

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
April 9, 2015
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, April 9, 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
LUCILLE WEAIRE
PATRICK MICHEL
GARY MCCRIRIE
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

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

Livingston County
Kate Lawrence, District 1 Commissioner
Belinda Peters, County Administrator
Jim Rowell, Building Official

Call to the Public
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

15:015 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

15:016 Motion by Lucille Weaire, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Check Register March, 2015

15:017 Motion by Gary McCririe, supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the March, 2015 check register

Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Fire Protection Ordinances

Chief O'Brian indicated that there has been a meeting scheduled for later today between himself, Deputy Chief Evans, Belinda Peters and Jim Rowell to discuss any issues the County may have regarding the revisions the Fire Authority is working on with the three municipalities.

There was discussion of the status of the revisions, and where the project currently is at. Chief O'Brian indicated that, since a meeting will be held this afternoon, that no action is needed at this time. There was discussion by the Board Members and Staff reviewing the actions taken by Livingston County.

Discussion of Budget for Year Ending 6/30/2016

Chief O'Brian indicated that the December tax collection will be the last collection under our current approved Millage. It was discussed that it is recommended that we have the millage renewal appear on the November, 2015 ballot.

The draft of the 2015-2016 Operating Fund, Capital, OPEB, and Legal Reserve Budgets was presented to the Board, and Chief O'Brian discussed several areas, including the possible changes in staffing.

Chief O'Brian stated that it is his plan to present a Budget for approval at the May, 2015 Board Meeting.

Good of the Order

Chief O'Brian informed the Board that Deputy Chief Evans taught a 40-hour class, Company Fire Inspector. We had participants from the Howell and Hartland Fire Departments. We now have more part-time, paid-on-call Company Fire Inspectors than the rest of the State put together.

Chief O'Brian updated the Board on the trip to Washington, D.C. with the Congressional Fire Service Institute that the Chief and Deputy Chief Evans has coming up on April 14th-16th. They will be meeting with our congressional representatives, and on Thursday, they will participate with the Michigan Fire Service in the laying of the Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

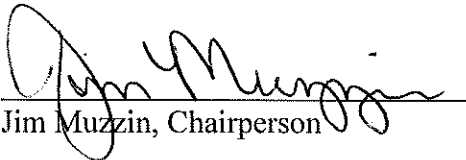
The Board was also updated on the steps the H.R. Director Anne Campbell is taking to increase our paid-on-call firefighters. On March 25, there was 5,500 postcards mailed out to Brighton Township residents, an area where we need additional staffing. At this point we have received numerous responses, and 5 applications were submitted.

There will be an Open House held for the Howell Fire Academy on Sunday, April 12th. The Academy will be available county wide.

Adjournment

Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Jim Mortensen, that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson