

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
September 12, 2019
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Main Fire Station at 615 W. Grand River Ave., Brighton, Michigan. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
JIM MORTENSEN
LUCILLE WEAIRE
PATRICK MICHEL
SHAWN PIPOLY
JIM MUZZIN
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Chief O'Brian
Neal Nielsen, Esq.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

19:047 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Mike Corrigan

That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

19:048 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan

That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

AFG-SAFER Grant Award & Process Moving Forward

The Authority was notified by FEMA on September 6, 2019 that we have been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-SAFER grant. As stated in the budget approval process this grant provides partial funding for three full-time firefighting positions for three years with requirements for certain funding by the Fire Authority.

Year one and two, 75 percent of the usual annual costs of a first-year firefighter, and year three: 35 percent of the usual annual cost of a first-year firefighter is covered by FEMA. The three-year total provided by FEMA is \$533,355 while the Authority is responsible for \$331,545.

Based on the grant, the Fire Authority will be posting for the position and we need to have staff on board within 180 days from the grant award.

The intent is for these positions, along with our paid-on-call personnel, is to staff a station in Genoa Township.

Snow Removal Contract

This request is to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a snow removal contract with a qualified bidder for 2019/20 snow season.

The cost of salt has gone down slightly from last year. It is estimated that our sites require snow removal 12-15 times by snowplowing and salting, then 60 applications with only salt. In the 2018/19 season the Authority received multiple bids and contracted with Clearwater Property Services. This request covers the current year at \$48,620.

19:049 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Jim Mortensen

That the Chief enter into a snow removal contract for the 2019/20 snow season for a cost of \$48,620 to service all five stations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Direction on Hartland Deerfield Consolidation Effort

Genoa Township Supervisor Bill Rogers and Hartland Township Supervisor Bill Fountain have requested that BAFA and Hartland Deerfield Fire Authorities review the possibility of joint administration and operations to see if a consolidation effort would benefit our communities.

Chief O'Brian provided a brief presentation at the meeting to see if this is something that the board would be open to pursuing. With the consent of the two Authority boards, BAFA staff would work with the Hartland staff to conduct a feasibility study to address items such as staffing, budget, capital, millage, board makeup, and develop a plan of action to see if moving forward would benefit the communities.

Update on Fire Station 34 Addition

The Chief updated the board on the status of the addition at Fire Station 34 and mentioned that the transfer agreements for Station 34 & 35 are in the process of being finalized.

Since the previous meeting, the Authority staff has met multiple times with the architect to continue to develop the interior layout and finishes.

The Architect has submitted to Genoa Township planning commission final documentation on the Environmental Impact Study that will be reviewed on Monday night as part of the Genoa Township planning commission meeting.

In addition to Monday's night meeting, the Architecture firm is beginning the process of preparing the bid specifications, mechanical, plumbing and electrical for the project. The goal is to be ready for bidding in 30-45 days. Once the bids are received we will more than likely conduct a special board meeting to award the contract to the winning bidder so that we can get the construction process started.

Good of the Order

Captain Hall's Retirement events celebrating 50 years of service to the community!
Last Day Nov. 1st 4-6 pm Cake & Coffee at Station 31 & a fire truck ride home.
Party planned for Nov. 7th from 6-9 pm at Brewery Becker.

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of our 9/11 – 5K Run on September 7th. We had a great turn out with nearly 200 runners. It was a great community event and we are grateful to all of our runners, sponsors and staff who made this event possible.

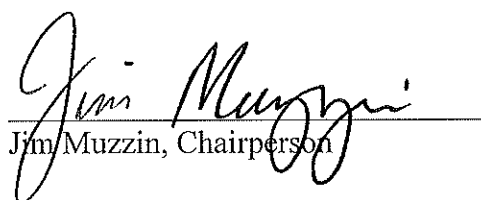
Our 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony was held here at station 31 last night. It was wonderful to see the crowds of people who came to pay tribute to those lives lost on that fateful day. We had guest speakers from Police, Fire and EMS share their stories of how 9/11 has impacted their careers.

Our Fire Marshal Rick Boisvert was elected to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society board as a Trustee at the Fire Inspectors conference last night. We are proud of Rick's accomplishments and know that he will be a great asset to the Fire Inspectors board.

Adjournment

Motion by Lucille Weaire, supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson