

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD AT 6:30 P.M., ON APRIL 5, 2011, AT THE PRINCETON CITY HALL**

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**1. Call to Order** – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Those in attendance included:

**Members present:**

Paul Whitcomb, Chair	City of Princeton
Gene Stoeckel	Princeton Twsp
Stephen L. Dolin	Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp.
Roger Nelson (Sub)	Blue Hill Twsp.

**Staff present:**

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

**2. Review/Consideration of March 1, 2011 Minutes**

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2011 AS PRESENTED. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. Agenda Additions/Deletions** – None

**4. Reports:**

**A. Run Reports** – The run reports were not ready and the membership was advised that they would be mailed out to the townships.

**B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury**

Roxbury advised that Mille Lacs County has received a grant for converting to 800 MHz radios. They advise that they should be up and running by October of this year. Isanti County should be operational in a couple of months. North Memorial Ambulance converted earlier this week but is keeping their old system in place so they can still communicate with the locals. Roxbury advised that he and Chairman Whitcomb made it to all the township's annual meetings. He thanked the membership for getting them on the agenda on time so they could complete the rounds that evening. Roxbury noted that the Rum River was approaching its second peak for the spring. Roxbury also advised that the Isanti Sheriff's Office is now also using the Wyanett Sub-Station. The Chief also noted that the DNR is setting up at the Princeton Airport in anticipation of the spring grass fire season. They're bringing in a fire fighting helicopter from Montana as well as a fixed wing aircraft.

Roxbury also advised that the PFRD is currently working on doing a crash rescue training exercise with the DNR.

Roxbury also advised that the new firefighter recruits were all getting up to speed with their training. The new standby generator at the main fire station is in and operational.

Roxbury is using the excess funds from the most recent Fire Act Grant to buy fire prevention materials for area residents and school kids. Use of those funds for such a purpose are encouraged by the grantor.

Last week the PFRD had an ice and water rescue training session with the Baldwin Fire Department at a pond in the city's industrial park (it was the only area that still had ice).

This week the PFRD will be doing additional pumper training.

Roxbury advised the Board that he's still keeping one of the grass rigs/1<sup>st</sup> Responder units at his home in an attempt to provide quicker responses. It seems to be working well and he asked if the Board was okay with its continuance. The Board supported continuing with that plan.

**5. Old Business**

**A. Spencer Brook**

Chief Roxbury advised that he'd been invited to the upcoming Spencer Brook Township meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of the PFRD covering 22 sections of the township – the same ones the department stopped covering six years ago. The Board discussed the possible ramifications of expanding the PFRD's coverage area and, in the end, supported the Chief's visit to Spencer Brook.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Newer Tanker for Wyanett**

Board member Lundeen advised that she had been told that there may be a newer DNR supplied tanker to use at the Wyanett Sub-Station and that there may also be an availability of a generator as well for that facility. Chief Roxbury noted that it was a smart move on the part of the Board to get involved with the DNR loaner program as we may now be able to get better equipment at Wyanett than is currently in use. He'll check to see what's available.

## **7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda**

The next regular meeting is the Annual meeting and is scheduled for 7:00 PM on May 3, 2011.

## **8. Adjourn**

There being no further business:

LUNDEEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. STOECKEL SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,  
City Admin.