

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON APRIL 3, 2012, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance included:

Members present:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair	City of Princeton
Gene Stoeckel	Princeton Twsp.
Stephen L. Dolin	Greenbush Twsp.
Roger Nelson	Blue Hill Twsp.

Member Absent:

Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp. (called)

Staff present:

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

2. Review/Consideration of March 6, 2012 Minutes

DOLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 6, 2012 MEETING 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 handed out a brief report and reviewed it with the members present. They had 28 calls for the month.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Roxbury reported that the State is working on opening up another relocation location in Wabasha. The State is also changing out our one large storage trailer for two smaller trailers. Jim's attempting to get Relocation to provide another dozen 800 MHz radios which could then also be used for general fire purposes. The good news is that Relocation will probably pay the annual maintenance fee to the County. The Anoka Winter Knights are donating \$800 for winter rescue equipment. All the PFRD members have completed their 1st Responder training. They're also doing a Sky-warn class. They're doing a walk-through at the new North Elementary addition. Roxbury noted that the local Ham Radio group is getting active again. Sherburne and Isanti's 800 MHz systems are up and running. We've switched over and are currently using Mille Lacs County's 800MHz tactical frequency (since they're not using it yet). The Monsanto Grant check for \$2,500 was presented to the city at the Council's March 22nd meeting. The new 6-wheeler was available for inspection by the FAB before the meeting...it's been very helpful for grass fires. The city's been advised we're getting a \$43,000 Fire Act Grant to update our rescue supplies (Jaws of life, Hurst tools, etc.). He's applying for a CenterPoint Energy Community grant as well. The DNR has up to a \$5,000 grant to upgrade the Wyanett tanker...it's a 50/50 grant but "in-kind" is okay for the match. They're also applying for a grant to put in a dry hydrant at the south end of Elk Lake.

It was noted that, apparently, Homeland Security has a significant amount of money and is handing out grants to cities under 1,200 population to purchase and erect warning sirens.

5. Old Business

A. Public Safety Building Update

Karnowski advised that the city has been advised that the public safety building is in the Senate version of the State Bonding bill. We should know if it's funded within 3 weeks.

B. Township Annual meetings.

The process, again, went well. Chief Roxbury thanked the board members for moving them in and out so they could get to all the meetings.

C. Tanker 9 update

Chief Roxbury reminded the members that they'd had an item in our capital improvement Plan for repairing/refurbishing of Tanker #9 for several years.

Tanker #9 is a 1996 Freightliner with a 3-man cab. It has a 3,000 gallon stainless steel water tank and can pump 270 Gallons per minute. The truck also carries various other equipment including a 3,000 gallon drop tank.

Last fall the FAB was advised that the 16 year old vehicle is starting to show its age and is due for some refurbishing including the replacement of the storage compartments (which were not stainless and are rusting), re-coating the inside of the tank as well as repairing the baffles as well as doing needed maintenance on some of the other component parts.

Fire Chief Jim Roxbury had secured a couple of bids for the project.

Centerline Tank and Trailer (Sauk Center, MN):	\$49,208.57.
Custom Fire (Osceola, WS)	\$64,500.00

The budgeted amount in the CIP is \$60,000.

The information was given to the City Council on March 22nd and the Council awarded the bid to Centerline Tank (which is the company that produced the truck back in '96).

6. New Business – None

Roxbury advised that the PFRD Relief Association is holding a Bourbon Tasting on Thursday, April 19th at Steven's as a fund raiser. The price is \$15 and includes a buffet dinner.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May13, 2012

8. Adjourn

There being no further business:

NELSON MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Admin.