

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON JULY 7, 2009, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

1. Call to order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair City of Princeton
Stephen L. Dolin Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp
Gene Stoeckel, Princeton Twsp

Staff present:

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

Member absent:

Bill Andresen Blue Hill Twsp.

Also present:

Roger Nelson Blue Hill Twsp.

2. Review/Consideration of June 2, 2009 Minutes

LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2009, MEETING AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOLIN. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – Roxbury requested that the Board consider discussing long-term goals for both the PFRD and the Fire Advisory Board..

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports – A run report summary was handed out by Chief Roxbury. The actual reports for each township will be mailed out.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Chief Roxbury advised that there's nothing new to report regarding the ISO rating. Roxbury attended Santiago's new building open house. They've got a 4 wheel vehicle for medicals and one pumper/tanker that, as yet, has no equipment (hoses, et al) on it. Roxbury reported that Wyanett is pouring the floor for the new building. It will have in-floor heat. The electric's done and the holding tank is installed. All the improvements look great. The PFRD has a Fire Act Grant in for 800 MHz radios as well as a Federal Grant (\$2,000). They're doing aircraft crash testing this month. The Relocation Grant is now in its new fiscal year. The Joint Princeton/Wyanett/Dalbo group met before tonight's meeting. Bob Brown was appointed as the at-large citizen member of that group. Lundeen expressed her appreciation for Roxbury's work.

5. Old Business

A. New Truck - Roxbury noted that the delivery of the ladder truck in mid-August still appears to be on schedule. He's still attempting to get Grand Rapids to leave the 800 MHz radio in that vehicle.

B. By-Law Proposal – Dolin noted that he felt having by-laws in place is probably a good idea and he supports it.

LUNDEEN MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS FOR THE FIRE ADVISORY BOARD AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOLIN. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. New Business

A. Long Term Goals – Roxbury asked the group what the PFRD and/or the Board could

and should be doing differently. Roxbury added that, in his opinion, a new Public Safety Building should be a priority. Stoeckel added that maintaining or improving the ISO rating was also critical. Otherwise, there were no other suggestions.

7. Next Meeting & Agenda

It was noted that the next meeting will be August 4th. The group agreed that they may move the meeting to the Wyanett facility for that month if the building is far enough along. Lundeen will contact Karnowski prior to the meeting packets being sent out to advise.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

NELSON (for Andresen) MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator