

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

July 11, 2019

Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at the Fire **Station 32 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
 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

19:037 Motion by Lucille Weaire supported by Mike Corrigan
 That we approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

19:038 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Mike Corrigan
That we approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request to purchase Personal Protective Equipment, Firefighter Hoods

The Fire Authority requested bids for firefighter protective hoods with a particulate barrier. The department received 6 quotes. This request is for two protective hoods per employee. This order will cover 170 units at a cost of \$78.05 per hood.

19:039 Motion by Lucille Weaire supported by Patrick Michel
That we authorize the Fire Chief to purchase firefighting hoods not to exceed \$13,270.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Bill Rogers, Jim Mortensen, Lucille Weaire
Patrick Michel, Mike Corrigan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 7-0

Station 34/35 Transfer of Ownership

The Brighton Area Fire Authority Board has reviewed and discussed the transfer of property over multiple board meetings in the last three years.

Genoa Township Board reviewed these documents over their last board meeting on July 1, 2019. There was much discussion by the Genoa Twp. board and the vote was 6-1 to transfer the buildings and property contingent on review of the document by the Township Attorney and update to the reversionary clause if the property is no-longer utilized by BAFA or for public safety.

It is our intent to provide the board with updated documents once received by the Fire Chief from Genoa Township:

- Station 34 DRAFT transfer agreement
- Station 34 parcel (8.1 Acres)
- Station 35 DRAFT transfer agreement with existing clause

19:040 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel

That we table the transfer of Fire Station 34 and 35 from Genoa Township to Brighton Area Fire Authority until such time as the Fire Chief and Attorney's finalize the updated transfer agreements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Architectural and Engineering Services Update re: Station 34 Addition & New Station 33

The Brighton Area Fire Authority staff has been working with Partners In Architecture for multiple sessions as we develop and evaluate options for the new Station 33 (Weber) and Fire Station 34 (Dorr) addition.

The following are taking place:

- Draft documents for site plan as well as building layout are under consideration.
- Review of building layout for Fire Station 33 on the parcel and best optimization.
- Review of possible easements that may be required to be abandoned.
- Discussion on possible exterior looks of the building and structure at both facilities.
- Discussion on ancillary training areas provided at both properties.
- Development of time line for BAFA Board approval as well as submittal to Township planning procedures.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Update

The Fire Authority has applied for multiple grants as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) with FEMA. These possible grants include:

- SAFER - Which would allow the Fire Authority to hire three additional full-time staff. This was reported in the FYE 2020 budget process. The percentage of funding covers wages, benefits and other associated costs. The intent of these positions would allow us to place most of our full-time staff on 24-hour shifts, and cover an additional Station 24 hours a day, while keeping our day time staffing.
- AFG-CPR - The Authority has applied for funding for multiple automatic CPR Devices. These devices have a proven track record of increase in survival rate. We have also requested funding for additional AED devices to replace our current older units as well as some new technology for staff utilization on medicals.
- AFG-Fire Prevention - The grant if awarded, will cover the costs for training to host a NFPA Inspector course. This program will allow additional training to staff as well as working with neighboring jurisdictions to provide base level training. The intent is to continue to train our full and paid-on-call staff to aid their abilities while they conduct company level inspections.
- AFG-Staff Protection - The Authority took the lead in submission of a county wide grant which would provide firefighters with ballistic vests and helmets. The grant would furnish the equipment to aid staff in their safety when responding to acts of violence.

Property Tax Bills for New Station 33 Property on Weber

The Fire Authority received tax bills for the newly acquired parcels within Brighton Township. Staff are working with Township and our Attorney to understand why the request to pay was processed as well as what steps are necessary for future tax payments. The total due from all 15 parcels is \$3,542.20. We will hold off paying until we receive confirmation that this is indeed our responsibility to pay. The tax bills are due September 16, 2019.

Pulse Point

The Fire Authority has been working with Livingston County Central Dispatch, Livingston County Fire Departments, and Livingston County EMS to move forward on an app that will aid in delivering CPR across the county in public spaces.

The App (PulsePoint Respond) which is available in your phone's app store is a great tool to dispatch by-standard CPR to those who are in cardiac arrest. The app allows the user to subscribe to our incidents (Livingston County) and when they are within a short range of an incident, the app will advise where the closest AED is as well as the event.

The responders are covered under Michigan's "Good Samaritan Law" and communities who have implemented this program have seen very good results in saves from hands only CPR.

We are the first community in Michigan to go live with this life saving program.

Good of the Order

Our first "Girls on Fire" Camp was a huge success, thanks to Anne Campbell who spearheaded the event. It was very well received and we received a lot of great press.

BAFA is in the process of hiring 10 new Paid-on-Call Firefighters who will be starting in August.

Crews have been doing extensive training in a house on Flint & Liberty which is set for demolition in the near future. There's another house in Genoa Twp. that has become available for us to do some training in.

Captain Don Hall will be retiring at the end of October 2019. We're working on finding his replacement so that Don will be able to train this individual.

Greg Mowbray, our new full-time Chief of Training will be starting on July 24th. He will be introduced to the Board at the August 8th board meeting.

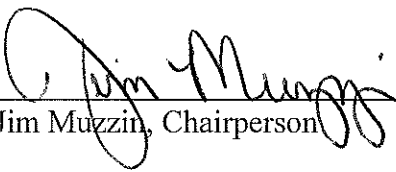
Our Livingston County Firefighter Training Academy Graduation is this Friday, July 12th at 7:30pm at the Brighton High School's Center for Performing Arts.

BAFA is helping to facilitate the County wide - Tornado siren software upgrade which will cost the County \$8,000. The cost will be split between all the communities.

Adjournment

Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson