

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
February 8, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at Station 34 located at 2755 Dorr Rd., Brighton, Michigan. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
 TERRY CROFT
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Bakhaus, City of Brighton resident commented about something she saw on a website.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:010 Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Bill Rogers
 That we approve the Consent Agenda as amended moving 4d to 5b and moving 5b to 7a.

 Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:011 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended

- 5a Board member Oath of Office
- 5b Request to purchase mobile & portable firefighter radios
- 5c 2023 Annual Report Presentation
- 7a Fire Protection Specialist Oath of Office

Motion carried unanimously

Administer Oath of Office to BAFA Board Members

Tara Brown from the City of Brighton came to administer the Oath of Office to our seven Board Members: Bill Rogers, Terry Croft, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker, Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly & Mike Corrigan

Request to Purchase Mobile and Portable Firefighter Radios

This request is for 10 new Motorola APX 6000XE portable radios, all radios have the most recent required features added, TDMA and encryption.

The pricing is on a multi-department purchase which gets us pricing of \$7207.90 per radio. This price includes radio, antenna, charger, 2 batteries, and programming from the State of Michigan. Our total cost of this purchase is \$72,076.90. This request is part of the FYE 2024 Capital Budget.

As a note, we currently have 13 non-ruggedized APX portable radios assigned to apparatus including our Tankers, Brush, and Utility trucks which do not meet the durability requirements for our firefighters and are subject to frequent failures.

Mobile radios needed: three Motorola APX 7500, at \$3225.00 each, including shipping and programming from the State of Michigan. These radios will be installed in the two Squads and the new Tanker 34. One

Motorola APX 6500 will need to be purchased and this will be installed in B/C 3 for a second mobile radio at \$2450.00 including shipping and programming from the State of Michigan. These radios will be pre-owned.

Price totals:

Portables \$72,076.90
Mobiles \$12,125.00
Grand Total \$84,201.90

24:012 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase radios for a total cost of \$84,201.90.

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Shawn Pipoly, Bill Rogers, Terry Croft, Joe Riker,
Patrick Michel, Jim Muzzin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

2023 Annual Report Presentation

Chief O'Brian presented a draft of the 2023 Annual Report and highlighted the various aspects of the organization. Here are some of the highlights:

- BAFA responded to 2535 calls for service in 2023 which was an increase over the previous year. 50% of all calls were EMS incidents and 61% of the time BAFA arrived prior to EMS.
- We had 1 death due to a home fire in 2023.
- Station 31 is our busiest station, February is the busiest month & Mondays & Fridays are the busiest days of the week.
- BAFA completed a department EMS upgrade from EMS non-transport to EMS transport with the addition of two new squads and reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing EMS skill sets striving to deliver outstanding EMS care to residents, employees and visitors in the community.
- Recruitment & retention has been a priority for BAFA. Our paid-on-call applications were up 25% from 2022, we hired 15 new paid-on-call firefighters, 2 new Junior cadets and hired 3 full-time staff to replace staff that recently retired; Deputy Chief, Howell High School Academy Instructor and Administrative Assistant.
- BAFA hosted another successful First Responder Youth Summer Camp with a total of 20 campers, 13 boys and 7 girls ages 14-18.

- Community Risk Reduction and Fire Prevention efforts have been a huge focus in 2023 with crews visiting various businesses, daycares, schools, senior facilities spreading our fire prevention message.
- Training has always been one of BAFA's strengths, we recognize the need to remain solid on core skills as well as various high hazard/low frequency incidents. Staff continues to train weekly on various topics including: CPR, Medical training, water & ice rescue, fire suppression & Haz-mat. In 2023 staff logged 22,480 training hours.
- The Livingston County Firefighter Training Academy led by Chief of Training Greg Mowbray graduated 28 cadets from 7 area departments in 2023.
- The Howell High School Fire Academy XI led by Lt. Chad Nickels has 23, 11th & 12th grade students from various school districts enrolled in the program. Lt. Nickels acquired a State of Michigan 61c grant facilitated by LESA to acquire new firefighting gear, props and firefighting hand tools for the students.
- BAFA is very involved in the various County wide "Special Response Teams": Technical Rescue, Dive, MI Task Force I & Haz-mat.
- New apparatus: 2023 Pierce Tanker, 2 remounted squads to replace two 2005 mini rescues, a 2022 Ford F-350 pick-up and two 2023 Ford F150 pick-ups for the Inspectors.
- Station 33 became operational in January 2023 and will be staffed beginning March 3rd, 2024.

Good of the Order

BAFA 2023 Awards Ceremony will be held Friday, February 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts.

Soup Out will be held on February 15th at Station 31.

Adjournment

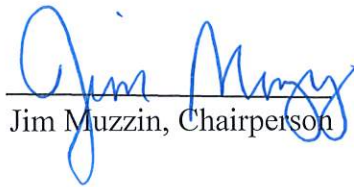
24:013 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.
This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am

Fire Protection Specialist – Oath of Office

Everyone moved in the apparatus bay and Tara Brown from the City of Brighton gave the oath of office to our seven new Fire Protection Specialist:

Jeremy Griffin, Cameron Brighton, Danielle Roskens, Thomas Mathewson,
Ryan Caroway, Mika Cherdron, & Kyle Simmons


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson