

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

February 11, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at **Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23, Brighton, MI 48114**. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m. and was conducted in accordance with PA 228 of 2020 due to current pandemic and State of Emergency.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
 JIM MORTENSEN
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER (arrived 8:04 am)
 JIM MUZZIN
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 MIKE CORRIGAN (arrived 8:16 am)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Bakhaus stated the need to make sure there isn't a conflict of interest between potential law firms and our BAFA board members when selecting an attorney.

Approval of Consent Agenda

21:012 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

21:013 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Bill Rogers
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Station 33 Update

Fire Authority Staff has continued to work with our architect, Partners in Architecture for a submittal to the Brighton Township Planning Commission Meeting on March 8th, 2021. Staff will review the submittal proposal during the board meeting. In addition, the following items have also taken place.

- Continued work on the vacation of Saunders, Thomas and the Weber Alley Way located throughout our parcels. Harris and Literski are working to submit the needed resolution to Brighton Township Board of Trustees and continue with the necessary law-suit.
- Continuation of developing the site to meet the requirements of Livingston County Road Commission.
- Development of strategic plan for water main and fire protection water for the site with Livingston County Water Authority.

Proposals for BAFA Attorney Services

The Fire Authority has publicly posted an RFP for attorney services. Proposals were received from the following law firms:

- Foster Swift Michael Homier 1700 E. Beltline Ave. NE Suite 200, Grand Rapids MI 49525
- Garan Lucow Miller PC John J. Gillooly 1155 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 200, Detroit MI 48207
- Law offices of Jeffrey S. Kragt PLLC Jeffrey Kragt 410 W. University Dr., Ste 200, Rochester MI 48307
- Lucas Law Fred Lucas 7577 US Highway 12, Suite A Onsted, MI 49265
- Plunkett & Cooney Ridley S. Nimmo II Plaza One Financial Center, 111 East Court Street, Suite 1B Flint, MI 48502
- Rosati Schults Joppich and Amtsbuechler PC Lissa Hamameh 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 250, Farmington Hills MI

All of the firms quoted a monthly retainer as well as an hourly rate. After much discussion, the consensus from the board was to pay the hourly rate as opposed to a retainer. Most of the board members did not feel it necessary for the attorney to be present at all of our board meetings unless there was something on the agenda that warranted their presence. Chief O'Brian will call the various attorneys to evaluate which ones he would like to interview in person. Then the committee of Mike Corrigan and Joe Riker along with Chief O'Brian will interview the various attorney candidates and make their recommendation to the full board at a future board meeting.

Fire Station 31 (City of Brighton)

Discussion on the options for ownership of Fire Station 31 within the City of Brighton. City Manager, Nate Geinzer has reached out to pursue the possibility of a transfer of ownership of the existing site and property similar to that of Stations 34 and 35.

Discussion by board members with concerns over the condition of the building and costs that may be incurred by the Authority vs. the community. Fire Chief will work with the City administration on options and costs for transfer of ownership.

Good of the Order

Chief stated that 60% of our staff have received their 2 doses of the vaccine. We had some folks that had a reaction to the second vaccine and were unable to work but we were able to schedule alternates to cover their shifts.

Pierce is making progress on the new Engine 34 and we're expecting to take possession at the end of March. This is the new engine that is replacing the engine that was totaled back in April of 2020. Our staff is working with a vendor to sell the shell of the totaled engine.

Chief stated that there has been an increase in the number of calls for service recently.

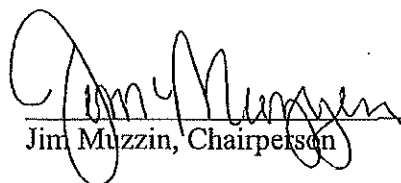
Our BAFA Awards ceremony is scheduled for February 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Brighton Center for Performing Arts. Due to Covid we are limited to no more than 100 people which includes the 4 personnel from the performing arts. We will be required to social distance and wear masks.

Adjournment

21:014 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel
that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:06 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson