

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
March 20, 2009
Special Board Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Main Fire Station, 615 W. Grand River, Brighton, Michigan. This Special Meeting was called to order by Chairperson McCririe, at 8:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:
 Neal Nielsen

Call to the Public

Chairperson McCririe opened the meeting to the Call to the Public.

Susan Walters-Steinacker, Rick Erickson, Kathy Jones, Jim Leach, Steve Moor, Matt Smith, Michael Banas spoke to the Board on the items listed on the Agenda, giving their opinions and recommendations.

Robert Palmer, an attorney retained by Martin DeLoach, addressed the Board and referred to correspondence submitted to them. Mr. McCririe advised the Board that he had received the correspondence and forwarded it to our counsel, Mr. Neil Nielsen.

There being no additional comments, the Call to the Public closed at 8:15 a.m.

Chairperson McCririe advised the Board that it was his opinion that the term of the member-at-large had been expired for a number of months; that the appointment was for 1 year in October, 2007, which would have expired October, 2008. Therefore, the motion made by Ms. Lawrence to terminate Chief DeLoach was not a proper motion, and that the Chief has not been removed.

There was considerable discussion.

09:026 Motion by Lana Theis, supported by Jim Muzzin
To table the issue of the validity of Mike Corrigan's position as Member-at-Large until we get formal, written legal opinions, in order to provide for a full review and conclusive determination.

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

Motion carried

Interim Fire Chief

09:027 Motion by Kate Lawrence, seconded by John Rogers
That we appoint an interim Fire Chief until the Authority Board resolves its issue.

Mr. McCririe indicated that the motion was out of order, as it was not within the scope of the published Special Meeting Notice.

Ms. Theis inquired of Mr. Nielsen how long would it take him to supply a written opinion, along with case law on the member-at-large issue. Mr. Nielsen indicated that he would be able to do it in approximately one week.

Position of Fire Chief

09:028 Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by Lana Theis
That we table the position of Fire Chief until further action of the
board.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kate Lawrence, supported by Jim Mortensen, that we adjourn this
meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.