

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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October 4th, 2023

Eau Claire Fire Station #1

Meeting called to order at 19:02 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 25 members present.

The minutes for the month of September was presented. A correction noted in treasurer's report to remove a extra decimal point in the balance. Motion made by Matt Johnson with support from Austin Carlson to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of September indicated the balance in checking is \$2,837.28 money market balance is \$23,837.28. A balance of \$15.67 in the car show account. Combined total of \$.26,613.25. All issued checks have cleared. A motion made by Denny Sexton with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the report. The motion carried.

Bills Submitted for payment by BCFA

- A submission for payment for 1008 Smoke Detectors at \$5.58 each and 224 CO Detectors at \$18.66 each: Total \$9,804.48. A motion to purchase the items from Home Depot was given by Austin Carlson with the support from Matt Johnson. The motion carried.

Communications/Announcements:

- Niles Twp. Pancake Breakfast Oct. 8th.
- Berrien Springs/Oronoko Twp. Pancake Breakfast Oct. 8.
- Baroda Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 14th from 1 – 3 pm (Special Guest)
- North Berrien Quarter Auction Oct. 15th.
- Buchanan Fish Fry October 21st
- North Berrien Auxilliary has challenge coins available.
- Local Pizza Huts Holding events supporting their local departments.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's Meeting is on October 18th. (This is a 4:30 pm afternoon meeting.)
- 11 800MHz radios available ready for events by departments in need during an event.

Training Committee:

- EMT class through Niles (Grants available)

MITRT5:

- Niles Fire Marshal Rory Iwaniuk is in charge of the team.

Resource Directory/Website:

- QR code department available to show applications online
- Need updates on equipment changes

Sheriff:

- SEE SOMETHING SUSIPICUS / SAY SOMETHING Dial 911
- Adding more School Deputies

New Business:

- Nominating committee for all four running positions In December threw August 2024. Matt Johnson and Pat Corteville have volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Need help on collecting gifts for the annual auction. Surplus Trading was a big donor.

Business Notes:

- 2024 Car Show will be on June 29th.
- Working on the 2024 BCFA meeting schedule.

Host Chief Norm Carl thanked everyone for coming and introduced our evening program presented by Baroda Fire Department on their new grain silo rescue tool.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Matt Johnson and supported by Frank DeLaTorre Motion carried meeting adjourned at 19:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting November 1st 2023
Galien Fire Department
6:30 Meal
7:00 BCFA meeting**