1. **Call to Order** – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Princeton Public Safety Building.

**Members present:**
- Paul Whitcomb, Chair, City of Princeton
- Arvid Jenkins, Spencer Brook Twsp.
- Steve Dolin, Greenbush Twsp
- Gene Stoeckel, Princeton Twsp.
- Roger Nelson, Blue Hill Twsp.
- Cathy Lundeen, Wyanett Twsp.

**Staff Present:**
- Ron Lawrence, Chief, PFRD
- Mark Karnowski, City Administrator
- Troy Thompson, Captain, PFRD

**Members absent:**
- Ken Murray, Wyanett Twsp.
- Cathy Lundeen, Wyanett Twsp.
- Dennis Haubenschild, Wyanett Twsp.

**Visitors:**
- Linda Hass, Wyanett Twsp.
- Kenny Murray, Wyanett Twsp.

2. **Review/Consideration of February 7, 2017 Minutes**

STOECKEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2017 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Agenda Additions/Deletions** - None.

4. **Reports:**

   **A. Run Reports**

   Chief Lawrence advised that staff was in the other room preparing the run reports to be handed out before the end of the meeting. He noted there were 81 calls so far this year which is an average of 1.2 calls per day. The Chief gave some detail on the previous night's tornado touchdown in Blue Hill Township near Elk Lake and noted there were lots of trees and power lines that came down and some roofs and accessory buildings damaged but there were no physical injuries (except for a deer that hit one of the PFRD's responding fire trucks.).

   **B. Department Update**

   Chief Lawrence advised that the city is trying to sell two fire trucks that have been replaced. Originally they had a person that was going to market them for the city but that person can’t sell them because of licensure issues. So they’re looking at other options. They’ve also done some brake work on three trucks – two of them are stationed at the Dalbo Sub-Station.

   The PFRD recently interviewed ten candidates for firefighter positions and are now looking at three of the group (two men and one woman). One other man and another female were also selected but since have advised they’re withdrawing their applications. The three being looked at for hiring are Mark Ellington, James Ahner and Toni Ickler.

   Lawrence noted that the new PFRD website is up and functional its address is [www.princetonfiremn.com](http://www.princetonfiremn.com).

   They’re currently working on a couple of grants, one is a $500 CMEMS grant (for emergency supplies). There is no local match required for the CMEMS grant. They’re also looking at a DNR grant for lightweight hoses to fight grass fires. They’ll also probably be applying for a FireAct Grant around June.
The Chief is also looking to buy another Tahoe from the Princeton Police Department to be used on a rotating basis by the four Captains so we have an officer at every fire call. There are still some details to work out.

STOECKEL MOVED TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF THE SECOND COMMAND VEHICLE. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Looking back over the past year, the Chief said the Halloween event was successful with about 1,000 kids attending. The Annual Public Safety Day is being moved to the 2nd Saturday in September.

The National Night Out event will be on the 1st Tuesday in August (August 1st). The PFRD will supply hot dogs, chips, etc. at three locations, two in the city and one in or near the Wyanett Sub-Station.

Regarding the Dalbo/Wyanett/Princeton JPA, at this year’s meeting it was encouraging that the Dalbo FD appears more responsive to working with Princeton.

The group was also advised that the Relief Association will be meeting with our financial advisor on March 21st to review our investments and see if an increase in retirement benefit is possible.

5. Old Business
The FAB was advised that, as usual, the Mayor, Fire Chief or Captain(s) will be at each of the town boards’ annual meeting on Tuesday, March 14th.

6. New Business – None

7. Next Meeting & Agenda
It was noted that next meeting will be on April 4th.

8. Adjourn
There being no further business:

DOLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Karnowski,
City Administrator