

**THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT  
7:00 P.M., January 5th, 2021, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call.**

Gerold called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Members Present:** Dale Shelley (Greenbush Twsp.), , Roger Nelson (Blue Hill Twsp.), Arvid Jenkins (Spencer Brook Twsp), and Jenny Gerold (Council)

**Members Absent:** Ken Murray (Wyanett Twsp.), Bill Whitcomb (Princeton Twsp.), Jim Beck (Greenbush Alternate), Lee Minks (Bogus Brook)

**Others Present:** ~~Tim Hennagin~~ Union Times

**Staff Present:** Ron Lawrence (Fire Chief) and Troy Thompson (Captain)

**2. Review/Consideration of Minutes:** There were no meeting minutes to approve as they could not be found after the resignation of the City Administrator.

**3. Agenda Additions/Deletions:** Gerold and Lawrence asked to add "City Administrator resignation" and "Update on new Finance Director" to New Business. Shelley moved, Jenkins 2nd - Motion passed.

**4. Run Reports:** Chief Lawrence reported that 429 calls were been made for the year 2020. This was a record year! The previous record number of calls was 415 in 2017. Lawrence will present his year end report at the March meeting. Lawrence also announced that the townships should let him know if they want the Chief or Captains at their March meetings.

**5. Grants:** Lawrence reported that he applied for a \$3,000 Covid-19 grant and is waiting to hear back. The Townships and Cares Act funding purchases have all been made. The department's jumpsuits will be arriving the end of Feb or early March. Other supplies have already arrived. The Fire Act Grant opened on Tuesday. Lawrence is looking for ideas to grant for. If they can't qualify, he may take the year off as it is hard to find qualifying items to apply for.

**6 Old Business:** Lawrence reported that they are working with the Distillery on the foam trailer and foam. They are hoping to make a presentation to the Executive team at the Distillery soon, If they purchase the new foam trailer, the Distillery may pay for it. If not, the full amount will be approximately \$50K. They will look to gas stations for donations. The department may sell Engine 1 and may put half of the proceeds in the Truck Fund and the other half in the Equipment Fund.

**7. New Business:** Lawrence announced that he received approval from City Council to hire four new firefighters this year in an effort to plan for the mass retirement that is expected in 2023. Council also approved for the hiring of four additional firefighters in 2022. This will allow new firefighters to be trained in time. Gerold announced the resignation of City Administrator, Bob Barbian on Dec. 22nd. Council is in the process of searching for a replacement and expect to have someone hired in March. An announcement was also made in regards to the hiring of new Finance Director, Tracy Peters. Both new hires will be invited to a future meeting to meet the Fire Advisory Board.

**8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd.

NELSON Moved to adjourn ; JENKINS seconded - Motion carried at 7:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Gerold City Council / Fire Advisory Board Chair