

BEECH GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT (BGFD)
Merit Board MINUTES
June 12, 2013

Mike Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Minutes: Suspended minutes reading at this time.

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 distributed a copy of the Interlocal Agreement. Out of 1200 applications, they had 598 return for an interview, and of those 160 were sent for the physical test. Costs incurred so far was \$5,738.00, which will be divided up among the departments. We are saving a ton of money by doing it this way. Two personnel will be dropping off our department list by 2015.

The City Council introduced a resolution to have the Beech Grove employees tested by both breathalyzer and blood draw. We need to contact members of the City Council to find out why we will need to do something different. Our current drug screening process is very good now for the Fire and Police Departments.

Group discussion regarding drug testing.

Chief Cheshire spoke about our new fire truck having some mechanical problems, and several other issues. They have contacted the builder. So far, they have addressed all the issues, but we are still having problems.

Also discussed was our injured firefighters. One injured firefighter is fine and back to work, but the other firefighter is not doing as well. He will be required to have back surgery sometime in June.

Chief Cheshire reported that there were 346 runs so far, and the new Medic 102 has been busy. They have covered over 27,000 miles so far with it.

Mike Fisher asked about the filming of the fire and accident, and if our department was going to let other fire departments use it.

Chief Cheshire stated that they still haven't done anything yet, but are looking into it.

Mike Fisher discussed the filling of our Merit Board. They have tabled the appointments for now.

Chief Cheshire reported that July 3rd will be the fireworks in Beech Grove, and the Police and Fire Departments will have their presence there.

Fire Department participated in the Indiana Burn Camp, which is a camp in Northern Indiana helping kids that have been injured by fires. Several members of our Department volunteer their time during that week. They have a huge parade that includes thirty fire trucks, and over 200 motorcycles. Approximately 70 kids attended this year's camp. Union will be doing Fun Day in August.

Discussion regarding new vehicles for our Fire Department.

FDIC went well for our Department this year. We had one of our engines there, being used for training.

Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report on at this time.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

The next meeting will be held at a later date.

Mike Fisher, President

Gary Pierson, Secretary