

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

October 10, 2024

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, October 10, 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

ABSENT: MIKE CORRIGAN

ALSO PRESENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident expressed concerns regarding 5-story apartment complex proposed near the MJR theatre with regards to access. She also asked about a check regarding a 2023 Ford pick-up repair and Instructor payments.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:049 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Bill Rogers
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Patrick Michel congratulated Fire Marshal Richard Boisvert on his appointment as President of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society!

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:050 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Patrick Michel
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Amended & Restated Articles of Incorporation

Fire Chief O'Brian and Attorney Fred Lucas have met with the three communities and correlated various changes to the Articles of Incorporation. The board feels that we are in agreement with 90% of the document, but there are still a couple of areas that need to be addressed.

- Section 4.5 Alternate members: board agreed on one alternate member.
- Section 5.17, there is a request to add the sale of real property to be at 100% vote. The board feels this needs to read "majority consensus" instead of unanimous vote.
- Section 9.5.2 we had a request to delete and a request to add. This is one reference to the reverted clause with real property. The board feels there's still issues with the terminology.

Chairman Muzzin recommended we have a Special Board Meeting to finalize the document so that we can take action on it at the November 14th board meeting.

2025 BAFA Board Meeting Schedule

24:051 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Terry Croft
To approve the BAFA board meeting schedule for 2025

Motion carried unanimously

Millage Update

The Authority staff has attended many meetings and worked to provide information through various means to the public. Some actions include:

- Presentation to Livingston Sunrise Rotary Group
- Presentation to Brighton Rotary
- Discussions with local elected officials and president of the Chamber
- Dozens of phone calls to citizens

Staff has received some very positive feedback from many of the groups and those who call the office.

Some online concerns have been raised by local administrators and we have provided information as requested.

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.

Joe Riker mentioned that he saw our crews showing a group of kids the fire truck when they were parked in a parking lot while they were waiting to pick up their food for lunch and he thought it would be nice if we had stickers or plastic fire helmets that we could pass out to the children. Fire Marshal Boisvert responded and said that the crews do keep some public relation materials on the trucks specifically for that purpose but sometimes they run out and need to restock.

Fire Marshal Boisvert responded to Susan's questions from the "call to the public":

Re: Proposed 5-story apartment complex;

Rick said that he always reviews site plan drawings as part of the approval process and will make the necessary recommendations to ensure fire department access.

Re: Cost of 2023 Ford Pickup repair;

Rick said that a citizen backed into the vehicle causing extensive damage to the 2023 Ford Pickup and the cost of the repair was reimbursed by the insurance company.

Re: Variance in Instructor pay checks;

Rick explained that we pay instructors from other local fire departments to come in and teach at our fire academy and we in turn reimburse their fire departments for their time. Some departments offer more assistance than others therefore explaining the variance in the check amounts.

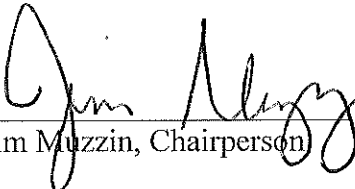
BAFA's 83rd Annual Halloween Party will be held at Station 31 on October 31st from 6-9 pm. There will lots of activities including costume contest, games, food and of course candy!

Adjournment

24:052 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Joe Riker
that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

This meeting was adjourned at 8:27 am.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson