THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 7:00 P.M., June 5, 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 City of Princeton, Arvid Jenkins Spencer Brook Twsp., Jim Beck Greenbush Twsp., Cathy Lundeen Wyanett Twsp.

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

2. Review/Consideration of May 1, 2018 Minutes
ARVID MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2018 MINUTES AS CORRECTED, BECK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


4. Reports:
Chief Lawrence reported 44 calls for the month and indicated that it has been busy, reviewing a few of the specifics. The Chief reported that the ladder truck testing did not go well with 15 cracks being identified at the welds of the ladder/bucket hoist. The repairs are quite expensive and the truck is not very useful in the current condition. Repairs on the welds are estimated at 60K plus shipping. Options discussed included a complete rebuild at approximately 300K, buying a new truck, a better used truck and leasing a truck. Further discussion was planned. Venders are offering to show options to firefighters and members.

The replacement of Grass Rig 6, kept at Blue Hill Township was talked about. The Chief mentioned that there were not many used trucks coming through the auction, one used DNR truck was missed. A new 3500 was talked about as an option with a base price of about 40K. The current balance in the Fire Department Equipment Fund is ~$190K. If the CBA grant is awarded and matched the account balance would be ~$173K.

Also reported:
- Old grass rig 6 and trailer are headed to auction.
- 2 fire fighter have transitioned from probation to regular
- 6 hired fire fighters now reached probationary status.

Chief Lawrence talked about a change in the billing process for structure fires which would process a bill for $500.00 to homeowner’s insurance companies rather than homeowners. Discussion occurred. ARVID MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLING of $500.00 FOR STRUCTURE FIRES TO HOMEOWNER INSURANCE COMPANIES, BECK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business
7. **Next Meeting & Agenda**  
The next meeting date is August 7, 2018

8. **Adjourn**  
BECK MOVED TO ADJOURN, ARVID SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Barbian  
City Administrator