

**THE MINUTES OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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 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	
Randy Cook	Asst. Chief P.F.R.D.

Members absent:

Roger Nelson	Blue Hill Twsp.
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2. Review/Consideration of April 1, 2014 Minutes

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2014 CORRECTING “BLASÉ” WITH “BLAZE”. JENKINS 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, while he thought the reports were being mailed out on a monthly basis, they were actually being mailed out quarterly to the township clerks. He also discovered that the new person doing the reports wasn't advised that a copy should be provided to the city so they can be mailed out. All that will be corrected. Karnowski suggested that when the reports are emailed to the city that he be copied so he can then email them out to all the board members. Roxbury noted that it was a busier month with 26 calls as opposed to the 11 in April. He noted that the grassfire season had been pretty mild to date with all the rain. The fields are greening up now but the potential for grassfires is still real. Roxbury updated the Board on the DNR's presence in Princeton and noted that it was very beneficial to the area to have them so close.

B. Department Update

Roxbury advised that the department is getting things in order after the move to the new building. He now has 4 training groups that are switching between the new foam rig, the new ladder rig, working on addressing issues and putting the building in final shape. The groups will be rotating for the next few weeks to give all the opportunity to get the necessary experience in each quadrant. They went to Willow River and picked up the new generator for the new PS building for \$1,000 and also paid \$500 for a four-wheeler. That four-wheeler is at the Wyanett substation and being used for grass fires. It will be at the new PS building in the winter to plow snow from sidewalks, etc. Roxbury noted that we now have 1,000 gallons of class B foam (500 gallons at the PS building and 500 gallons stored at USDP). It's still not enough in that it runs at a 6% mixture with water and the truck tank only holds 275 gallons (which will create 82,000 gallons of foam. In comparison, class A foam runs at under 1% mixture. Roxbury also advised that they're looking at an 800 MHz repeater system that may work better than the current system. The jury's still out on that proposal.

5. Old Business - none

6. New Business

Karnowski advised that the open house for the new public safety building is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 28 from 10 AM until 2 PM. The committee working on the event is looking at serving hot dogs, chips and a beverage as well as having a ‘bouncy house’ for the kids and several public safety related exhibitions.

Lundeen advised that she’d heard that there were FEMA grants to have fire departments help install address signage in the townships they serve. Roxbury noted that he will check with their grant writer to get more detail. Roxbury thought it might be a “Safer Grant” project.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

The Board was advised that the next FAB meeting will be Tuesday, June 3.

There being no further business:

DOLAN MOVED TO ADJOURN. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator