

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY  
March 10, 2022  
**Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23, Brighton. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: MIKE CORRIGAN

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public  
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

22:012 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Bill Rogers  
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

22:013 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Joe Riker  
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Update BAFA Depository Banking Resolution 22-01

22:014 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Patrick Michel  
that we adopt Resolution 22-01, which updates the Depository Designation and authorizes  
the Authority to utilize approved depositories for Authority funds.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mike Corrigan

Motion carried 6-0

Station 33 Construction Update

Chief provided an update on the construction of Fire Station 33

- The exterior brick veneer is almost completed.
- Roofing contractor began installation of the roofing.
- Delays are anticipated on electrical equipment and the general contractor is working with the electrical contractor on some different options.
- The exterior will be temporarily enclosed to begin to thaw out the inside area to install the concrete Floor.
- Pole barn shell is complete.
- Generator won't be available till late October 2022.
- Re: Easement to the east of Station 33:
  - Tom Mitchell has agreed to relocate the telephone pole & guy wire.
  - Complete transfer agreement for review by the attorney.
  - Complete language for the property as well as a new plot map.

FYE 2023 Budgetary Goals & Discussion

Chief O'Brian stated that he should have a preliminary DRAFT budget to the board at the April meeting with the final budget being presented to the board for approval in May.

With inflation at an all time high we are seeing the cost of everything from food, fuel, energy, equipment, parts, as well as fire trucks increasing at an alarming rate. We currently have 3 vehicles that are due for replacement according to our capital replacement plan: a Tanker (who's life has already been extended by 5 years) and 2 Rescues. We are trying to hold out as long as we can but we'll inevitably be spending more on repairs, as the vehicles age.

Recruitment and retention has been a major priority for BAFA and keeping our paid-on-call numbers up has become increasingly difficult. Our paid-on-call personnel numbers are dwindling due to a number of factors and it's becoming harder to retain trained fire personnel. Senior administration will be evaluating wages, benefits, and cost of living. They plan to meet with the personnel committee to come up with a plan to meet today's demands and remain competitive in order to recruit and retain the best possible candidates.

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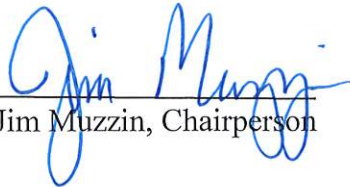
The Pierce Rescue 31 which suffered an electrical fire back in August of 2021 will be towed to Wisconsin in the next 30 days for the extensive repair. They estimate the work will be completed in August 2022.

Adjournment

22:015 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Jim Mortensen that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:29 am

  
Jim Muzzin, Chairperson