

**THE MINUTES OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT 7:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014, AT THE  
WYANETT SUB-STATION AT THE WYANETT TOWNSHIP GARAGE**

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**1. Call to Order/Introductions** – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the garage area of the Wyanett Fire Substation. Those in attendance included:

**Members present:**

Paul Whitcomb, Chair	City of Princeton
Gene Stoeckel	Princeton Twsp.
Lyle Peterson	Spencer Brook Twsp.
Stephen Dolin	Greenbush Twsp.
Cathy Lundeen	Wyanett Twsp.

**Visitors:**

Ken Murray	Wyanett Twsp.
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**Staff Present:**

Randy Cook	Asst. Chief, P.F.R.D
Mark Karnowski	City Administrator

**Members absent:**

Roger Nelson	Blue Hill Twsp.
Arvid Jenkins	Spencer Brook Twsp.

**Staff Absent:**

Jim Roxbury	Chief, P.F.R.D
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**2. Review/Consideration of July 1, 2014 Minutes**

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2014 AS PRESENTED. LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

**4. Reports:**

**A. Run Reports**

Assistant Chief Cook reviewed a synopsis of the July noting that the number of calls for July was up from the June run numbers and included 11 medical calls and seven traffic calls with only 2 actual fires.

**B. Department Update**

Cook advised that the foam unit (Engine #1) is now in service. They did a little shuffling of equipment and now have Engine 5 at the Wyanett substation and Engine 2 is back in the Princeton station. The PFRD membership will be working at the County Fair this week. The membership will also be doing a pre-plan for USDP using the foam unit sometime in the month of September. Cook also advised that the city was ‘gifted’ with new rescue struts and shoring for trench rescues, building collapses, silo rescue and certain vehicle rescues. The equipment was given to the city by the West Metro Fire Department. Some of that equipment will be stockpiled in the special ops trailer in order to make it readily accessible.

**5. Old Business**

**A. North Ambulance**

Karnowski advised that Mayor Whitcomb, Chief Roxbury Police Chief Payne and he met with the leadership team from North Ambulance. North advised that they are aware of the city’s concerns and are going to be re-evaluating the truck stationing program recently put in place. Karnowski added that the city is concerned because what we were told was the plan – that is moving the Zimmerman or Milaca truck closer to Princeton when there was no truck in the Princeton station did not appear to be happening as there were two recent calls where the truck dispatched was out of Zimmerman and it was still at the Zimmerman station rather than closer to the city. A second meeting is planned.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Shared Services Grant Application**

Cook advised the Board that the PFRD is looking at applying for a grant to do a 'shared services study'. The study would focus on whether there is a better way to provide fire protection services to the people in our immediate area and the surrounding area as well. The PFRD applied for the same type of grant before and almost made the cut. The application needs to be in by September 1<sup>st</sup> and has a 10% match requirement that can be handled by 'in-kind' participation by the PFRD. The grants are for up to \$40,000. The area fire departments that have, so far, expressed some interest in participating in the study include Milaca, Foreston, Ogilvie, Isanti and Baldwin.

There was an unrelated discussion about Dalbo's continuing dis-interest in working with the PFRD in spite of the joint agreement between Dalbo, Wyanett and Princeton. It was agreed that the Wyanett Substation is looking good.

Ken Murray advised that the township will be putting in a garage door opener to make it easier for the facility to be used by the department(s).

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

There being no further business:

STOECKEL MOVED TO ADJOURN. DOLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,  
City Administrator