

## Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting July 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Fire Board President Larry Reifschneider

Present: Larry Reifschneider, David Wolf, Dennis Varo & Doug DeBest

Minutes of the 4/11/18 meeting were distributed & accepted by a unanimous vote.

### Old Business

1. New Fire Station Building: A fire station open was held on 6/14/18 and approx. 30 people attended to learn about the proposed station & to learn more about department membership opportunities. The firefighters have scheduled a community outreach night on 7/30/18. The firefighters plan to canvas the community telling residents about the proposed fire station. Also, the Baroda Lions have scheduled a pancake breakfast, on 7/28/18, at the current fire station to raise awareness regarding the new station's need.

### New Business

1. Captain DeBest Reported:
  - a. During the 6/14/18 open house 3 prospect firefighters & 2 prospect auxiliary members were identified.
  - b. On 7/9/18 4 new firefighters started training they are: Gene Jacobs, Ben Blankenberger, John Hammer & Joel Arbanas
  - c. 2 new auxiliary members will start training in August, they are: Thomas Giudice & Magdalena Hammer
  - d. Joel Grissel resigned from the department because he moved to Vicksburg, MI.
  - e. The Dept. is working on a pre-plan manual for all commercial structures in the Village & Twp. Adam Prosser is heading up the project. Manuals with the information will be kept in the engines & also available on a secure server in Google Docs.
  - f. The items for the \$3419.00 DNR matching grant have been ordered & most have been received. The 9/30/18 grant reimbursement deadline should be met.
  - g. In May 2018 Kevin Burkhart was promoted from firefighter to engineer. Kevin will be the primary engine driver & pump operator during a call.
  - h. Department physicals & SCBA mask fittings are still scheduled for 7/18/18.
  - i. The dept. continues to send 2 firefighters to the monthly Berrien County Firefighter meetings. Baroda will be hosting the monthly county meeting on 9/5/18.
  - j. As part of the recently reported revised SCBA maintenance procedure an additional monthly work detail with 1 officer & 3 firefighters has been scheduled.
  - k. For this year's fireworks so far \$14,184.00 has been collected. The collection's in the buckets was down about \$2,000.00 from last year & this year's expenses were \$17,774.00. The Dept. hopes to get another organization involved next year to help collect money.
  - l. In April the Dept. had 3 calls & 192 hrs of training
  - m. In May the Dept. had 6 calls & 133.5 hrs of training
  - n. In June the Dept. had 6 calls & 57.5 hrs of training

- o. If the August maintenance millage passes the Dept. needs to start looking at a new first out fire engine. An April 2019 order date would be ideal because a new truck will take 14 months to get.

Motion by Reifschneider, second by Wolf to adjourn. Motion passed all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Next Meeting is October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM