

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY  
March 12, 2015  
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Main Fire Station at 615 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, Michigan. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson James Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: JIM MORTENSEN  
JIM MUZZIN  
SHAWN PIPOLY (arrived 8:15 a.m.)  
LUCILLE WEAIRE  
PATRICK MICHEL

ABSENT: GARY MCCRIRIE  
MIKE CORRIGAN

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Mike O'Brian  
Neal Nielsen, Esq.

Call to the Public  
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

15:011 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Lucille Weaire  
That we approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

15:012 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Lucille Weaire  
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Check Register for January, 2015

15:013 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Patrick Michel  
That we approve the check register for the month of January, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

2015 Year-End Report Presentation

The Board Members were each given a copy of the 2014 Year End Report. Chief O'Brian indicated that 2014 was our busiest year to date; we responded to 1707 calls. Chief O'Brian also indicated that the three major fire loss incidents in 2014 were in Brighton Township. Chief O'Brian pointed to several pertinent parts of the Report, including the types of responses, the incidents by communities, and the training hours. It was also mentioned that the Howell High School Fire Academy is open county-wide in the next school year, and that the Academy continues to be a great recruiting tool. The Board was also updated on the fact that the Smoke Alarm Program continues to be well received throughout the community.

2015 Healthcare Renewal

15:014 Motion by Shawn Pipoly, supported by Lucille Weaire  
That we approve changing the Brighton Area Fire Authority's Health Plan from Priority Health HMO Platinum Plan to Blue Care Network HMO Platinum Plan, effective 5/1/2015 (Option #2).

Ayes: Weaire, Mortensen, Muzzin, Pipoly, Michel  
Nays: None  
Absent: McCririe, Corrigan

Motion carried 5-0

Good of the Order

Chief O'Brian informed the Board that we hosted the Fire Chief, Human Resource Director and Fire Marshal of Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department for 2 ½ days. Chief O'Brian, Deputy Chief Evans and Human Resource Director Campbell traveled to their department last year. Both Authorities shared Best Practices and discussed recruitment, retention and optimization of our services.

The Chief and Deputy Chief will be traveling to Washington, D.C. April 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting with the Michigan Congressmen and Senators, as well as visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They are attempting to obtain an appointment with Congressman Bishop, and join a contingent to the White House.

Chief O'Brian indicated that February was a very busy month, due to extremely cold weather, a couple of snowfalls and an aging community.

Lucille Weaire thanked the Fire Department for the Soup Out, held at Station 31 on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended and seems to get better every year.

Adjournment

Motion by Lucille Weaire, supported by Jim Mortensen, that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

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Jim Muzzin, Chairperson