

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
December 11, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23, Brighton. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: KEVIN SPICHER
 TODD WALKER
 PATRICK MICHEL (Arrived at 8:08)
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael O'Brian - Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Walters, City of Brighton resident, had questions regarding a few checks and the Citizen at Large position.

Approval of Consent Agenda

25:065 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Mike Corrigan
 That we approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

25:066 Motion by Joe Riker supported by Shawn Pipoly
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously

VHF System Repair Update

In addition to the item listed in the agenda item, the Fire Chief provided an update to the communications system.

The 800mhz project had a kick-off with Motorola, Livingston County Central Dispatch and local public safety. Chief Tester attended the meeting. A brief update was provided on the project that occurred this week.

The Fire Chief expressed his gratitude for Congressman Tom Barrett. Although we don't have the full scope, it appears funding will go towards the CAD project.

The VHF system was under repair this week by technicians from Motorola. The system was tested on Wednesday and audio coverage as well as tone quality appear to be back at normal levels. The Fire Chief expressed his thanks to BAFA staff and Livingston County Central Dispatch for working diligently on the repair.

Appointment of Citizen at Large

The Board deliberated on three candidates who applied. The Fire Chief gave an overview of the three candidates. Discussion also covered the posting of the material on the Authority web-page as well as the Authority Facebook Account for over two weeks.

Board members discussed the candidates and the role of the Authority Board, as well as the possibility of conflict with existing fire service members and how the Authority is currently operating. It was acknowledged that Mr. Corrigan's institutional knowledge as an original board member is an asset to the Authority Board on process.

25:067 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Todd Walker
that we appoint Mike Corrigan for a two-year term as the Citizen at Large for the period of January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously

Resolution 25-04 Recognizing the Outstanding Service by Shawn Pipoly

25:068 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
That we recognize Shawn Pipoly for his 12 years of faithful service to the Authority Board and the citizens of this community with this Resolution 25-04.

AYES: Mike Corrigan, Kevin Spicher, Todd Walker, Joe Riker, Patrick Michel,
Jim Muzzin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Shawn Pipoly

Good of the Order

Board Chair Jim Muzzin addressed Susan Walters' statement about the "Citizen at Large" position and stated that the "Citizen at Large" position was posted on our website as well as social media and we did receive three candidates for consideration.

Chief O'Brian addressed the other questions brought forth by Susan Walters in the "Call to the Public".

Genoa Township Supervisor & BAFA board member Kevin Spicher thanked the Chief for his efforts in getting the issues with the public safety communication system addressed by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.

Chief O'Brian announced that Jim Muzzin and Susan Gardner have been selected by the Brighton City Council to serve on our board beginning in January 2026. Paul Gipson was selected as the alternate.

The next board meeting on January 8th, 2026 will be our Organizational meeting.

Staff have been very busy this week due to the snowy winter conditions. There have been a lot of vehicle accidents to contend with on the roadways but crews have been doing a great job and we appreciate all their efforts.

Chief O'Brian will look into revisions to the Authority Credit Card policy and evaluate the use of an Authority credit card .

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

Adjournment

25:069 Motion by Shawn Pipoly supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:26 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson