

THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

1. Call to Order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the training room of the Princeton Public Safety building. Those in attendance included:

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair	City of Princeton
Gene Stoeckel	Princeton Twsp
Arvid Jenkins	Spencer Brook Twsp.
Steve Dolin	Greenbush Twsp
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp

Staff Present:

Jim Roxbury	Chief, P.F.R.D
Ron Lawrence	Asst. Chief, P.F.R D.
Troy Thompson	Capt. II, P.F.R.D.
Mark Karnowski	City Administrator

Members absent:

Roger Nelson	Blue Hill Twsp
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Visitor

Tom Lundeen

- - - Special Order Of Business – Annual Elections - - -

The Chair, Whitcomb advised that the first order of business was consideration for the position of Fire Advisory Board Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for 2015.

JENKINS MOVED TO RE-ELECT THE CURRENT CHAIR (WHITCOMB), THAT MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOLIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

JENKINS MOVED TO RE-ELECT THE CURRENT VICE-CHAIR (DOLIN), THAT MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STOECKEL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

JENKINS MOVED TO RE-ELECT THE CURRENT SECRETARY (LUNDEEN), THAT MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DOLIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Review/Consideration of December 2, 2014 Minutes

LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2014 AS PRESENTED. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports

The report for December indicated 18 call with 7 of those being medical runs.

Roxbury reviewed the 2014 year-end report and noted that their average response time is getting better and better each year and averaged 6 minutes and 41 seconds for 2014 which included several out-of-city mutual aid calls. The average number of firefighters responding to pages in 2014 was 15. Most of the calls occur between 9 am and 9 pm with peak times being 10 am and 4 pm. Of the 269 calls in 2014, there were 30 actual fire calls, 142 medical/rescue calls, 20 hazardous condition pages, 21 service calls (lifts, animal rescue, public service, etc.), 24 false alarms, 2 calls related to weather and 30 miscellaneous calls. Calls within the city comprised almost 40% of the calls with Princeton Township (21%), Blue Hill (15%) and Greenbush (13%) being the next busiest areas. Roxbury also handed out a report to each entity listing all the calls including a map of where those calls were.

B. Department Update

Roxbury said the milestones for 2014 included:

1. Moving into the new Public Safety Building,
2. Staying under budget for the year,
3. Adding four (4) new firefighters,

4. Getting the new Engine #1 (the foam pumper) up and functioning,
5. Selling the old Engine #1 (at auction),
6. Doing a 'foam test' at USDP,
7. Doing an active shooter drill with the Police Dept. at the hospital,
8. Rescuing a dog from under an outbuilding,
9. Getting the old Wilcox refurbished and on display,
10. Several interesting post-storm tree removal incidents on township roads,
11. The big 'Cointainer' fire in Milaca
12. And the experience of having a higher number of structure fires than normal.

Roxbury noted that the tanker than had the lining become detached is repaired and back in service. One of our older trucks, #2, has a severely broken pump manifold that may be impossible to fix or replace.

He also reviewed the results of the annual election where Joshua Vaccari and Jason Baumunk were elected to Captain positions. Brad Hodson received a 25 year service pin while Jeff Kerfeld, Jay Roxbury and Jason Baumunk each received a 15 year service pin and Joshua Vaccari and Jamin Wood each got a 10 year pin.

The Board reviewed the annual election results which included the re-election of Chief Roxbury, the election of a new Assistant Chief (Ron Lawrence), and the re-election of Captains Tim Jensen and Troy Thompson.

Randy Cook, the outgoing Assistant Chief, received his 20 year service pin as did former Assistant Chief Doug Larson. Tim Jensen was awarded his 15 year service pin as well.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business - none

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

The Board was advised that the next FAB meeting will be Tuesday, February 3rd. On that night's agenda will be discussion regarding the Board's annual meeting night (March 3rd) as well as the annual township meeting night (Tuesday March 10th).

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

DOLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator