

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
October 8, 2009
Regular Board Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the Brighton Township Offices at 4363 Buno Road, Brighton Township, Michigan. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson McCririe, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: GARY MCCRIRIE
JIM MUZZIN
JIM MORTENSEN
KATE LAWRENCE
LANA THEIS
JOHN ROGERS
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Howard Shifman, Esq.
Neal Nielsen, Esq.

Call to the Public
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

09:080 Motion by John Rogers, supported by Jim Muzzin
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Chairman McCririe indicated that Mr. Mortensen needed to leave early and requested that the Regular Agenda be revised by moving items d and e to a and b, with the items a through c renumbered c through e.

09:081 Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by Mike Corrigan
That the Regular Agenda be approved as revised.

Motion carried unanimously

Closed Session – Collective Bargaining

09:082 Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by Mike Corrigan

That we go into Closed Session to consider collective bargaining issues, pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act of 1976.

Ayes: Muzzin, Corrigan, Theis, Mortensen, Lawrence, Rogers, McCririe
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:03 a.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:25 a.m.

Closed Session – Pending Litigation

09:083 Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by Jim Muzzin

That we go into Closed Session to consider pending litigation, pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act of 1976.

Ayes: Muzzin, Corrigan, Theis, Lawrence, McCririe
Nays: None
Absent: Mortensen
Unavailable: Rogers

Motion carried 5-0

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:50 a.m.

Presentation to Mayor Kate Lawrence

Chief Lane presented Mayor Lawrence with a plaque indicating our appreciation for her extensive service to the community. Chief Lane stated that Ms. Lawrence had been involved with the Brighton Area Fire from the very beginning, with the onset of discussions regarding the creation of the Authority in late 1997. She will be missed.

Mayor Lawrence thanked everyone and stated it was an honor serving on the Board.

Insurance Claim Reimbursement

Chief Lane informed the Board that we have made insurance claims for losses incurred at the recent Church fire. There was damage to the mirror of one of the engines and some tools were lost from the roof collapse. There was also an insurance claim for a deer vs. truck accident. We will be placing the insurance check into the maintenance account, and make payments out of that same account.

Fire Chief Larry Lane Contract

Mike Corrigan stated that the Personnel Committee met to consider the employment contract. The only changes to the original contract was the agreement by Chief Lane to remain with the Authority through the end of next year to get the Department through some difficult issues , and the accommodation of the request by Chief Lane for 6 weeks vacation as the only benefit other than wages.

09:084 Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by John Rogers

That we approve the Employment Contract between Larry R. Lane and the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Order

Chief Lane informed the Board that on October 7th, at approximately 1:15 a.m., off-duty personnel received a call from Washtenaw dispatch for a possible house fire in Brighton Township. The Livingston County 911 system had gone down completely due to an electrical problem and was unable to receive the call or tone out the department. The 3 off-duty personnel contracted Fire Marshal O'Brian who advised them. While responding, FM O'Brian also arranged for automatic mutual aid. With our quick response, we were able to keep the damage down to room and contents.

Adjournment

Motion by Mike Corrigan, supported by John Rogers, that we adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.