BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY March 13, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at **Station 34** located at 2755 Dorr Rd., Brighton. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

KEVIN SPICHER TODD WALKER PATRICK MICHEL

JOE RIKER JIM MUZZIN SHAWN PIPOLY MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Chief O'Brian

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

25:021

Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Shawn Pipoly

That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

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Approval of Regular Agenda

25:022 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Mike Corrigan

That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Request to Purchase Replacement Fire Engine

This request is part of the Fire Authority capital improvement plan to replace a fire engine. The authority apparatus committee has been working with various vendors to understand the current market situation, delivery timelines as well as bid processes.

Staff recommends purchasing one Pierce saber fire engine with associated equipment and costs.

The price includes the basic truck and we have added some additional equipment that will be dealer-installed equipment.

Truck price from Pierce is	\$1,046,850.00
Radios and Headsets	\$21,000.00
Graphics	\$9,000.00
Dealer installed equipment	\$5,000.00
Inspection trip	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,084,850.00

This is the cost for one vehicle in the short delivery program with the Cummins L-9 motor. If funding allows.

25:023 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Shawn Pipoly

that we authorize the Fire Chief to purchase one new fire engine by Halt Fire not to exceed \$1,084,850 and look into getting an extended warranty.

AYES:

Shawn Pipoly, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Jim Muzzin, Patrick Michel,

Joe Riker, Mike Corrigan

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 7 - 0

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Update on Station 31 Renovation and Construction Project

Chief O'Brian and Fire Marshal Boisvert have surveyed the property with Brivar and are working on a plan for the renovation/addition at Station 31. He is hoping to have preliminary drawings in the near future and will keep everyone apprised of the progress.

Good of the Order

Crews were called to rescue a person who had fallen through the ice 300 yards off shore while wind-surfing on Lake Chemung yesterday. The ice conditions were terrible and crews had to crawl on the surface of the ice, which was breaking away in order to get out to the patient. Our crews rescued the man and held on to him in the water for 90 minutes awaiting the Coast Guard, who then air lifted them out of the water. They initiated CPR on the patient for 60 minutes but were unable to save him. One of our firefighters was taken to the hospital for treatment but was later released.

While crews were tied up with the ice rescue on Lake Chemung, we were dispatched to a 3 acre grass fire.

March 3rd, our 9 new Full-time Fire Protection Specialists started their training. We had 5 internal candidates and 4 external candidates. They will begin working 24 hour shifts on March 30th.

Kevin Spicher commented that Chief O'Brian did a great job as Master of Ceremonies for the "Night in the Tropics" event.

The freeway construction begins this Saturday, March 15th. WB Grand River ramp to WB I-96 will be closed until May 4, 2025. Traffic will be detoured to EB I-96, to Spencer Rd., to WB I-96. Also, 96 has been reduced to two lanes in Genoa for the 96-rumble project.

<u>Adjournment</u>

25:024

Motion by <u>Patrick Michel</u> supported by <u>Todd Walker</u> that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at <u>8:40</u> am and everyone proceeded to the apparatus bay to welcome our 9 new Fire Protection Specialists.

Jim Muzzin, Chairperson

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Today, following the adjournment of the meeting, everyone convened in the apparatus bay for a special occasion. We gathered to extend a warm welcome to our 9 new full-time Fire Protection Specialists.

Tara Brown, the Brighton City Clerk, officiated the ceremony and administered the Oath of Office to the new FP specialists. This marked an important milestone in their careers and their commitment to serving our community.

Following the Oath of Office, group photos were taken to commemorate the event. Family members of the new specialists were present and had the opportunity to capture photos with Chief O'Brian.

To celebrate this occasion, refreshments were provided for all attendees. It was a wonderful time of celebration and welcoming our new team members.