

BEECH GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT (BGFD)
Merit Board MINUTES
December 12, 2012

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

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

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with the proper changes being made (Correction – Tom Coons was not present). 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 requested the hiring of Robert Metcalfe to replace Firefighter/ Paramedic Austin Hrubon. The applicant is on our current hiring list. The Board reviewed Robert's certifications.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Robert Metcalfe to the Beech Grove Fire Department. Motion passed.

Chief Pierce discussed the current hiring list for the Department. We are getting close to running out of candidates. Have an opportunity to join with Decatur, Wayne, Speedway Departments and having a larger list plus the cost factor of coming up with a new hiring list.

Everyone will be sharing the cost plus a bigger pool of applicants to pull from.

Larger pool would be better for everyone concerned. The candidates will be able to choose what Departments they would like to apply to. We will need to change some rules in our Merit guidelines.

Both Chief Cheshire and Chief Pierce will work on those changes over the next few months before meeting again on this issue.

There was discussion between Chief Cheshire and Chief Pierce regarding new truck. They will be going up January 23rd to check on the progress of the building of it.

Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report on at this time.

Comments: Waiting to hear the announcement regarding St. Francis Hospital, which should be tomorrow.

Chief Cheshire discussed their Union newsletter. They showed the Board an article regarding Total Runs by Departments.

The roof is done, painting is going on now.

Chief Pierce reported on the explosion on the Southside, and put in several hours helping out.

Discussion regarding covering the City of Beech Grove when we have one of our fire trucks out on another call. We are still covered by ourselves or another Department.

There was discussion regarding our Street Department employees requesting volunteer recognition of having a union.

Passed around a list of all the Board members to make sure all the information is right. Some members will need to be reappointed next year (2013).

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

The next meeting will be held at a later time.

Mike Fisher, President

Gary Pierson, Secretary