

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 6, 2007, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order - Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair City of Princeton
Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp.
John Roxbury Princeton Twsp

Staff/visitors present:

Ann Bien Princeton Deputy City Clerk
Jim Roxbury P.F.R.D. Fire Chief
Members absent:
Steve Dolin Greenbush Twsp.
Bill Andresen Blue Hill Twsp.

2. Review/Consideration of January 2, 2007, Minutes

JOHN ROXBURY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2007, MEETING. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions

There were no additions nor deletions to the agenda.

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – available at meeting

The run reports were reviewed. Chief Roxbury reported runs are a little up from last year, with medical and accident runs.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

1) 2006 Fire Act Grant Update

Chief Roxbury reported the building has been painted and gear racking is up. One truck is being repaired.

He further reported 2006 grant application was rejected. He will be applying for a 2007 Fire Act grant. He stated the DNR also has a grant for wildlife fire protection which he will apply for.

2) Santiago - Roxbury

Chief Roxbury from what he understands the public is in an uproar about fire service. He stated they (his department) are trying a different approach and one member is attending Santiago's board meetings. He stated the head of the board who is making a big push for Becker is not running for re-election, so changes can still happen. He asked if the vehicles to be put on the Pike sale could be held a little longer. The Board agreed.

3) Baldwin – Roxbury

Chief Roxbury reported that in talking with John Olson, Sherburne County, automatic mutual aid for structure fires with Baldwin Township has been set up. He stated he thinks we are getting a better working relationship with Baldwin.

Whitcomb stated he received a call from Bryan Lawrence stating they discussed the invitation and decided they did not want to send anyone.

Chief Roxbury asked for input regarding proposing a fire district concept with Baldwin Township. He stated he believes if we could establish a unified fire district that would leave each department with their own budget and paperwork, it would help both departments with their ISO rating. He stated he feels it might be the right time to start pushing working together and thought it would help in determining the right location for the new public safety facility.

John Roxbury was concerned because he could see where Baldwin could gain with their ISO rating, but thought it might backfire on Princeton's ISO rating if they have severe fires or problems. Chief Roxbury did not think it would affect our ISO rating and explained how it is determined.

Chief Roxbury stated he wants to talk with Baldwin's fire chief to start discussion. The Board approved.

5. Old Business

A. Public Safety Building Update

Nine proposals were received. Five firms will be interviewed on March 5th. Chief Roxbury thought Bogus Brook should be invited to be part of the Stakeholder Project Team.

B. Annual Township Meeting visits

Fire Department members will be at each township meeting. Whitcomb and Chief Roxbury will attend as many as possible that evening.

6. New Business: None

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

A. March 6, 2007 – Annual Meeting

The proposed agenda was reviewed. No changes were made.

There being no further business, JOHN ROXBURY MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 P.M. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ON THE VOTE: AYES - 4; NAYS - 0. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Bien
Deputy City Clerk

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