

Brodhead Fire Commission
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Brodhead Fire Station
5:00 P.M

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM
- 2. Roll Call to determine if a quorum is present.**

Present- S. Hazeltine, A. Schneider, P. Faessler, T. Simpson, P. Naramore, C. Jones
- 3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary.**

Motion made by A. Schneider to approve agenda as presented.
Seconded by P. Naramore
Motion Passed
- 4. Public Appearances: This is the public's opportunity to speak.**

Each citizen is allowed 10 minutes to address the Commission.
- 5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action.**

Motion to approve the Brodhead Fire Commission Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2023.
Motion made by T. Simpson
Seconded by P. Naramore
Motion Passed
- 6. Reports of departments activities:**
 - a. Firefighters Inc.: Nothing at this time**
 - b. Fire Inspector:**

Admin. Assist. Osborne has finished going through Fall of 2022 fire inspections. Updated business contact information for Inspection Services. Referred inspections and No Entries were given to the Fire Chief for follow-up. Spring inspections have started.
2022 final numbers -324 total inspections, 8 occupancies with violations noted(includes those corrected or referred, 3 occupancies with outstanding violations, 5 occupancies with violations noted and corrected on scene.
Fee Changes for 2023-Fire Inspections raised from \$44 to \$45 per inspectable occupancy per year for semi-annual fire inspections. Fire inspections of seasonal occupancies raised from \$32.00 to \$32.50 per inspectable occupancy.
 - c. Fire Chief:**

*Brodhead Fire District call break down for January and February:
Cancel - 6, Assisted Brodhead 850 - 5, 1st Response - 3, Fire Response - 5, Lift Assist - 14,
MVA - 6, MABAS - 4.

*Chief Scheidegger let commissioners know he looked at a 2006 HME/4-Guys 1500/1000 Pumper in Mary D, PA. on his way back to Wis. Engine is a side-mount pump, 843 hrs, poly tank, stainless steel body. Asking price is 225k. Chief Scheidegger thinks you can get it for 195k. Engine 6 is a 1990.

C. Jones made a motion for the bid of used 2006 Engine for 195k. Motion to amend previous bid by C. Jones for the bid of the used 2006 Engine for up to 200k.

Seconded by P. Naramore

All in Favor

Motion Passed

Chief Scheidegger will be in contact with Mary D Fire Company with our bid.

*Command is at Nolte's Garage having the exhaust manifold repaired.

*Chief asked A. Schneider about the cabins along the river as they responded to a call and had a difficult time getting to the area. A. Schneider said it was private property and the Chief would need to draft a letter to widen the road. Next Decatur meeting is March 20th. Chief needs a letter drafted by the 20th.

*Green Co. is purchasing a drone. If the dept. would like to have a pilot class is \$160.00, test \$150 need to recertify every 2 years

*Updated Fire Candidate Forms

*2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow mentioned the Bylaw Committee review paid on shift bylaw. Was going to try and start March 1 but still need some discussion. Another option Pinnow had and this has not been talked about at officer level or bylaw level. **Needs to start here first.** Draft was handed out by mistake by Admin. Possible increase in Vol. Fire pay with incentive. Goal to get people to respond during the night. If pay for volunteering is higher it may attract more people. Leftover payroll would be split using the same point system as the LOSA points are figured on.

*McNeil Insurance has several E-Learning lessons we will be using for training-examples for hybrid cars, ion batteries, EVOC training, etc.

d. Life Quest:

Admin Assist. Osborne reported end of year totals for Lifequest run numbers:

Total Runs for 2022 - 257 Calls billed for 2022 - 38

7. New Business

a. Brodhead Fire District Dissolution Discussion/Possible Action:

The Rural Association approved points drawn up from attorneys. The City of Brodhead Council reviewed points and also approved points from attorneys. The City of Brodhead will be drafting a letter to rescind the dissolution letter. ,

The Rural Association committee will review the initial draft of amendments on March 13, 2023 with full Rural Associations members to follow.

b. Possible hiring of a consultant for efficiency study of operation of the Brodhead Fire District Discussion/Possible Action: During negotiation the Rural Association proposed getting a consultant to help with negotiating the dissolution. Ad Hoc Committees from both entities agreed to continue with a meeting with McGrath Consulting Group. 3 options from with going with consulting firm:

1. Accept as is what the consultant proposes
2. Reject whole thing
3. Alter whole thing

Will extend invite to Brodhead Area EMS to attend virtual meeting with McGrath Consulting

Brodhead Fire District would like to meet with the Brodhead Area EMS Board prior to meeting with McGrath Consulting.

c. Bylaw Committee-Discussion/Possible Action:

Refer to comment under Fire Chief Report

d. Treasurer's Report-Discussion/Possible Action:

Operating Account Balance: \$462,035.10

Money Market Capital Account Balance: \$62,061.62

Total Accounts Balance: \$524,096.72

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by C. Jones

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion passed

e. Payments of Bills-Discussion/Possible Action:

February Bills paid after February 7, 2023 Meeting:

Bedward, Rick \$896.00, Brodhead Area EMS \$121,540.00, Conway Shield \$77.58,

Emergency Medical \$1,207.27, Griffin, Tiffany \$192.00 and \$390.00, MacQueen \$140.84,

Sewer-City of Brodhead \$129.82, SWANI \$85.00.

February Credits after at February 7, 2023 Meeting

Wis Reinsurance Corp \$1,000.00, Town of Avon \$1,592.79, Town of Spring Valley \$2,855.66

March Bills paid at March 7, 2023 Meeting

Bedward, Rick \$616.00, Brodhead Water & Light \$456.25, Capital One \$1,757.62,

Charter \$179.32, EcoWater \$23.00, Gasser \$83.93, Griffin, Tiffany \$192.00, MacQueen \$140.84,

Napa \$218.96, Piggly Wiggly \$93.60, Reimburse-Blum \$343.20, Speich \$207.20, SWANI \$235.00,

WE Energies \$588.22

March Credits received at March 7, 2023 Meeting

Brodhead EMS \$1,826.21, LexisNexis \$5.00

Motion to approve Payment of Bills by A. Schneider

Seconded by P. Naramore

5 aye 1 abstain by C. Jones

Motion passed

8. Commission Comments or Questions:

This is the Commissions opportunity to speak about anything that is not a specific agenda item.

9. Discussion/Possible Action on future agenda items and next meeting date and time:

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM Brodhead Fire Station**

10. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM by C. Jones

Seconded by P. Naramore

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Asst.