

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 6:30 P.M., ON DECEMBER 7, 2010, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM (the meeting began earlier because of the annual PFRD elections to be held at 7 PM. Those in attendance included:

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair	City of Princeton
Gene Stoeckel	Princeton Twsp.
Stephen L. Dolin	Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp.
Roger Nelson (Sub)	Blue Hill Twsp.

Members Absent:

Bill Andresen (Blue Hill Twsp)

Staff present:

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

2. Review/Consideration of October 5, 2010 Minutes

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2010 AS PRESENTED. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – The Fire Run Reports for October and November were not available, but Roxbury handed out a brief synopsis of the November Fire Run Report for all townships and briefly reviewed the calls with the membership.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Roxbury advised that there was a relocation meeting scheduled this Friday in Buffalo. Also, a meeting of the County Fire Chiefs is scheduled for December 8th in Milaca. The topic of discussion is the 800 MHz program. The Department's annual meeting is scheduled for later that evening at the Moose Lodge. Both elections for some of the PFRD Officers and relieve association officers are going to be held. The department's Halloween party went well although not as many kids attended as last year. The next Relocation test will be August 24th at the high school. The bridges are both open again. The consensus is that the sub-station idea went well but the trucks are back at the PUC.

Roxbury advised that, since the sub-station concept was implemented, he's been keeping Unit #7 (grass rig) at his home and has been able to be first on the scene for most calls. He thinks continuing that practice is a good idea in that the can recon a fire and advise the responding firefighters of any particular issues before they get there and then, also, help set up the alignment of the trucks when they arrive. The consensus of the Board was to allow Roxbury to keep Unit #7 at his home.

5. Old Business

A. 2011 Budget

The Chief advised that, as previously agreed, the proposed 2011 budget included a 3% increase. It appears, with the expansion of coverage in Blue Hill Township, the fire billing cost should all be less than previous years...even in Blue Hill Township. Roxbury anticipates that he will come in under budget again this year and the remaining funds will be rolled over into the truck fund.

Nelson asked about the city's bill process and was advised that the Board voted to have the city do it and that the Townships had delegated the authority to the City. The Townships agreed to leave the money in the city's truck fund.

Roxbury noted that he has a new emergency generator set in the PFRD's CIP for 2010 to be paid out of relocation funds. He's getting bids on that now. He'll also be looking for a 6-wheeler to assist in controlling grass fires. He also has \$60,000 in the truck budget to refurbish the oldest tanker (#9).

A. Blue Hill Township

It was noted that all the paperwork with ISO, the County, city and Township has been completed to have the PFRD cover all of Blue Hill Township beginning January 1st.

6. New Business

A. Wyanett Tanker

Roxbury advised that he was able to secure a used water tanker from the DNR that had been used in the city of McGrath. He proposes to acquire it (at no fee) and locate the rig at the Wyanett station.

STOECKEL MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CIT COUNCIL THAT THEY ACQUIRE THE TANKER FOR USE AT THE WYANETT STATION... LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Roxbury noted that they're also looking at locating some turn out gear at the Wyanett station as well. They did some practice with Dalbo last Tuesday as well.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for January 3, 2011, and will start at 7:00 P.M. The agenda will include the election of officers for 2011.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

DOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN. STOECKEL SECOND THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou DeWitt
Secretary