



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

Date: April 3, 2013

Location: Fire Station

Called to Order: 19:25 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 March 6, 2013 were read unanimously approved and will be posted on the Town's Website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief reports that there is \$18,359.00 left in the Wages Account and \$27,531.00 in the Expense Account. The Fire Department will have 3 Articles on the Town Meeting Warrant.

1. \$850,000.00 New Ladder Truck - Will be passed over
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 contain \$25,000.00 for the rental of a Ladder Truck.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Chief reported that he obtained a 1998 4x4 pick-up truck from the Military Excess Project. The truck was obtained at no cost to the Department and will be owned by the Town after 2 years.

The Chief reports that the Berlin Fire Dept received a \$2,000.00 grant from the Volunteer Firefighter Fund. This money will be matched with \$2,000.00 in Town funds for a total of \$4,000.00

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; Plumbing issues have been discovered. The Foam System is out of service.

WARRANTS - The Chief submitted warrants for the Board to sign.

TRAINING AND PERSONNEL – The Department is undergoing C.P.R. and First Responder Training.

CORRESPONDENCE - The Board received a letter from the Berlin Board of Selectmen stating there would be a Special Town Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

Meeting adjourned at 19:45

Submitted by Recording Clerk,
Donald L. Richer