

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
August 13, 2020
Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at the **Genoa Township offices located at 2911 Dorr Rd., Brighton, Michigan.** This regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
 JIM MORTENSEN
 LUCILLE WEAIRE
 PATRICK MICHEL
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 JIM MUZZIN
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian
 Neal Nielsen, Esq.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Approval of Consent Agenda

20:036 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Shawn Pipoly that we approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

20:037 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Mike Corrigan that we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Fire Marshal Richard Boisvert earned his Fire Marshal designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)

Chief O'Brian and the Board congratulated Rick on earning his Fire Marshal designation on July 7, 2020. The designation program is a voluntary program designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven measured components including experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement and technical competence. This program uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential and if awarded this professional designation is valid for three years. This designation signifies Fire Marshal Boisvert's commitment to his career in the fire and emergency services.

Chairman Jim Muzzin also wanted to congratulate Chief O'Brian for being recognized as Michigan's Fire Chief of the Year by the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs. Well deserved!

Request to Purchase Firefighting Turn-Out Gear

20:038 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Jim Mortensen that we authorize the purchase of ten sets (coat & pant) of Honeywell Viper structural firefighting turn-out gear from Douglass Safety Systems at \$2,184/set for a total of \$21,840.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Lucille Weaire,
Patrick Michel and Mike Corrigan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

Paid-on-call Recruitment Update

HR Director Anne Campbell updated the board on the 2020 hiring process. The Authority has received 22 applications for paid-on-call of which 15 are still in the process. If they all make it through the process, we will have 3 new firefighters at each of our 5 stations.

The process began with background checks, an entry level written comprehensive exam and first round interviews. If they pass the first round of interviews then they will proceed to the second round of interviews followed by a physical agility test on Saturday, August 15th. Next Wednesday, August 19th is Family Information Night where the Chief, Deputy Chief, HR Director and some of our firefighters will give an overview of the time commitment and the process involved in becoming a firefighter. The following week, conditional job offers will be issued to qualified candidates and they will begin their journey on August 31st.

Good of the Order

The Authority has submitted a reimbursement request under the Cares Act to recover costs incurred as a result of Covid-19. Originally Fire Authority's were exempt from inclusion but the Chief has worked with Senator Lana Theis to get that language amended to include Fire Authority's.

The new Engine 30 is nearing completion. Due to Covid-19, we have been conducting the vehicle inspections virtually through photos, with the final (live) inspection expected to occur in early September.

The Howell Schools Fire Academy is gearing up to start August 31st at the newly renovated Fire Station 34.

Fire Station 34 is 90% complete. Chief O'Brian thanked Deputy Chief Evans, Chief of Training Greg Mowbray and Fire Marshal Boisvert for their attention to detail on the project. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in early September.

The 9/11 – 5K run has been cancelled but we're still planning on having a 9/11 Memorial tribute. More information to follow.

Jim Mortensen asked about Livingston County's preparedness in light of the recent protests and riots. Chief O'Brian addressed his concern saying that the county, along with the county fire departments and law enforcement have worked on a plan through MABAS and have actually mobilized stand-by units twice, once during civil unrest in Grand Rapids and once in Lansing. Chief explained that as a Fire Authority we only go in after law enforcement secures the area.

Adjournment

20:039 Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson