THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 7:00 P.M., MARCH 6, 2018, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

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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
Arvid Jenkins
Jim Beck
Larry Ziebarth
Roger Nelson
Cathy Lundeen
Members Absent:

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

Visitors:
Tom Lundeen
Troy Thompson
Adam Cook
Linda Hass
Marlene Nelson
Eric Otte
Dennis Haubenschild
Visitors:

LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2018 MINUTES CORRECTING GREASS TO GRASS RIG IN NUMBER 6. JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


4. Reports:
Chief Lawrence handed out the run reports and provided a summary overview. The growing number of calls especially medical was discussed.

A Power Point presentation of the 2017 year end events and current issues was presented by Josh Vaccari and Ron Lawrence. Considerable discussion occurred with emphasis on a number of issues including: the emphasis in 2017 to catch up on the deferred maintenance of the truck equipment, the increasing number of total calls especially the township medicals, the need for vehicle replacements and the budget impacts in 2017 and coming year(s). The overview included the pending grants, fire fighter training of new recruits and current recruitment of 6 additional firefighters.

The impacts of the increased costs for calls and equipment lead to further consideration. The members looked at maintaining the 3% increase or adjusting the increase to 6% now or 2019 to level off an impending deficit. Open discussion occurred. The discussion lead to a consensus that each member township, 6 in all and city would consider a 6% increase for 2018 and if all
agreed the adjustment would occur otherwise a larger increase would be expected for 2019. It was noted that the Fire Advisory Board recommends that a 6% increase occur in 2018.

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business

7. Next Meeting & Agenda
The next meeting date is April 3, 2018

8. Adjourn
BECK MOVED TO ADJOURN, LUNDEEN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Barbian
City Administrator