

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
December 14, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at Station 31 located at 615 W. Grand River, Brighton, Michigan. This regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: BILL ROGERS
TERRY CROFT
PATRICK MICHEL
JIM MUZZIN
SHAWN PIPOLY
MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: JOE RIKER

ALSO PRESENT: CHIEF O'BRIAN

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to the Public

Susan Bakhaus, City of Brighton resident asked about two checks on the check register. She also made a comment on the "Citizen at Large" position.

Approval of Consent Agenda

23:064 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Shawn Pipoly
That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

23:065 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel
 That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Moment of Silence in honor of Hubert James Mortensen

Moment of silence to remember board member Hubert James (Jim) Mortensen who passed from this life on November 27, 2023 at the age of 89. He served on the BAFA board for 22 years and was an integral part of this organization.

Recognition of Community Risk Reduction Week 2024

Community risk reduction is not a new concept for the fire service. Fire departments have been actively involved in fire prevention for many years through public education, building inspections and other activities. Although there is no specific blueprint for developing CRR plans in U.S. fire departments, there are some common and essential steps. Ultimately, the CRR plan will be unique to each fire department, based on the types of risks for that particular community.

Essentially, the fire service exists not only to respond to emergency incidents, but also to proactively prevent or mitigate the impact of such incidents within their communities. CRR provides a more *focused* approach to reducing specific risks. In addition, a comprehensive CRR program involving community partners, firefighters, and other staff, can result in an organizational culture that recognizes the importance of reducing risks within a community. It is important that fire service leaders, their firefighters and other staff begin to shift their thinking towards reducing and mitigating risks, as this will ultimately be expected by their communities and elected officials. This will probably not be a simple or immediate change. As with any organizational culture—particularly within the fire service—there tends to be substantial resistance to what's new, and a strong investment in the old ways of doing things.

23:066 Motion by Bill Rogers supported by Patrick Michel
 That we adopt Resolution 23-06 and proclaim January 15-21, 2024 Community Risk Reduction Week.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Bill Rogers, Terry Croft, Patrick Michel,
 Mike Corrigan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Joe Riker

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 6 - 0

Appointment of Citizen at Large

The current term for the Citizen at Large position which is currently held by Mr. Mike Corrigan expires on December 31, 2023. The Authority posted, calling for letters of interest to serve on the Authority Board as the Citizen at Large from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025 and received one letter of interest from Mr. Mike Corrigan.

23:067 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Terry Croft
That we appoint Mike Corrigan for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2024 and concluding on December 31, 2025, as the Brighton Area Fire Authority Citizen at Large.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Bill Rogers, Terry Croft, Patrick Michel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Joe Riker
ABSTAIN: Mike Corrigan

Motion carried 5 - 0

Good of the Order

Chief addressed Susan Bakhaus' comments from the Call to the Public.

Chief stated that the crews assisted Hartland Fire yesterday for an apartment fire off of M-59 west of US-23 and were able to stop the fire from spreading to neighboring units.

The personnel committee met on December 1st, 2023 and approved the addition of seven full-time Fire Protection Specialist positions. We will be staffing 3 stations with full-time personnel 24 hrs. a day beginning March 3rd, 2024.

Our Awards Ceremony is scheduled for February 9, 2024 at the Brighton Center for Performing Arts at 7 pm. Hope to see you there.

Our new Tanker 34 has been completed and is at the Michigan dealer getting prepped for delivery. Delivery is expected sometime next week. Once it arrives out crews will need about a month before it's ready to put into service. The new tanker will be housed at Station 34 located on Dorr road.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone!

Adjournment

23:068 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:14 am.



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson