

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY  
December 12, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, December 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: KEVIN SPICHER  
TODD WALKER  
PATRICK MICHEL  
JOE RIKER  
JIM MUZZIN  
SHAWN PIPOLY  
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ken Palka – Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka CPA  
Richard Boisvert – BAFA Fire Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident, inquired as to the legal fees paid to Shifman Fournier. She also inquired as to why we are purchasing polo shirts.

Approval of Consent Agenda

24:058 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan  
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

24:059 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan  
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Introduction of Genoa Township Representatives

Chief O'Brian introduced the newly elected Genoa Twp. Supervisor – Kevin Spicher and the new Genoa Twp. Trustee – Todd Walker and welcomed them to the BAFA Board.

BAFA Audit Presentation for FYE 06/30/2024

Ken Palka from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka, C.P.A. presented the DRAFT summary letter and the audit and went through it in detail and stated that the Authority was in great fiscal shape.

24:060 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Joe Riker  
That we accept and file the Audit Report presented by Ken Palka.

Motion carried unanimously

### BAFA Presentation on T2 Tank Explosion

Fire Marshal Rick Boisvert detailed the events of the T2 Tank Explosion that occurred on November 26, 2024 at 6:49 am when Brighton Area Fire Authority was dispatched to an explosion on the property that GM leases to T2 Energy, and upon arrival crews found a large fire in the oil/well area of the property.

Crews worked to contain the fire and limit the impact on other damaged tanks. Water was shuttled to the site by BAFA and mutual aid companies from nearly 10 departments. DART, LCEMS and MSP, as well as GM were a great support during the incident.

Staff has continued to provide oversight to the remediation as well as the investigation of the site.

### Discussion on Operations during Grand River and 96 Construction Project

Staff has been meeting with MDOT representatives to understand the various construction projects that will occur over the next two years. This includes the reconstruction of 1-96 and Grand River, reconstruction of 96 in Genoa Township and the finalization of the US-23 project.

Crews are working to understand the impact on the organization, although the construction will definitely impact our operations.

Staff is working on adding additional full-time staff, in order to provide additional staffing over the next two years and will present to the personnel committee in January as well as the board.

### Good of the Order

The BAFA organizational meeting will take place at the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 board meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Chief addressed Susan Walter's questions:

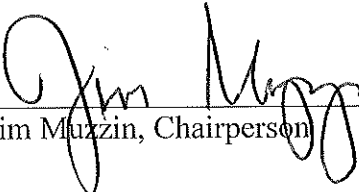
- Regarding the check to Shifman Fournier for legal fees, he explained that Howard Shifman is our Labor attorney who we've contacted regarding the "paid sick time leave" and how it will affect BAFA's paid-on-call personnel.
- Regarding the payment for Polos, Chief explained that the polos are part of our staff's required uniform.

Adjournment

24:061 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

  
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Jim Muzzin, Chairperson