

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
January 14, 2021
Organizational and Virtual Board Meeting

An Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held VIRTUALLY on Thursday, January 14, 2021. This Organizational and Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m. and was conducted virtually in accordance with PA 228 of 2020 due to current pandemic and State of Emergency.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
 JIM MORTENSEN
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in honor of Neal Nielsen's passing

Call to the Public
None

Organizational Meeting

Chairperson Jim Muzzin appointed Chief O'Brian as Chair to run the meeting for the purpose of Nomination and Election of Chairperson.

Nominations and Election of Officers

21:001 Motion by Bill Rogers, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we nominate **Jim Muzzin as Chairperson.**

Motion carried unanimously

21:002 Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Patrick Michel
That we nominate **Bill Rogers as Vice Chairperson.**

Motion carried unanimously

21:003 Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by Bill Rogers
That we nominate **Shawn Pipoly as Treasurer.**

Motion carried unanimously

21:004 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we nominate **Mike Corrigan as Secretary.**

Motion carried unanimously

21:005 Motion by Shawn Pipoly, supported by Bill Rogers
That we nominate **Jim Muzzin, Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker
as Personnel Committee**

Motion carried unanimously

21:006 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Jim Mortensen that we nominate
**Robin Hunt as Assistant Treasurer and
Claudette Monroe as Assistant Secretary**

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Consent Agenda

21:007 Motion by Bill Rogers, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker,
Mike Corrigan, and Jim Muzzin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Approval of Regular Agenda

21:008 Motion by Jim Mortensen supported by Shawn Pipoly
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

AYES: Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker,
Mike Corrigan, and Jim Muzzin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Request for Proposals for BAFA Attorney Services

The Fire Authority's legal services have been provided by Neal Nielsen since the near creation of the Authority. Neal's service to our organization has truly been remarkable and has lasted nearly 20 years.

The Authority utilizes legal services in two major categories. The first is our general business services such as Board support, Authority related inquiries as well as general counsel. The second is our Human Resources support which is provided by Howard Shifman.

The Fire Chief requested authorization to proceed with a request for proposals for attorney services with BAFA. The services will not include the services covered by Mr. Howard Shifman.

Proposals will be evaluated and provide recommendation to the board at an upcoming board meeting.

Station 33 Update

The Fire Authority staff is continuing to develop the site, building and property for the Station 33 replacement project on Weber Road in Brighton Township.

- Due to the untimely passing of Mr. Nielsen, the Authority has engaged Mr. John Harris to begin the process of the vacation of Sanders and Thomas Ave.
- Request to Mr. Steve Wasyk with the Livingston County Road Commission has been made based on the above vacation, to allow for the project to continue.
- Anticipation of submittal to the Brighton Township Planning commission for their March Meeting.

Appointment of Fire Code of Appeals

The previous Board of Appeals was appointed three years ago this spring and is set to expire. Review of our ordinance and fire code, administratively this appointment process works best in cooperation with our annual organizational meeting.

Staff is recommending the following:

Current Board Members (2 needed)

Supervisor Patrick Michel

Mike Corrigan has served two consecutive terms and is limited out for three years.

Fire Service Members: (3 needed)

Laura Ridenour

Dan Lee - Replacing Phil Sabon

Josh Mosher

21:009 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Bill Rogers
That we table the appointment of the Fire Code of Appeals Board Members for a couple of months.

AYES: Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker,
Mike Corrigan, and Jim Muzzin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Review & Approval to Request Community Adoption of Proposed Fire Protection Ordinance Update

The Fire Protection Ordinances adopted by our three communities are in need of updating by our local communities. Fire Marshal Boisvert has continued to review the proposed changes with our various community planning staff based on the following:

- Based on the current International Fire Code provided by the International Code Council.
- This is a companion document with the base documents for the Michigan Building Code.
- Update based on language that creates standardized application across the region.
- Reduce specific modifications for our area, and lean into the changes found in the IFC.
- Keep the ordinance changes simple.

We have taken feedback from our attorney and previous review two-three years ago.

This request will allow staff to continue to work for adoption by each community based on their ordinance requirements.

21:010 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Joe Riker
That we approve Fire Marshal Boisvert to continue to align the community ordinances and update with each respective community on the Fire Protection Ordinance.

AYES: Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker,
Mike Corrigan, and Jim Muzzin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Good of the Order

Chief O'Brian stated that the City of Brighton is moving forward with a Brownfield redevelopment plan for the old Lindbom elementary site. Chief O'Brian met with Brighton's city manager Nate Geinzer to understand the tax collection implications and stated that he also plans on attending future Brownfield Authority board meetings to keep informed on the progress.

Our annual Awards ceremony is slated for later this month although plans have not been finalized as of yet.

Our staff has continued to encounter patients with Covid-19 on various incidents although it does appear to be on a downward trend. We've had multiple exposures among our staff, requiring quarantine & isolation and approximately 50% of our staff have received the Covid-19 vaccine thusfar.

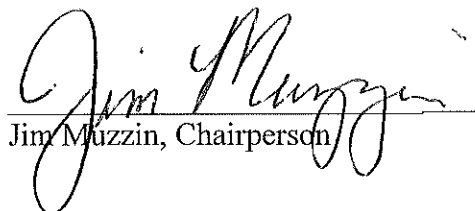
The Livingston County Health Department has been working diligently to set-up vaccination clinics and BAFA staff has been offering assistance on the logistics side.

Adjournment

21:011 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson