

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., MAY 5, 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
Ken Murray

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

Stoeckel noted that there was some confusing language regarding the public safety building on page 2 that needed to be cleaned up.

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2015 AS CORRECTED.
JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions - None

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports

Roxbury handed out a composite report (later in the meeting an individual report for each township was distributed) regarding the runs for the month of April. There were 20 calls for the month of April with the most notable being the fire at the Pease egg plant and house fire in Wyanett Township near the Hi Way Inn on TH95 east of Princeton. Roxbury noted that, for whatever reason, there still haven't been many grassfires in our call area. The DNR planes are still operating out of our airport and will probably be there for another week or so.

B. Department Update – Jim Roxbury

Roxbury noted that the department has four (4) new prospective firefighters working their way through the approval process. He said that, for the first time, this group will not only have to pass the physical agility test and a medical physical, but they will also have to undergo a psychological evaluation as well.

The Chief noted that the PFRD members were doing a joint training session that evening with the Baldwin Department.

It was also noted that, on May 16th, there will be a training house fire in Greenbush Township. Other training taking place includes an incident training at United States Distilled Products that will include other fire and police departments as well North Ambulance the two sheriff's departments as well as the FBI.

There is also an upcoming training session involving a school bus. The PD's swat team will use the bus first for training before the PFRD torches it for fire training.

Roxbury noted that the annual relocation training is also coming up.

The PFRD Truck Committee is just finishing up a comprehensive accounting of all the department's trucks and is rating them as to their condition and 'life expectancy'. Roxbury noted that it

will not necessarily follow that the older trucks will be replaced earlier than some of the newer vehicles. It will depend on the usage and other factors.

The update on replacing the manifold for the water pump on the 1980 Lafrance (Pumper Truck #2) is that the part is now at a machine shop in Ramsey as they're looking at modifying it to exactly match the cracked manifold. Roxbury said that, if that's not safely possible, that he'd be okay with making a larger hole for the fitting to go through the wall of the truck and then putting a stainless plate over the fitting to give it a finished look.

The PFRD Relief Association will be talking to a rep from the state regarding the possibility of letting the state invest the relief association's funds. By allowing the state to invest our funds, we will save money on annual audits and other expenses. The State has, over several years, outperformed our current investment firm. The only real down side is that, once you turn the money over to the State, you can virtually never take it back and invest it on your own again.

Ken Murray said that the discussions with the Dalbo FD are going well now that they have a new Chief. While they still haven't actually used the equipment at the Wyanett Sub Station, it appears that may actually happen.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business - None

7. Next Meeting & Agenda

It was noted that the next Fire Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 2nd.

8. Adjourn:

There being no further business:

STOECKEL MOVED TO ADJOURN. JENKINS SECONDED THIS MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski
City Administrator