

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

July 9, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at Fire Station 32 located 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

Susan Bakhaus questioned the numerous responses to 6510 Cairn and inquired if the homeowner was going to be billed for excessive assistance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

20:032 Motion by Jim Mortensen, supported by Patrick Michel that we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

20:033 Motion by Bill Rogers, supported Shawn Pipoly that we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Fire Station 34 Update and Progress

Chief O'Brian narrated a video showing construction progress at Station 34. Occupancy is estimated during the second week in August. He stated that the project continues to be on time for completion and within budget. Over the next couple of weeks, the finishing details will move quickly. Deputy Chief Evans has been on site daily working with the architect and contractor as we finalize many of the details.

Major updates include:

Window are installed in portions of the south side addition

Drywall work will begin this week

Rough mechanical, electrical and plumbing is complete

Concrete apron and 3/4 of the training pad are complete

Final flooring in apparatus bay to be complete after the 4th of July

Exterior metal and flashing to begin installation the third week of July

Operating Millage Renewal – Resolution 20-02

20:034 Motion by Shawn Pipoly, supported by Lucille Weaire that we approve Resolution 20-02 and authorize the Fire Chief to file the appropriate documentation for the voters to consider a renewal millage at a rate of 1.5 mils for five years in the November 2020 election.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously

Good of the Order

Chief O'Brian reported the push is underway to hiring more Paid-on-Call firefighters.

BAFA was awarded a support grant of \$7,700 from FEMA to assist with face coverings and masks during the pandemic. Chief O'Brian estimated the actual expenses incurred in response to the pandemic to be between \$60-70,000.

Both fire academies will soon be finalized. The Howell High School program has 17 graduates and Livingston County has 15 graduates. Chief O'Brian recognized the efforts of Lieutenant Kiurski and Training Chief Mowbray to complete these programs with classroom constraints due to Covid-19. He added that both academies will start up again in August.

Chief O'Brian reported that the incident numbers are up and we are still responding to Covid-19 calls. He also mentioned that the number of suicides has increased.

Adjournment

20:035 Motion by Patrick Michel, supported by Mike Corrigan that we adjourn this meeting.
This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously



Jim Muzzin, Chairperson