



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

**Date:** September 5, 2013

**Location:** Fire Station

**Called to Order:** 19:15 by Chief Bruce Ricard

**Attended by Board Members:** Chief Bruce Ricard, Duncan Baum, James Peltier, George Pendergast and Donald Richer

**Town Officials and Others Present:** Charles Eager, Resident

Minutes from the July 10, 2013 were read, unanimously approved and will be posted on the Town's Website.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief reports that the department has \$35,345.00 remaining in the Wages Account and \$80,474.77 remaining in the Expense Account for FY 14.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief reported that there were no major fire or significant incidents.

He is looking into obtaining a grant to replace the compressor for the Cascade System at the station.

The water pump that refills the holding tank at the station was repaired.

Captain Lichwell is repairing the turnout gear racks at the station as they are pulling away from the walls and need to be re-attached.

The Chief reports that the radio system has problems and he has contacted Verizon Phone Company.

The Chief feels that the entire communication system for the town is in need of major work or replacement. He stated that the Fire, Police, Rescue Squad, Highway Depts. and Selectmen should meet to discuss the problem.

**STATUS OF THE APPARATUS**

The Chief reports the following.

Engine 1---- In Service

Engine 2---- In Service

Engine 3---- In Service

Forest Fire---- In Service

Ladder 1----- In Service

Old Ladder 1 - The B.O.F.E. voted unanimously to have the ladder removed from the truck (this would remove any liability for the town) recommended the Board of Selectmen declare the truck as surplus & dispose of it as they see fit.

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

**TRAINING AND PERSONNEL** – The Chief submitted the names of Daniel Sullivan, 430 Bolton Road, Hudson, Brandon MacNeil, 6 Blaine Street, Hudson and Jonathan Paolino, 9 Michigan Drive, Hudson to become a members of the Berlin Fire Dept. The B.O.F.E. interviewed all 3 candidates and voted unanimously to appoint him as Provisional Firefighters pending successful completion of a Medical Exam, reference and background checks.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

Meeting adjourned at 21:00 Hours

Submitted by Recording Clerk,  
Donald L. Richer