

BEECH GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT (BGFD)
Merit Board MINUTES
March 20, 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 with two changes. Car show in August, and we will have three (3) members instead of four (4) Board members need reappoint this year. 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 presented a letter asking the Board to accept Ryan Tusing as a permanent employee. Motion Passed.

Chief Cheshire then presented a handout regarding the approval of an Addendum to the BGFD Merit Rules. Chief Cheshire then explained the changes. There was group discussion regarding the changes to our rule. This change goes along with the other Departments (Decatur, Wayne, Pike and Brownsburg). Motion was made and seconded to accept the change to Section J of our Rules. Motion Passed.

It was agreed to look at changes on dates for the Merit Board members.

Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report on at this time.

Comments: Aaron Jeanette stated that the Union took their contract to the Board of Works meeting. The contract was tabled at this time.

Chief Cheshire thanked everyone who showed up this morning at the dedication to the new fire truck.

As of March 1st there were 198 runs so for this month. They have been busy.

Update on injured firefighters. One is back to work, the other is going through medical treatment now, then rehabilitation.

Jim Pierce mentioned that the St. Francis program is going well and thanked everyone for attending this morning. Discussed Main Street project going on, with no issues so far.

Joe Prindle stated that two new shelters are in, new swings at the kindergarden, and new toilets in the parks as well. There are over 200 trees that will need to be taken out because of the drought.

Mike Fisher added that the Shrine is having an event on April 20th, with a cost of \$25.00 per couple.

May 4th is the Sportsman Club show.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM.

Mike Fisher, President

Gary Pierson, Secretary