

Minutes of the Baroda Twp. Fire Board Meeting
July 13, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by David Wolf

Present: Board Members - David Wolf, Leonard Krone, Dennis Krotzer & Stephanie Weimer

Fire Chief Jeff Gaul & Audience Members Larry Klug, Donnie Johnson, Tom Judice, Audra Johnson, Tom Lippert

Minutes of the 4/14/2021 meeting were distributed & accepted as amended by a unanimous vote.

Old Business-Chief Jeff Gaul

- a. We have 6 fully trained drivers for the new Fire Engine; down from 8 due to 2 retirements. 2 in training for the new Fire Engine.
- b. 3 trainees passed class and are qualified Fire Fighters. Additionally, they passed grass rigs and are working on Engine 220 certification to drive.
- c. 2 members retired (Larry Klug and Todd Nitz); 1 moved (Pat Hanlin)
- d. We have a new Trainee- Sam Batterdine. He is scheduled to go to training in the fall.
- e. Information regarding 800 MHz radios was presented, copy attached. The presentation included 7 radios for equipment & 1 radio for the Fire Station. The County 911 System has a 12/31/2022 deadline to switch everyone in the County to 800 Mhz. Six months out for programming and possible financing via Berrien County CARES. No decision was made. (our current handheld 800 Mhz radios are manufactured by Motorola & they are performing very well)
- f. Information regarding a turn out gear washing machine was discussed and possible PVC blower dryer option. No action was taken.

New Business-Chief Jeff Gaul

- a. Training continues with the new extrication equipment, the Dept. has a training evolution scheduled for July 26.
- b. We had 4 calls in April, 11 in May, 6 in June
- c. Promotions to Captain: Donnie Johnson and Chris Burch
- d. Promotions to Lieutenant: Sarah Schmaltz and Andy Adkin

Regarding a new Fire Station location Board Member Krotzer Reported that:

- a. The Village has listed a lot in their Industrial Park for \$40,400.00 & he plans to call Miss Dig for a utility locate to see where a pipeline crosses the available lot property. He also plans to contact Wightman & Associates to see how our previous building plan might fit onto the available Village Property.
- b. The Realtor representing the Strefling property at Cleveland Ave. & Church Street has emailed 3 sale options for consideration, copy attached.
- c. The Zielke property at Cleveland Ave., near Church Street appears to not be viable. Roger Zielke does not want to split the property because he will lose the ability to keep horses on the remainder.

Comments were made by Larry Klug on if there is a plan to fill the Assistant Fire Chief position. Additionally, there was a discussion on Day/Night Captain and creating a mechanism to direct who has command and control. No decision was made.

Discussed damage to fire apparatus. Discussed spotter policy and the need to communicate issues such as this to the fire board.

Motion to move October 12th meeting to October 5th at 7:00 PM

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next Meeting is October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM