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**BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT**

**26 East Charlotte St.  
Millersville, Pa 17551  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
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Dec 5, 2013

Jay Breneman

Dan Bezek

Duane Hagelgans

Phil Lastowski

Ted Gingrich

Ann Harach

Breneman called the December 2013 meeting to order at 18:02. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by Breneman, all voted and approved the October minutes.

Public comment: Ted Gingrich would like to call attention to Obama care and fire service. The IRS is possibly looking at volunteers as being classified as employees and we may need to cover them on our health insurance.

Financial Report – A motion was made by Lastowski to approve the October financials and was seconded by Bezek. All voted and approved. Hagelgans reported that our financial year ends two weeks into January and we saved money in our capital budget with the radios.

Blue Rock received money from the Ana Neff Estate for a total of about \$45,000 and the money must go into the capital budget.

The year may end about \$150,000 under budget. Equipment expenses, repairs and maintenance are over budget but necessary. Total operating budget is currently at 74%.

Station 1 had an AC unit replaced, Station 3 will have a phone line eliminated in February, Station 5 also had an AC unit replaced and the propane tank at Station 7 needed filled which was an unexpectedly large expense. We have also incurred unexpected security systems and other building maintenance costs. The total building budget is currently at 62% which includes insurance and associated cost increase.

Office of the Fire Commissioner is currently under budget at 81% and at this time of the year would expect to be at 92%.

Lastowski made a motion to approve the November financial report which was seconded by Breneman. All voted and approved.

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Bezek made a motion for the final approval of the 2014 budget and Breneman seconded. All voted and approved.

Hagelgans reported that Rescue 905 and Tanker 903 both had new tires put on recently, an unexpected expense.

Harach applied for the State Fire Commissioner's grant for plymo-vents for the vehicles at Stations 1, 3 and 7. Each will have a minimal system put in for us to build upon at a later date.

Hagelgans reported that there may be a need to fix station heaters and engine floor heaters at Station 3.

Recruitment and retention is going well. We are trying to do things for members and their families, trying to get everyone involved. We have done well recruiting at the university and are also looking at a mailer to the entire district explaining the organization. Bezek is working on recruiting and retention ideas with his committee.

Breneman would like to see something so the people that participate in the fire company get a tax rebate. Different options are being investigated. Hagelgans feels that we need to come up with a point system so it encourages participation and can benefit everyone not just home owners but renters as well.

Emergency Management is meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> and we will be looking to set up next year's training schedule.

The Millersville Borough water/sewer break generated some complaints about the ambulance leaking oil in the street. Less than 24 hours later oil dry was put on the small leak but we still received complaints from a resident.

The Blue Rock board is granting an exception for a student to stay at the station during holiday break. This will provide a needed volunteer to respond for calls.

Line officers in training program will most likely begin early next year. Station 3 and 7 are low on officers. Station 5 and 1 currently have enough officers.

The area we cover in East Hempfield will revert to Rhorerstown Fire Company in the near future.

Santa will arrive on the engine on Friday December 6th at 1800.

The new box truck we received from the county now has a plate and will get shelving, which is in budget for next year.

Our new cell tower contract was forwarded to our attorney and went back to the county today for final review.

There are station issues that seem to arise with maintenance. Contractually, BRFR will maintain the stations but that has not always been the case. Hagelgans and Harach are handling most of these issues and receiving many complaints. Hagelgans is working on a new system.

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The question is brought to the table if a capital fund drive or a fundraiser would be more beneficial. Hagelgans has had conversations with Geoff Beers, Student Services Incorporated president, about a house for live-ins on campus. We could potentially use a fire fighter grant to pursue this option and have businesses contribute money.

Currently there is no system in the borough or township for receiving plans. Blue Rock would like to have some process put into place so that we could review construction plans.

Next meeting is postponed to January 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 due to the need to reorganize township and borough officials at the next meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn by Breneman seconded by Lastowski at 19:32

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hagelgans', written over a horizontal line.

Duane Hagelgans

Secretary