

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

October 14, 2021

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at **Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23, Brighton, Michigan**. This regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Bakhaus of Brighton brought up the City of Brighton water bill and asked if Station 31's water bill includes administrative fees and garbage pick-up?

Approval of Consent Agenda

21:050 Motion by Jim Mortensen supported by Patrick Michel
 That we move item 4b, the Check Register from the Consent Agenda to the Regular
 Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

21:051 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of the September 2021 Check Register

21:052 Motion by Jim Mortensen supported by Joe Riker
That we approve the September 2021 check register.

Motion carried unanimously

Station 33 Construction Update

Chief reviewed the various actions taken by staff, Partners in Architecture as well as Brivar Construction on the Fire Station 33 project.

- Meetings with the Drain Commission and their engineering firm have been conducted. PIA has submitted changes requested by the commission and waiting on final approval.
- Remaining items requested through the planning department at Brighton Township have been submitted and awaiting final approval for land use permit.
 - Once received, documents will be submitted by PIA to Livingston County Building Department.
 - Soil erosion permit has been obtained and land clearing work to begin today or tomorrow.
- Weekly coordination meetings between staff, PIA, and Brivar have been occurring.
- Requests with DTE, Consumer Energy and Comcast have been submitted.
- Consolidation of multiple parcels has been submitted.
- Awaiting one last service of an interested party as it relates to the abatement of the roadway easements of Saunders and Thomas Ave.

Building Lease Agreements

There was much discussion on the Brighton Area Fire Authority leases and the proposed path going forward:

- Fire Station 31, with the City of Brighton
Lease has expired and Chief O'Brian is working with the City Manager to either work on a possible transfer agreement or renew the lease agreement.
- Fire Station 32, Shared facility with Brighton Township, Lease to expire in Spring of 2022.
Patrick Michel & Joe Riker plan to have discussions with the Brighton Township board to see if they'd like a continuation of the lease arrangement or another option.
- Fire Station 33, to expire in the spring, replacement building to replace the lease agreement.

Good of the Order

Chairman Jim Muzzin congratulated Chief O'Brian on being awarded the International Code Council's "2021 Robert W. Gain Fire Prevention Leadership Award". This prestigious award is presented annually to recognize career achievement by an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and longstanding dedication in support of fire codes and fire prevention and honors the memory of Chief Robert W. Gain. Congratulations Chief on all that you've accomplished!

Our annual Open House was held last Sat. October 9th and was a huge success. We estimate that we had a couple thousand people come out to take part in this year's event.

October is Fire Prevention month, so our crews have been extremely busy visiting all the local schools spreading the fire safety message to the children.

Our 79th annual Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday, October 31st from 6-9 pm at Station 31, everyone is welcome.

The work on the replacement of the concrete apron in front of Station 31 is about to start. As a result, we will be backing the vehicles into the bays from the back of the building and moving Ladder 31 to another station.

Ken Palka and his team of auditors from Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka just completed our annual audit and everything appears to be in order.

We will be putting forth a proposal for Firefighter Turn-out Gear in the very near future. Instead of making smaller purchases each year we are looking at doing a bulk order every 5 years which should help bring down the cost per set.

Due to staffing shortages within the Fire, EMS & Public Safety sector, BAFA, as well as other county fire departments, have been running on more calls to fill the void when LCA runs out of ambulances. As run volumes increase, we need to look at finding solutions so that we don't tie up our units on scene to cover LCA's shortcomings. The Chief is planning to reach out to the County Commissioner to discuss the situation and try to come up with a solution.

In response to Susan Bakhaus' question re: Station 31's water bill ; Yes, the Authority does get charged a "Debt Service 2" fee as well as an "Administrative" fee but our bill does not include garbage pick-up since we pay for our own rubbish service.

Adjournment

21:053 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Shawn Pipoly
that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson