

# **BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT**

**26 East Charlotte St.  
Millersville, Pa 17551  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
(717) 872-9345**

Thursday July 11, 2013

In attendance:

John May

Phil Lastowski

Jay Breneman

Dan Bezek

Ann Harach

Meeting was called to order by Jay Breneman at 1802.

The approval of the May 2013 meeting minutes was put on hold until all board members could review them.

No comment from the public.

The Financial report was read by Jay Breneman and a motion was made by John May to approve. A second motion was made by Phil Lastowski. For the budget, some numbers just need a little adjustment. We're finding that in some areas we are not spending as much as budgeted but in others are spending a little more.

Ann Harach informs that the fundraising application has been sent to the state by the support group. We are now waiting for the application to be approved by the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. After the application is approved we can move forward with the fundraiser.

Ann Harach states that Tanker 903 is at DBL Tank Services in Manheim. Damage has been assessed and repairs will begin shortly. Cost to repair is approximately \$5,000. This will not solve the problem completely but is the best option for the piece.

Ann also advises that Brush 903 is currently in Allentown having the siren, trailer hitch and pump repaired. All work is under warranty.

Dan Bezek and Ann make the group aware that Pierce is currently experiencing problems with the DEF pumps. DEF pumps allow diesel fuel to burn cleaner. The problem has caused the check engine light to turn on frequently. This is happening at other fire companies across the county. Pierce and Penn Detroit are working on a solution but may require government involvement.

Ann advises that DCED grant is ready to submit. The SAFER grant is set to open August 1 for recruitment and retention.

Dan Bezek advises that a duty crew program is being explored in the hopes of providing better coverage and allowing people more time off.

Dan Bezek advises that recruiting and retention efforts continue. Several options are being investigated. We will continue to recruit from the college but also try to attract a more diverse age group. Unfortunately, there is no magic formula for recruiting and retention. Dan is working on magnets in the shape of a smoke detector to put on cars or refrigerators with the BRFR logo.

We have issues with Fire hydrant attachments in the area. Different hydrants in the area require different attachments and there is no unified system. As new hydrants are put in or replaced all will be using the same attachment.

National night out is August 6 at John Herr's.

Jay suggests that we should look into a fire tax exemption for participating members of BRFR.

Ann advises that the virtual EOC is now set up. In conjunction with Penn Manor Schools we will use Adobe Connect to conference remotely. The panoramic camera, speaker phone and computer are configured to work together for a virtual EOC. These items can also function together to work for training purposes.

Tomato Festival is July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> please attend the festivities and tell your friends and family.

The rail trail is currently set to open on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn was made by John May. Motion was seconded by Phil Lastowski.

Meeting adjourned at 18:53.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Duane E. Hagelgans, Sec.