

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 6:00 P.M., ON DECEMBER 1, 2009, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

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.

2. Review/Consideration of November 3, 2009 Minutes

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2009, MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOLIN. 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 are still waiting for the final ISO rating – the new truck may enhance the rating. Last Saturday they had a house burn training in Spencer Brook. They had 7 departments and 55 firefighters participating. They've scheduled the burning of the city owned house on old 18 for Saturday, December 12th beginning at 8:30 AM if anyone wishes to attend. Relocation training is next Tuesday. Both the PFRD's and Relief Association's Annual Meetings are being held after the FAB meeting. They have one firefighter retiring, Joel Platzke.

5. Old Business

A. 2010 Budget – The group reviewed the preliminary final PFRD budget for 2010. It, as anticipated, includes a 3% increase from the previous year. There were no concerns expressed at the meeting regarding the proposed budget.

re was no action requested or taken on the proposed plan.

6. New Business

A. Proposed Purchase of Robbinsdale Pumper – The FAB reviewed a proposal for the purchase of a 1980 LaFrance pumper from the City of Robbinsdale. Roxbury noted that the truck's purchase price was \$4,800 and appeared to be in good shape with only about 10,000 miles on it. The plan is to locate it at the Wyanett Station which will enhance the value to the properties in that area of the service area and it will also serve to help when the TH95 bridge is replaced next summer.

Roxbury noted that the department has sufficient hoses and equipment to outfit the truck to ISO standards. He also said that the Relief Association is seriously considering using their funds to buy the truck so it will not impact the budget. The only cost to the city (and the FAB) would be about \$400 a year in insurance costs. The FAB members spoke favorably about the proposed purchase and noted that, even if the Relief Association doesn't pay for it the cost would only be

about \$1,000 per FAB member to obtain it. Dolin also noted that we could probably even trim some of the other budget items to afford the vehicle.

While there was no official motion offered, it was the consensus of the group to encourage the City Council to obtain the truck. Dolin noted that, if necessary, a special meeting of the FAB could be called to support the purchase.

B. Placement of Pumper at Princeton Township. Roxbury advised that he's meeting with the Princeton Township Board to inquire about stationing a pumper at their maintenance garage while the TH95 and Dunn Bridges are being replaced next summer. The FAB supported that move as well.

7. Next Meeting & Agenda

It was noted that the next meeting will be January 5th.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

DOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator