

Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Board
April 26, 2023
Brodhead Fire Station
6:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM
2. **Roll Call to determining if a quorum is present:**
Present- S. Hazeltine, A. Schneider, P. Faessler, T. Simpson, P. Naramore, C. Jones
3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action:**
Motion to approve the Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Board Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2022.
Motion made by P. Naramore
Seconded by A. Schneider
Motion Passed
4. **Pros and Cons discussion where Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS stands going into the meeting at Orfordville Fire on April 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM:**
Chief Ryan Perkins hosting a forum looking at the future of surrounding dept.
Brodhead EMS is getting the ambulance out the door 96-97%. 3% circumstance not out the door for various reasons. Staffing, on another call, out of service for maintenance etc.
Recruiting is better than a year ago will continue to push for volunteers
Community is more aware nice to see more community involvement
1st Assist Chief if fire had 30 strong and EMS 30 strong active members this would be a different situation.
It takes hours and hours of training to be a volunteer member. Training hours are going up.
Small town are stepping stones for bigger cities
Brodhead Fire District would like to know where BAEMS stands on merger gift, what is needed to move forward? BAEMS doesn't want to provide the language for the deterrent that should come from the District.
BAEMS is not in a hurry to move forward as they are getting members to sign up for paid on shift.
BAEMS wants to know that the Brodhead Fire District is stable.
C. Jones gave an example of what the deterrent for withdrawing from Brodhead Fire District could look like-municipality that would like to leave the Brodhead Fire District would be responsible for paying attorney costs or buying the district out. If a municipality had 48% of district assessment it would leave with 24% if leaving under hostile measures. Would need to be added as an amendment to the original agreement.
D. Pinnow has pushed since 2020 to get EMT into the high school. Started with going to Blackhawk Tech with not much action. Mercy Medical control when talking with

D Pinnow was on board. EMS will be at a career fair this week at the high school promoting for the fall semester. D. Pinnow would like to see Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 in high school during junior year. EMT senior year students would be able to graduate and have the skills to be hired on to a full time dept or volunteer in their community.

S. Hazeltine after discussion Brodhead Fire Dist. needs to straighten out this house other Brodhead Fire Commissioners agreed.

5. Future agenda items and next meeting date and time:

TBD

6. Motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM by P. Fassler

Seconded by A. Schneider

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Assistant