

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
September 12, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at Station 31 located at 615 W. Grand River, 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

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:044 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:045 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Patrick Michel
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Snow Removal Contract

24:046 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Terry Croft

That we authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a 3-year contract for snow removal services with Clearwater Property Services for all 5 stations for a cost of \$54,200 per season.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Request Approval to Purchase MES Deltair Facemasks

24:047 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan

To approve the purchase of 25 MES Deltair facemasks not to exceed \$37,375.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Discussion on updates to the Articles of Incorporation

At the August Board meeting the BAFA Board of Directors advised Fire Chief Michael O'Brian and Attorney Fred Lucas to begin the process of updating the Articles of Incorporation.

Chief O'Brian discussed the possible changes to the Articles of Incorporation and he is trying to facilitate a meeting with representatives from the three municipalities to review the document.

The goal is to have the updated Articles of Incorporation ready for the board to take action on it at the October 10th BAFA board meeting.

Good of the Order

BAFA Open House will be on October 19, 2024 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Station 31 on Grand River.

Chief mentioned that one of our full-time firefighters resigned and we are in the process of backfilling his position. Administration has been struggling to get personnel to fill shifts due to various issues going on in our staff's personal lives which has resulted in more overtime costs in order to get shift coverage. Although Anne, our HR Director, has done a great job of on-boarding 17 new paid-on-call firefighters with another 5 possible candidates in the wings; it will take a year before they will be fully trained and able to work shifts. Depending on the outcome of the millage in November, the plan is to run another process in January to bring on another three full-time positions in the spring of 2025.

The Dorr road bridge closure is going to affect our response to the north side of the bridge closure. We will be moving crews from Station 33 on Weber to Station 32 on Old US-23 & Hyne in order to deal with the situation. Our crews are doing a phenomenal job dealing with all the road closures.

We are preparing now for when work begins next year on the I-96 Grand River interchange. In order to maintain timely and efficient response times, the Authority will need to add an additional six full-time or 12 paid-on-call personnel.

The Vietnam Moving Wall and Gold Star Wall will be traveling down Grand River today from Cracker Barrel to Bennett Park in Hamburg Township.

Chief will be teaching at the Michigan Township Association meeting in Cadillac today regarding batteries in boxes and storage. He offered his assistance to the townships with regard to battery storage if needed.

Patrick Michel requested that we send the Oct. 19th BAFA Open House flyer to Brighton Township so they can post it on their website. He also complimented BAFA staff on their proactive response to First Responder burn-out.

Adjournment

24:048 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

This meeting was adjourned at 8:42 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson