THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 6:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 6, 2018, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

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1. Call to Order – Chair Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Training Room of the Princeton Public Safety Building.

   Members Present:
   Paul Whitcomb, Chair
   Arvid Jenkins
   Jim Beck
   Larry Ziebarth
   Travis Wood

   Members Absent:
   Roger Nelson
   Cathy Lundeen
   Steve Dolin

   Staff Present:
   Ron Lawrence  Chief, PFRD
   Josh Vaccari  Asst. Chief
   Robert Barbian  City Admin.

2. Review/Consideration of January 2, 2018 Minutes
   BECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2, 2018 MINUTES AS PRESENTED WITH CORRECTIONS TO; DECEMBER 5TH FOR THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND 7:49 AS THE END OF THE MEETING.  JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION.  THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


4. Reports:
   A. Run Reports:
   Chief Lawrence provided the run sheets and reviewed.
   B. Department Update
   1) Review of calls and events: It was indicated that approximately 50% of the calls have been medicals. The Chief indicated that there are two retirements Steve Lunden and Brian Bittner. There have also been two new recruits pass the Fire Fighter I and II training. Next they will advance to Hazmat and EMT training. The Department is looking to hire 5 new recruits.
   2) Current Issues
   The grant applications have been submitted. The truck grant request ended up being 1 million dollars, to maximize the grant dollars available and reduce the required match. The SCBA, protection pack application is 168K with a 5% match equal to 8,500.00.

   The annual meeting was discussed inviting additional town board members to go over budget recommendations and rational for increasing the budget recommended by the Fire Board to go to 6% rather than 3%.

   BECK MOVED TO INCREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUESTS TO 6%.  JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION.  DISCUSSION OCCURRED.  MOTION CARRIED.

3) Grant Update
   The outcome of the grant is expected in March or April.

5. Old Business: none
6. New Business
The replacement of Grass Rig 6 was discussed. It was covered that the truck is 27 years old, the motor is running very rough and it is very rusty. The community is best served by removing the vehicle from service. The Chief went on to explain a vehicle purchase program for used trucks through a public vehicle auction service. Wood shared the experience they had in the purchase of a DNR used truck converted to an emergency service vehicle.

MOTION BY JENKINS TO PURCHASE A USDED TRUCK TO USE AS A GRASS RIG FOR UP TO 10,000. SECONDED BY BECK. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of billing was raised, bring out that the following are the standard charges: Vehicle extraction at 250.00, Structure fire at 500.00, traffic control is not billed. Traffic control is occasionally covered by insurance but often rejected.

7. Next Meeting & Agenda
The next meeting date is March 6, 2018

8. Adjourn
BECK MOVED TO ADJOURN, JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Barbian
City Administrator