

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
March 11, 2021
VIRTUAL Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held VIRTUALLY on Thursday, March 11, 2021. 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 (Genoa Twp., Liv. County, MI)
 JIM MORTENSEN (Genoa Twp., Liv. County, MI)
 PATRICK MICHEL (Brighton Twp., Liv. County, MI)
 JOE RIKER (Brighton Twp., Liv. County, MI)
 JIM MUZZIN (City of Brighton, Liv. County, MI)
 SHAWN PIPOLY (City of Brighton, Liv. County, MI)

ABSENT: MIKE CORRIGAN

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

21:015 Motion by Bill Rogers, supported by Jim Mortensen
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mike Corrigan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

21:016 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Bill Rogers
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mike Corrigan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

2020 Annual Report Presentation

Chief O'Brian presented the 2020 Annual Report and highlighted the various aspects of the organization and applauded staff for their efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic. The year proved to be very challenging, with EMS rules changing daily and the need for staff to be flexible. Focus after March was on keeping staff safe while responding to incidents. We restricted our interactions with the public as far as public education, smoke alarms and community events in order to limit the spread of the Coronavirus. He also highlighted the following areas:

- He praised our Inspectors who worked with local businesses to help them succeed while keeping the public safe with regards to outdoor dining, heating in tents and igloos etc. and sharing strategies for reducing exposures.
- Recruitment and Retention - Anne Campbell did a great job with recruitment and working to retain our personnel. Staff remained focused on OJT despite the limits on in-person training.
- Completion of Station 34 which houses the Howell Schools Fire Academy as well as the Livingston County Firefighter Training Academy.
- Transitioned from hosting EMR class to hosting an EMT-Basic class, all while in a virtual learning environment.
- We received a grant for a LUCAS CPR device and purchased a second device. This device is very beneficial in saving lives while protecting our staff from Covid-19. Traditional CPR poses a high risk of exposure to Covid-19 due to particulates in the air.
- Special Teams, Mutual Aid & MABAS deployments
- BAFA launched the Pulse Point App throughout Livingston County which notifies CPR trained citizens of the need to perform life-saving CPR nearby.
- BAFA took possession of a new Pierce Fire Truck (Engine 30) with a duplicate engine in the works.
- Annual Awards ceremony held on Feb. 19th, 2021 recognized the outstanding work of our staff during 2020 with several Medal of Valor's being awarded to staff for their bravery and valor. Our most coveted "Firefighter of the Year" award was presented to Firefighter Engineer Jason Wisby.
- Chief recognized the passing of our attorney Neal Nielsen, who served the Authority with pride and dedication since 1999 and was a huge supporter of the community.

Legal Services

Joe Riker discussed the findings of the committee, comprised of Mike Corrigan, Joe Riker, Chief O'Brian and Anne Campbell, who interviewed the top three of the seven attorney candidates and made the recommendation to pursue a client relationship with Lucas Law based on an hourly basis.

21:017 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Shawn Pipoly

That we authorize the Fire Chief to pursue a client relationship with attorney Fred Lucas of Lucas Law located in Lenawee County, for attorney services with the Authority, based on an hourly basis.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Jim Mortensen, Bill Rogers, Patrick Michel
Joe Riker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mike Corrigan
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

Station 33 Update

The Station 33 site plan submittal was reviewed at the Brighton Township Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, March 8th, 2021 and was approved. In addition, staff will continue to finalize the following:

- 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.
- Submit for BIDS in April/May of 2021.

Good of the Order

Staff is working on a draft budget which will be presented at the April board meeting with final budget approval expected at the May board meeting.

Chief asked the board if their municipalities have an estimate on what the tax revenues look like for next year.

Chief mentioned that it's extremely dry outside and due to the windy conditions, we should limit burning yard waste.

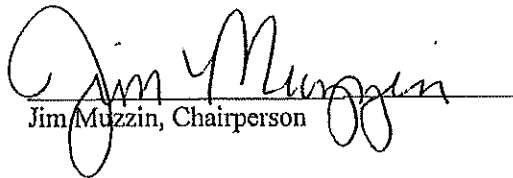
Have a great day!

Adjournment

21:018 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Jim Mortensen that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:41 am.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson