

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

August 8, 2024

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, August 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
 Fred Lucas-BAFA's legal counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident, was inquiring as to the high cost of the windshield for the 2023 Ford F-150.

Chief addressed her question saying that the new vehicles have a lot of programming built into the various sensors that need to be recalibrated which amounts to more than half of the cost of the windshield, besides the fact that the cost of the glass itself is very expensive.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:040 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Shawn Pipoly
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:041 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Request Approval to Purchase Personal Protective Gear

The Fire Authority has applied for a grant from the State of Michigan, Labor and Economic Opportunity. The grant was to provide full-time operational personnel with personal protective equipment, specific to structural firefighting; coat, pants and associated boots.

BAFA had requested \$88,375 and received \$66,500. The fire authority would need to spend additional funds to complete the needed equipment with the allotted grant funds.

This request is to purchase with MES, morning pride turnout gear in accordance with the Brighton Area Fire Authority specification.

This purchase was not part of the original capital budget, and an amendment to the capital budget would be required.

24:042 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Terry Croft

To approve the purchase of Personal Protective Gear, Turn-out coat, pants and associated equipment from MES for \$67,165 and revise the FYE 2025 capital budget to reflect the purchase and income.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Discussion on Possible Update to the Articles of Incorporation

There was much discussion related to the Articles of Incorporation. The intent was to provide direction to the Fire Chief to begin the process of updating the Fire Authority By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation to reflect the needs of today.

Specific focus will include the funding formula found in Article XVI *Financing the Authority* as well as disposition of buildings owned by the Authority under the provisions found in Article XX *Dissolution of Authority*".

This process will begin with discussion among the BAFA board and proposed changes with management of the three communities as well as the Authority's Legal Counsel Fred Lucas. Updates will be provided to the BAFA Board prior to needed steps for approval by the board and the incorporating municipalities.

Transfer of Station 31 from City of Brighton to BAFA - Resolution 24-02

A Resolution for the transfer of Ownership of Station 31 from the City of Brighton to the Brighton Area Fire Authority along with a draft transfer agreement, which was reviewed by Fred Lucas the Authority's legal counsel, was presented to the board.

After much discussion a motion was made by Bill Rogers and supported by Mike Corrigan to adopt Resolution 24-02 for the transfer of ownership of Station 31 from the City of Brighton to BAFA and was later withdrawn by both board members in order to give our board members time to present it to their municipal boards.

The agenda item will be placed on the September agenda for action.

Good of the Order

BAFA is in the process of hiring 17 new paid-on-call firefighters. They will be taking the physical agility test this weekend and new hire orientation will take place on August 17th.

Our 9/11 Memorial ceremony will take place at Station 31 on September 11th at 7:00 pm

Our 2009 Pierce fire engine (Engine 32) needs an overhaul of the motor at a cost of just under \$40,000.


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Adjournment

24:043 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel
that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

This meeting was adjourned at 9:16 am.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson