

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULA MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., APRIL 7, 2015, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

1. Call to Order – In the absence of Chair Whitcomb, Vice Chair Dolin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the training room of the Princeton Public Safety building. Those in attendance included:

Members Present:

Steve Dolin
Gene Stoeckel
Arvid Jenkins
Cathy Lundeen

Greenbush Twsp
Princeton Twsp.
Spencer Brook Twsp.
Wyanett Twsp

Staff Present:

Jim Roxbury
Ron Lawrence
Mark Karnowski

Chief, P.F.R.D.
Asst. Chief, P.F.R.D.
City Admin.

Members Absent:

Paul Whitcomb, Chair
Cathy Lundeen
Roger Nelson

City of Princeton
Wyanett Twsp.
Blue Hill Twsp.

2. Review/Consideration of March 3, 2015 Minutes

JENKINS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2015 AS PRESENTED. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions - None

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports

Roxbury said the computer system was being updated so he couldn't print out the normal report...so he handed out a hand-typed report indicating 26 calls for the month of March. So far it's been a slow grass fire month although other area departments are very busy fighting grass fires.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

The PFRD members were doing session 2 of the hazmat update training, so the Board didn't meet in the training room as normal.

Roxbury noted contributions from the Anoka Winter Knights contributed \$1,000 to the PFRD that will be used for ice rescue equipment to be housed at the Wyanett sub-station.

The PFRD also had a \$1,000 contribution from Coborns and a \$250 donation from Bremer Bank.

They were able to locate a new manifold for the water pump on the 1980 Lafrance (Pumper Truck #2) in Pennsylvania. The public works staff is currently working on installing it.

They have a house burn in Greenbush Township coming up in about a month.

As noted last month, the DNR grass fighting team is based at our airport until the grass fire season diminishes.

The city budgeted \$30,000 for new turn-out gear and they're currently working on determining a supplier for the equipment.

The PFRD Relief Association recently met with our contract investment firm and is working on a possible increase in retirement benefit.

They're interviewing prospective PFRD firefighters and are down to a final four candidates.

The PFRD recently invited all of our retired firefighters to a fish fry where they all looked at a couple of boxes of photos that were found when the department moved from the old fire station to the new facility. The goal was to have the retirees identify the folks and the situation(s) depicted in the old photos. Roxbury noted that the event was a real success.

Assistant Chief Ron Lawrence added that the PFRD is currently working on a new, stand alone web site for the department.

5. Old Business

A. Annual Township Meeting Report.

Roxbury thanked those township officials in attendance for helping to get our representatives on the agenda so they could make it to other Township annual meetings. There were no complaints of other issues noted.

B. New Public Safety Building

There are still some unresolved issues with the new building that we're trying to get the builder to address.

6. New Business - none

7. Next Meeting & Agenda

It was noted that the next Fire Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 5th. The Fire Advisory Board members had no comments.

8. Adjourn:

There being no further business:

STOECKEL MOVED TO ADJOURN. JENKINS SECONDED THIS MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski
City Administrator