**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 7:00 P.M., August 6, 2019, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

Gerold called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the Princeton Public Safety Building.


**Others Present:**

**Staff Present:** Ron Lawrence Fire Chief, Josh Vaccari Asst. Chief, Troy Thompson Captain, Robert Barbian City Admin.

2. Review/Consideration of Minutes

NELSON MOVED, JENKINS SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4th, 2019 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – NO CHANGES

4. Status of Wyantett Township: Discussion covered written communications and lack of an agreeable solution. There was clarification on the historical practice of the fire operating budget increasing 3% a year and then proportionally allocated to each member based upon the member calls and tax capacity. The truck fund is allocated based upon tax capacity. Other discussion resolved around comments that follow:

Murry stated Wyantett has two departments and only fair to fund both department’s trucks equally and the town is not in a position to do this. Also recognized was the good response times with the PFD and the firefighters living in the township. He welcomed suggestions as the town like to figure something out.

Jenkins mentioned response time is one of the primary reason why their town joined the PFD. It was said the DFD population is about 20K and Princeton 32K calling for higher investment. Chief Lawrence asked if town truck funding might consider run rates of each FD, so if PFD runs 75% of calls and DFD runs 25%, 140K for PFD equal 46K for DFD.

Murry offered that perhaps less of the township could be in PFD. He expressed that the truck fund amount is high and the process was a bit fast for his constituents.

Whitcomb inquired about EMS vs assist calls. Lawrence indicated that with inconsistent ambulance response times in the area the PFD does, at times make a life changing difference and if the ambulance does arrive timely it will be just an assist. A question on Cambridge not running medicals came up as a cost saving measure. It is not known but would impact the area. No action or path was decided upon.

**Reports:**

Run numbers for June and July are present for the townships to look over. We had 38 calls in June and 24 in July. We are currently at 259 calls for the year. In 2018, we totaled 364 calls for the year and in 2017 we totaled 415.
Fire Act Grant: FEMA has been changing their computer system over and it is taking longer than thought. Government go figure. We are supposed to hear by the end of September if we will have received our 2019 grant. We granted two grants, one for turnout gear, and one for new hoses.

Ladder 1 is in service and has been well received by the department. The graphics are complete, and we are waiting for the belly pan and heater system to be designed and built. Just a reminder, we paid $135,000.00 for the truck. They wanted $150,000.00. We budgeted $175,000.00 to cover cost that we expected. This covers the transport cost from Oregon to MN, graphics, belly pan, and some tools that we did not have available. I expect to come in under the $175,000.00. It will be available for the advisory board to look at tonight.

Engine 8 has a noticeable tank leak. This is going to be looked at and they will let us know if it can be repaired or must be replaced. We are also talking about it with the manufacture if we order our new engine from the same company. The tank has a lifetime warranty, but the manufacture of the tank went out of business shortly after we got the truck. More to come on that.

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business

7. Next Meeting & Agenda: September 3, 2019

8. Adjourn
NELSON MOVED TO ADJOURN, JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Barbian
City Administrator