

**THE MINUTES OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, 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.
Ken Murray (for Lundeen) Wyanett Twsp.

Members absent:

Roger Nelson Blue Hill Twsp.

Staff Present:

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

2. Review/Consideration of June 3, 2014 Minutes

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2014 AS PRESENTED. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – none.

4. Reports:

A. Run Reports

Chief Roxbury reviewed a synopsis of the June runs with the board and advised that they had an interesting pet rescue where a small dog dug himself a tunnel under a gazebo and, apparently, couldn't back out. Another dog (lab) was trying to dig a tunnel to help but wasn't successful. Roxbury said the department used inflatable bags to lift the gazebo so the dog could get out. All went well. They also had an elevator rescue at Crystal Court that was non-eventful as well as a medical assist at the park & ride off Rum River Drive where they attended to the non-responsive son of one of the Baldwin firefighters...again, the results were good.

B. Department Update

Roxbury advised that the department is sending in a grant request to the DNR for grassfire gear and to continue to retrofit the Wyanett tanker. The Department is continuing to train in smaller groups to give the firefighters better 'hands on' training. One of the rotations they're going through is on how to use the new CO detector...it's used to determine the level of CO in the blood of both victims and firefighters coming out of a burning building. Roxbury noted that all the PFRD truck pumps were recently certified...including the ones at the Wyanett sub-station. The company that does that work also does routine maintenance on the pumps as well. Testing the pumps annually is not require but is recommended...it also aids in keeping a low ISO rating.

5. Old Business

A. Address Sign Grant

Roxbury is still working with the grant writer to see if applying for a joint grant between the city and some of the townships to purchase and erect address signs where they don't yet have them is a worthwhile venture.

B. Burning Cars

Roxbury noted that he's periodically checking the property in Greenbush Township that was burning old wire and cars and, so far, hasn't seen any further violations.

C. National Night Out

Roxbury advised that all is lined up for the PFRD to bring the smokehouse and, otherwise, have a presence at the Wyanett 'National Night Out' on August 5th beginning at 5 PM.

D. Public Safety Building Open House

Those who were in attendance at the previous Saturday's open house. The guestimate was that we served lunch to somewhere between 750-1,000 people. The tours and demonstrations all went well and all the firefighters and officers stepped up to the plate and helped out to make the event almost flawless. It was a huge success.

6. New Business

A. New Turn Out Gear Needed

Roxbury advised that he thinks he's going to need to replace some turn out gear in the near future. The PFRD generally tries to get a fire-act grant to fund the purchase of new turn out gear but our firefighters seem to wear it out quicker than the grant timeline parameters allow it to be replaced. Roxbury noted that he's not requesting additional funding at this point but that he may sometime in the fairly near future.

B. North Ambulance Discussion

Roxbury noted that he met the newest area supervisor for North Ambulance and is trying to set up a meeting between the supervisor, Mayor Whitcomb, Administrator Karnowski and himself to discuss North Ambulance's decision to no longer providing 24 hour service from their Princeton facility. Again, he will keep the board posted.

7. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

Whitcomb suggested that, because the regular August meeting date falls on 'National Night Out' that we hold the August 5th FAB meeting at the Wyanett Sub-Station. All thought that would be a good idea.

There being no further business:

STOECKEL MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator