbo. Roxbury also reported that he met with the head of North Ambulance regarding some concerns the PFRD had with some of the procedures employed by North Ambulance. Roxbury reported that the person was receptive to the criticism and that the meeting went well.

The first phase of the ISO re-rating process is completed. They will test out for extending the city's ISO rating to the townships through an exercise they'll do this fall. Roxbury also noted that it appears the city's rating could be improved if the city had an aerial ladder truck available. They're looking into the costs versus the benefit. They will also be looking at auto mutual aid between Princeton and Isanti – which would add 6 points to Princeton's ISO score.

Roxbury thanked all the township's members for their prompt handling of the city's report at the annual township meetings. Roxbury advised that the PFRD is buying two 800 mghtz radios – one with Relocation money and the other with DNR grant money. They also got a grant for Hazardous Materials training. They're sending a couple of firefighters to the Highway Patrol center in St. Cloud to take emergency vehicle driver's training – they got a \$4,600 grant to do that too.

C. Correspondence – None

5. Old Business

A. Fire Billing

Karnowski advised that the City Council concurred with the recommendation of the FAB and will transfer the money collected for fire billing into the truck fund.

6. New Business

A. Meeting Time/Date

Staff reported that Bogus Brook had not yet contacted the city to request a time change for the meeting that would allow them to attend the FAB meetings. Karnowski will contact them to see if they'd like a change.

Roxbury noted that the FAB's by-laws currently require that an "elected member" of the township be the only ones eligible to be on the FAB. He suggested that the board could consider a change in that rule in order to allow Bogus Brook to send an appointed representative.

7. Next Meeting & Agenda

It was noted that, at this point the May meeting will be May 5th at 7 PM.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

LUNDEED MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator