

Baldwin Fire Department
Approved
Business Meeting Minutes for 03-06-2011

Attendance- Jeremy Baty, Larry Boeke, Jim Buell, Scott Case, Phil Holland, Mike Kaden, Joe Kiel, Don Larsen, Ross Martin, Chuck Nagle, Terry Nemerov, Jim Oliver, Mike Rademacher, Justin Suckut, Bill Swigart, Gary Taylor, Mary Beth Torborg, Rick Wagner, Town Board Supervisor Tom Rush.

Call to order 1946

Joe Kiel makes a motion to approve the prior months meeting minutes. Justin Suckut seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

- I. Review of Prior Months Calls-19**
 - a. Medicals-15
 - b. Mutual Aid = 2
 - c. Fire = 1 (be sure to crack the bails on the nozzles in freezing weather)
 - d. Other = 1 Fire Alarm
 - e. Discussed bringing all responders except driver into house to get more experience with first aid.
 - f. Be sure to notify the IC if we observe anything illegal on scene.

- II. Apparatus – Jim Buell**
 - a. E-3 – In service as 2nd engine out. When are we comfortable as #1 out? E-1 will be our mutual aid rig. No firm date. Will wait until everyone is comfortable with everything. Morning crew discussed putting foam between bottles to keep them from rattling and causing damage over time. Jim B. is in charge of E-3 equipping. Other officers should not be making decisions on E-3 without approval. Discuss possibly sending back two of the bigger nozzles and exchanging for smaller ones. No motion to exchange these nozzles at this time. Discuss issues with E-3 while pumping at last training. Gauge stuck at 100 psi and primer freezing late in training. Scott said these issues are common in winter with St. Paul. Discuss when to turn on the generator PTO when responding. It is okay to turn generator PTO on when leaving station.
 - b. E-2 – Status? Has been stripped for the most part. Still have the hose and crosslays in event it is called out for mutual aid for Squirt. Fire extinguisher clips are still in it. We will take them out before selling.
 - c. Grass rigs- when to get ready? Weather conditions will dictate. Possibly end of March.
 - d. Rearranging of Vehicles when E-2 is taken out of service. Both Engines will sit in bay one, two tankers in bay two.
 - e. Be sure to turn off the fuel switch after fueling up apparatus.

- III. Training Report – Joe Kiel**
 - a. May push confined space trailer back. We will look at having wild land training.

- IV. S.C.B.A – Robin Fischer**
 - a. Robin will check on the status of the pack that is out being serviced right now.
 - b. Most FF's are complaining about the PASS alarms on the new packs. Robin will also check to see if there are any adjustments that can be made to the no movement sensor for the PASS alarm on the packs.

- V. Building/Grounds- Don Larson**
 - a. Lock for front door. Don would prefer that the township use a credit card to pay for. Cost will be about \$350. Look into using a card lock. This would allow us to know who entered station and when.

- VI. Equipment- Scott Case**
 - a. New turnout gear. Who did not get measured that needs new gear? Discussed allowing FF to pay for alterations to gear. They would cover the cost and sign a document that the gear is still department property and may be issued to another FF. Mary Beth asked if it is permissible for FF's to pay for alterations to turn out gear that is already in service. Chief Rademacher advised that we would look at this on a case by case bases. We would have to ensure that there is another set of turn out gear available for the FF to use while their turn outs are in being altered. All alterations would need to be performed by a certified vendor due to liability issues.
 - b. Discuss getting floor dry.
 - c. Discuss getting some stainless steel bolts for mounting the light bar on Grass 2.
 - d. A lot of gear is dirty. Gear needs to be cleaned after fire calls. Reminder to get gear in service soon (24 hours).

- VII. Recruiting- Larry Boeke**
 - a. Nothing new to report.

- VIII. Work Detail**
 - a. Bays need to swept out. Will discuss which crew will handle.

- IX. Communications – Justin Suckut**
 - a. Do all FF have a radio signed out? Captains will call their crew and make sure everyone has one.
 - b. The radios and chargers that the Township was using are back at the station. If the Township needs to borrow them they are allowed to do so but must be immediately returned after that use. Chief Rademacher has advised the Township that they need to make arrangements for next year.

X. Miscellaneous

- a. Sign out for department business/classes. Firefighters need to put times that they are leaving.
- b. Turnout Gear Stations- Briefly discussed assigning new gear lockers for FF's. We will be assigning lockers nearest to the front of the station to those FF's who regularly make trucks.
- c. We will start recording station arrival times on the attendance sheets for those FF's who are on standby.
- d. Discussed not having a business meeting in June and August. We have done this in the past and it seemed to work well. We will revisit this at the next meeting.
- e. Discuss moving the business meeting in July from July 3rd to July 10th. Jim Oliver makes a motion to move the meeting from July 3rd to July 10th. No discussion. Motion carries with one nay (Scott Case).
- f. Look at moving the September business meeting to either August 28th or September 11th due to Labor day. Everyone check your schedules and we will discuss this at a later date.
- g. Jeremy Evans has resigned.
- h. We will be changing the door codes soon.
- i. The revised organizational chart will be posted.
- j. Gary Taylor asked if North Ambulance is set up to be automatically paged out for standby when we have a structure fire. Chief Rademacher advised that dispatch is suppose to automatically page North Ambulance for all structure fires, but sometimes they forget. If we are on scene at a structure fire and you notice that North Ambulance has not arrived check with your Captain or the IC to see if North is on their way.
- k. Mary Beth briefly discussed non structural fire fighting turn out gear that can be purchased through Metro Fire. The uses for this gear would include grass fires and possibly extraction and car fires. The approximate cost is \$150.00 per set. This gear is light weight and may reduce the risk of suffering from heat exhaustion/stroke. During discussion it was asked if FF's would be allowed to purchase this gear on their own and be permitted to use it on our calls. Chief Rademacher advised that the board of Officers will look into this turn out gear some more and make a decision one way or the other.

Rick Wagner makes a motion to close, Gary Taylor seconds. The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2045