

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

July 11, 2024

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, July 11, 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

None

Chair Jim Muzzin responded publicly to Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident's, question from the June 13th board meeting. They are currently paid \$154.48 and effective 7/1/2024 with the 3% increase the board will be paid \$159.11 per meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:036 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Bill Rogers
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:037 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Terry Croft
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation on Operating Millage

This agenda item is to finalize and provide the Fire Chief direction to file appropriate documents for the next operating millage to be included in the November 2024 election. Staff recommends the adoption of 2.75 mills as an operating budget beginning on December 1, 2026 for five years including December 1, 2030.

Staff has continually monitored the fire authority's financial status following the renewal of our operating millage of 1.5 mills in 2020. Evaluation and forecasting of various rates and their operational impact have been assessed.

During the presentation, a preliminary number for all on-duty staff was estimated at 2.9 mills. After further evaluation, it has been determined that the more accurate rate would be 2.75 mills levied from 2026-2030, including the final year. This would allow additional staff on duty at all stations to meet the growing service delivery requests.

The 2.75 rate will provide for:

- Meet growing daily operations and service delivery
- Balance on-duty staff with Paid-On-Call Staff as appropriate
- Work towards meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommended staffing levels to meet service delivery needs as well as a higher level of safety for our firefighters.
- Staffing levels will allow the authority to provide an effective fire force in response to emergencies.
- The proposal will be for a (5) five-year millage to align with the terms of the capital millage ending in 2030.

Adoption of Operating Millage – Dec. 2026-Dec. 2030 (Resolution 24-03)

24:038 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Shawn Pipoly

That we approve Resolution 24-03 and authorize the Fire Chief to file the appropriate documentation for the voters to consider the adoption of a 2.75 millage rate for five years (Dec. 2026-Dec. 2030) in the November 2024 election.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Good of the Order

Chairman Muzzin stated that he attended the 4th of July parade and said that staff did a great job coordinating the whole event which was very well attended by the community

BAFA Employment Open House this Saturday, July 13th from 1-4 pm at Station 35 (1315 Chilson Rd.).

This past Sunday, crews were dispatched to a severe vehicle accident on Old US-23 where two individuals were killed. Crews arrived quickly and did a great job handling the critical incident.

There was a semi-truck fire on the freeway which required a long response from our staff while there were also 2 concurrent incidents also in play at the time.

Thanks to Anne Campbell-HR Director, for her work on the First Responder Youth Camp which was held June 20th – June 28th. This was a joint effort between Brighton Police and BAFA. We had 34 participants who spent a week learning about the police department and a week learning about firefighting. The goal of the program is to get today's youth interested in a possible career in public service. As a result of the camp, we have recruited some new Junior Cadets for BAFA and some interest in attending the Howell Schools Fire Academy program which is hosted by BAFA.

Adjournment

24:039 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