

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY  
March 14, 2024  
**Regular Board Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at Station 31 located at 615 W. Grand River Ave., 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, questioned two checks on the check register.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:014           Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan  
                      That we approve the Consent Agenda presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:015 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Mike Corrigan  
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

AFG Grant Submission Discussion

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

BAFA, led by Battalion Chief Brookins, is the lead agency participating in a regional FEMA AFG grant aimed at replacing our SCBA (air packs) that have reached their end-of-life. The other agencies participating in the grant are the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority, Howell Area Fire Department, and Putnam Township Fire Department. If the grant is successful, it will replace 185 SCBAs and 22 RIT packs (rapid intervention air packs), with a grant cost of \$1,436,500. BAFA is requesting 70 air packs and 9 RIT packs.

- Radios

BAFA is also participating in a second regional FEMA AFG grant to purchase portable radios to continue replacing our end-of-life portable radios. Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority is the lead agency, along with the Fowlerville Fire Department, Green Oak Township Fire Department, Hamburg Township Fire Department, Howell Area Fire Department, and Unadilla Township Fire Department. If the grant is successful, it will replace 245 portable radios, with a grant cost of \$1,715,000. BAFA is requesting 49 portable radios in the grant.

Millage Renewal Discussion

There was discussion on how the Fire Authority will seek a renewal with the Authority's operating millage. After much discussion it was decided that we should include our operating millage in the November 2024 election. The Chief will be working on putting forth the millage proposal at the May meeting.

This is where we stand with our current millages:

May 7, 2019 Election - Capital Millage .89 mils for 12 years  
Collection June 2019 - 2030 inclusive

Nov. 3, 2020 Election - 1.5 mils for 5 years  
Collection Dec. 21, 2021 - 2025 inclusive

Good of the Order

The Chief addressed Ms. Bakhaus' questions regarding the check register.

February 15, 2024, the American Legion Post 235 presented "Public Safety Awards" to honor Police/Fire & Teachers for their outstanding efforts and our Firefighter of the Year, Captain Derrick Bunge was recognized.

Staff is working on preparing the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

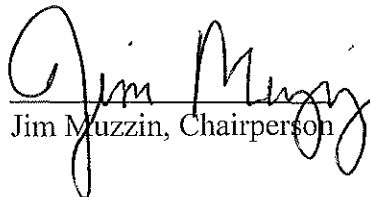
On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 we increased our staffing to have seven people on duty at 3 of our stations which has proven to be a good decision since there's been an uptick in incidents. We had two days where crews ran on 20 incidents each day.

We had a smoke investigation at the hospital, a fire at the Hampton Inn and we assisted Green Oak on a huge fire at a plastics plant. Our ladder truck was on scene along with 20 staff. The components of the fire damaged 12 sets of Turn-out gear as well as some of our equipment. We submitted a \$63,000 cost recovery bill to recoup our cost for the lost gear and equipment.

Adjournment

24:016 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.  
This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 am

  
Jim Muzzin, Chairperson