

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

September 14, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Station 31 located at 615 W. Grand River, Brighton, Michigan. This regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF O'BRIAN
DEPUTY CHIEF BRIAN SIRIANI
FIRE MARSHAL RICHARD BOISVERT

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Bakhaus, City of Brighton resident asked what the current stipend is for BAFA board members.

Approval of Consent Agenda

23:050 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Patrick Michel

That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

23:051 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan

That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation of Medical Service & Unit Citation Awards

The fire department along with Livingston County EMS, responded to a multi-person motorcycle accident with severe injuries. Due to the action of our staff and Livingston County EMS, the Fire Authority is awarding the following awards:

Medical Service Awards to the following BAFA staff:

Sgt. Ian Griffith
Lt. Kurt Bluhm
APO Mika Cherdron
APO Jason Wisby

Medical Service Awards to the following Livingston County Paramedics:

Caitlin Van Steenis
Wayne Jameson
Stephen Bradley
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Medical Service Awards to City of Brighton Police Officer:

Nathan Woods

Unit Citations were awarded to the following BAFA staff:

Capt. Corey Laber
Sgt. Brian Gramza
Sgt. Mark Cirella

Unit Citations were awarded to City of Brighton Police Officers:

Branden Bauer
Steven Carlson

Station 31 Renovation Design and Rebuild

The Fire Authority is a recipient of a congressional award for funds to be used towards construction of Fire Station 31. Staff has been working to develop a plan with the financial limitations of the grant as well as BAFA funding. Staff has met with Brivar Construction to consider a design/build option for a major renovation of Station 31, which could include a small addition to meet the growing needs of the Authority.

There was discussion on the financial options that exist for the renovation, (Design build vs. Architect build) and the process needed for the renovation of station 31.

23:052 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Bill Rogers

That we move ahead with a Design Build and the Chief will come back to the Board with a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Motion carried unanimously

Recognition of Fire Prevention Week – Resolution 23-05

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada during the week in which October 9th occurs. It originated in 1922 by NFPA to commemorate 50 years since the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The first Presidential Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. Since then, the fire service has embraced Fire Prevention Week as a week of fire safety education, prevention activities, and community engagement to reduce the impact of fire on their communities. Each year NFPA provides themed messaging, with this years' theme being "Cooking Safety Starts with You!".

Each year an estimated 187,500 homes experience a cooking fire accounting for over 50% of all reported residential house fires. These fires result in an average of 165 deaths and over 3,325 injuries each year with an estimated value of \$444-million dollars.

BAFA is committed to providing fire safety education to all its residents, regardless of age. We support this year's theme which will be on display at our Open House on October 7, 2023 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

23:053 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Patrick Michel

That we adopt Resolution 23-05 in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week.

AYES: Bill Rogers, Terry Croft, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker, Shawn Pipoly, Jim Muzzin, Mike Corrigan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

Storm Update

Chief O'Brian gave an update on the staff response to the recent storm event August 24-26 and stated that staff responded phenomenally. Here's a run down of the various incident responses.

96 Total Incident Responses

- 34 Incidents involving wires
- 3 Confirmed house fires (7 total dispatched)
- 1 Ignited gas line
- 12 Fire alarm calls
- 2 Incidents with trees causing damage to homes
- 6 Carbon monoxide related problems
- Multiple incidents with more than 10 hours of scene time

Notable Items

- There were over 407 paid-on-call hours as well as nearly 150 hours of full-time staff overtime, in addition to on-duty staffing.
- Power and internet lost at multiple stations.
- Central Dispatch was staffed with 12 staff at one point.
- Dispatch center was overwhelmed with calls, then folks began to call the fire station.
- DTE reporting was down for about an hour.

Good of the Order

Chairperson Jim Muzzin responded to Susan Bakhaus' question re: the Board stipend saying that effective July 1st, 2023 the board stipend is \$154.48 per meeting.

BAFA Open House is October 7th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Station 31. Everyone is welcome!

Joe Riker mentioned that he stopped at the scene of an accident at Spencer & Buno to see if he could help until first responders arrived. He found that the first vehicle's airbags had deployed, but the person was able to get out of the vehicle and she called 911 while Joe checked on the person in the second vehicle to find the person was conscious but disoriented. Our crews were quick to respond and arrived first on the scene to administer patient care.

Chief O'Brian mentioned that in the last 60-90 days we have run on an unusually large number of high acuity calls, some requiring extrication. We've been averaging 10 to 15 calls a day where normally we'd be at 7 or 8 calls.

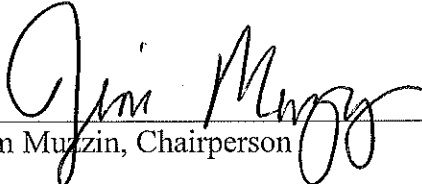
"Ruck to Live" is September 23rd from 7 am – 3 pm at Brighton Veterans Memorial to raise awareness and support for Veteran suicide prevention.

Adjournment

23:054 Motion by Mike Corrigan by Patrick Michel that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:41 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson