

**THE MINUTES OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014, AT THE
PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the training room in the newly opened 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.
Stephen Dolin	Greenbush Twsp
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp

Staff Present:

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

Visitors:

Tom Lundeen

Members absent:

Roger Nelson	Blue Hill Twsp.
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2. Review/Consideration of March 4, 2014 Minutes

DOLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2014 AS PRESENTED. STOECKEL SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – None

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports

Chief Roxbury reviewed the run report summary and advised that, although there were significantly fewer calls, the time spent on firefighting was pretty heavy for the month. It was noted that the most significant fires were the pole barn fire in Greenbush Township that had been burning for a long time before the homeowner noticed and called the PFRD. 18 adult dogs and 10 pups were lost in that blaze (the owner raised expensive hunting dogs). The other notable fire was at Matrix in the city's industrial park. If it hadn't been for the sprinkler system, the fire could have been much worse.

B. Department Update

Roxbury advised that the department would be working with the Foley Fire Department as well as Baldwin with some assistance from trainers from Milaca to do a training house burn in Greenbush Township. The PFRD firefighters have recently completed the annual EMT and 1st Responder training. They're still working on cleaning out the old fire station. They're also focusing on getting the new foam pumper up and operational. Roxbury is continuing to work with the state to see if we can get some railroad fire training to go along with our foam capacity. He's also still working with ISO to get the Wyanett station certified and get Spencer Brook on the city's list of areas served.

5. Old Business

A. Annual Township Meetings

Roxbury thanked those present for getting the PFRD representative on the agendas quickly so they could complete their rounds of the townships' annual meetings.

6. New Business

Lundeen advised that one of their building's roof collapsed so they're replacing that building (used for cold storage).

Lundeen and Jenkins commented that their respective townships are frustrated that the other department(s) that cover part of their area charge the township more for covering less area than Princeton.

Whitcomb noted that there's been a discussion about an open house for the new public safety building but that a date has not yet been set. The week before the Rum River Festival is being considered.

Roxbury added that there'll be a separate PFRD open house complete with a pig roast scheduled at a different date.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

The Board was advised that the next FAB meeting will be Tuesday, May 6. The Board indicated they'd like to continue to meet at the new fire station and not at City Hall.

There being no further business:

STOECKEL MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator