

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY  
December 2, 2015  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the Main Fire Station at 615 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan. This Special Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT:           SHAWN PIPOLY  
                      JIM MORTENSEN  
                      MIKE CORRIGAN  
                      JIM MUZZIN  
                      LUCILLE WEAIRE  
                      PATRICK MICHEL  
                      TODD SMITH

ABSENT:           NONE

ALSO PRESENT:   Chief Michael O'Brian  
                      Neal Nielsen, Esq.  
                      Deputy Chief Michael Evans  
                      H.R. Director Anne Campbell  
                      Assistant Chief Jim Tester

Call to the Public  
None

Approval of Agenda

15:051           Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Jim Mortensen,  
                      That we approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Authority Millage

Chairperson Jim Muzzin indicated that the purpose of this special meeting was to have direction on the amount and length of millage to file for. He then turned the meeting over to Chief O'Brian.

Chief O'Brian indicated that the millage is expiring and we need to determine what the Board would like to do. He used a PowerPoint presentation which gave detailed information designed to give the members sufficient information to make a decision. He also included the millage rates of neighboring communities, which indicates that our millage rate is among the lowest of 8 other communities. Chief O'Brian also presented the Members with proposed Budget spreadsheets showing projections of income and expenses for years 2016 through 2021, for each millage rate of 1.25, 1.5 and 1.75.

The discussion also included personnel, staffing, vehicle replacements, gear, SCBA's and equipment, as well as training needs.

There was considerable discussion regarding the fire stations and buildings, including their conditions, maintenance and replacement options. There was discussions regarding how this impacts the millage and how the building replacements could be resolved.

15:052 Motion by Todd Smith, supported by Mike Corrigan and Jim Mortensen  
That we consider and pursue a millage rate of 1.5 mills for 5 years and explore the transfer of ownership by the municipalities of the properties, buildings and stations to the Fire Authority.


Motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Order

Chief O'Brian was complimented by both Board Member Jim Mortensen and Board Counsel Neal Nielsen, indicating that they appreciated the time and effort he put into the considerable documentation and information presented at the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Mike Corrigan, that we adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

  
Jim Muzzin, Chairperson