

BEECH GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT (BGFD)
Merit Board MINUTES
February 13, 2013

Mike Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Merit Board Members present – Mike Fisher, Gary Pierson, Dave Irwin, Joe Prindle, and Don Smith. Also attending was BGFD Fire Chief Robert Cheshire, Operation Chief Jim Pierce and Union Representative Aaron Jeanette.

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion Passed.

Officer Reports: Nothing to report at this time.

Department Reports: Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business: Nothing to report at this time.

New Business: Chief Cheshire discussed the upcoming meeting with Decatur, Wayne, Pike and Beech Grove. Need to have a meeting in March and go over a written agreement with these other departments. Merit Rules need to be changed as well. Estimate of 2600 applicants for new open positions. They need to be EMS tested for employment with the City of Beech Grove. Chief Cheshire went through the guidelines and requirements for picking an applicant.

Group discussion regarding testing, manpower needs for our own BGFD, and also discussed the need for our department having 4-man units on our fire trucks.

Motion was made and seconded to move forward to pursue the hiring procedure with Decatur, Pike, Wayne and Beech Grove. Motion passed.

Recruitment class is coming out in March.

Went to Wisconsin last Tuesday, short punch list, should be delivered to Beech Grove station sometime in the next week or two. Chief Pierce showed the Board a video that was taken by a neighbor, also pictures of equipment that had been burned because of a flashover that occurred during a fire that happened two weeks ago. Two firefighters were injured.

Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report on at this time.

Comments: Group discussion regarding issues surrounding the residents of Beech Grove.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM. There will be a car show at Amtrak in June or July.

There was discussion regarding current legislation going on. There are reappointments this year for four members of the Board.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

The next meeting will be held at a later time.

Mike Fisher, President

Gary Pierson, Secretary