

Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting June 4, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Fire Board Member Larry Klug

Present: Larry Klug, David Wolf, Doug DeBest & Bob Getz

Minutes of the 1/8/2020 meeting were distributed & accepted as amended by a unanimous vote.

New Business

1. Chief Elect Doug DeBest reported

- a. A summary of the budget year to date was distributed & discussed. We are in the black so far this year.
- b. The annual report was distributed & presented & discussed
- c. Regarding the extraction tool for the new truck we have \$6662.00 in contingency fund (including donations), the equipment fund has a \$8892.53 balance & we applied for a \$3358.00 grant through AAA Insurance. That will be enough to purchase the 2 tools needed.
- d. The new truck should be delivered around 8/1. Training will begin soon after.
- e. Currently the Fire Dept. members have Fire trax ID tags (photo ID's) which identify the individual as a Fire Dept. member. It was suggested & agreed that the Fire Board Members get ID's as well. The ID's will allow the Fire Board members to identify themselves should the pandemic restrictions escalate.
- f. The (hand held) 800 MHz pagers are being programmed & 6/13 is the planned transition start date
- g. He asked the cleaning service workers to not clean the station because we don't want strangers in the station during the pandemic. Everyone agreed that was prudent.
- h. During the pandemic neighboring communities did "Birthday" parades for elementary children. Baroda Fire & Baroda-Lake Police decided to not do those for our constituents over the last 3 months. However, the Board did discuss the possibility of doing them in the future, once a month perhaps, as an outreach program & to provide a training opportunity. A final decision was not made.

2. Chief Klug reported

- a. The County wide 800 MHz radio conversion (including equipment) for the entire County is still in process. A \$1,800,000 federal grant was submitted by Berrien County. If approved this will allow the equipment radios to be replaced at a small (10% +/-) cost to the Township.
- b. Guy Tollas submitted his resignation letter on June 2nd, with a July 1st effective date. No decisions were made on who would be appointed in his place.

Motion by Wolf, second by Getz to adjourn. Motion passed all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next Meeting is July 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM