

PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
JULY 12, 2023
7:00 PM
PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Gerold called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Jim Beck (Greenbush), Dan Hiller (Princeton), Jim Artmann (Blue Hill), Arvid Jenkins (Spencer Brook), Ken Murray (Wyanett), Jenny Gerold (Council)

Members Absent: Bogus Brook representative.

Staff Present: Michele McPherson (City Administrator), Ron Lawrence, (PFRD Chief)

Others Present: Barb Prince (Deputy Clerk, Wyanett Township), Jerry Frascone

2. Review/Consideration of the March 7, 2023 Minutes

Moved by Jenkins, seconded by Shelley, to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions

Moved by Beck, seconded by Jenkins, to approve the Jul 12, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

4. Fire Run Reports and Review of calls and events

Chief Lawrence reported the following number of calls for the previous months:

- March – 34 calls (18 medicals 52.9%)
- April – 37 calls (14 medicals 37.8%)
- May – 45 calls (22 medicals 48.8%)
- June – 48 calls (28 medicals 58.3%)

There was discussion regarding how lift assists are categorized in the report system. They are listed as “public service”. Hiller asked how many calls Chief Lawrence has responded to during the day since the first of the year. Chief Lawrence stated seven to eight (7-8).

5. Grant Updates-

Chief Lawrence stated that there was no news on the Fire Act Grant for the extrication tools.

CMEMS Grant: Chief Lawrence stated that the Department was awarded \$725 for EMS equipment which went to the purchase of EMS bags and supplies for the trucks.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

Blue Hill Township

It was noted that Blue Hill Township voted to enter into a contract with Baldwin Township for 2024. No written notice has been received yet, however. Artmann noted that a final decision has not been officially made; October 1 is the official deadline.

Murray requested a list of reasons why Blue Hill voted the way they did. Artmann provided a list including:

- Billing
- Excessive billing
- Storage building (a capital expense) included in the billing
- Truck Fund
- Longer contract than a year
- Charging for fire calls
- Changed the model for responding to medicals without Township approval

There was discussion amongst the Township representatives regarding the past decisions regarding the contract and the truck fund.

Murray went on record that his township is not going to pay any additional over 5%. Gerold noted that there is no language in the contract to allow a Township to arbitrarily decide what they are going to pay.

Murray stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding using the MAT/LMC formula which includes population.

Engine 2 Accident

The accident is still under investigation. The current repair estimate is just under \$142,500. Several truck committee members will be visiting the contractor to ensure that all of the items have been identified that need repair. Of specific concern is the frame.

8. Next Meeting(s) & Agenda

September 5, 2023 at 7 pm. Agenda items include: Truck Plan, Budget – CIP/Operating, Truck Plan Financing Options, MAT Contract and discussion of a formula change.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Jenkins, seconded by Hiller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele McPherson

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