



**BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS  
BERLIN, MASSACHUSETTS 01503  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 6, 2013

**Location:** Fire Station

**Called to Order:** 19:19 by Chief Bruce Ricard

**Attended by Board Members:** Chief Bruce Ricard, Charles Eager, Robert Tervo and Donald Richer.

**Town Officials and Others Present:** Judy Booman, Board of Selectmen.

Minutes from the December 12, 2012 were read unanimously approved and will be posted on the Town's Website.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief reports that there is \$28,019.00 left in the Wages Account and \$35,000.00 in the Expense Account. The Fire Department will have 3 Articles on the Town Meeting Warrant.

1. \$850,000.00 New Ladder Truck
2. \$1,500.00 Refurbish an old cruiser to be used as a Command Vehicle for the FD
3. \$23,620.00 for PPE, Personal Protective Equipment

The Chief reports that the FY 2014 Budget will be level funded except for an increase in the Chief's salary and in the Training Account

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief reports that he and Judy Booman will be at the Old Town Hall on February 20, 2013, 9AM to speak to a group of Berlin residents about the Ladder Truck issue.

Chief Ricard that during the month of January he has had meetings with the Board of Selectmen, Financial Advisory Committee and the Finance Committee about the Ladder Truck issue and how to proceed.

Chief Ricard requests that the Board consider allowing him to put Ladder 1 back in service, not as an Aerial Ladder, but as a tanker/pumper or as needed. The BOFE voted 4-0 to allow the Chief use Ladder 1 as he see fit.

**STATUS OF THE APPARATUS**

The Chief reports the following.

Engine 1---- In Service

Engine 2---- In Service

Engine 3---- In Service

Ladder 1---- Modified/Restricted Use

**WARRANTS** - The chief submitted warrants for the Board to sign.

**TRAINING AND PERSONNEL** - Training continues on Engine 1

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**EXEUTIVE SESSION** - None

Meeting adjourned at 20:27.

Submitted by Recording Clerk,  
Donald L. Richer