

Brodhead Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Brodhead Fire Station

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM
- 2. Roll Call to determine if a quorum is present.**

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

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

Each citizen is allowed 10 minutes to address the Commission.
None
- 5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action.**

Motion to approve the Brodhead Fire Commission September 15, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.
Motion made by A. Schneider
Seconded by P. Naramore
Motion Passed
- 6. Reports of departments activities:**
 - a. Firefighters Inc.:** Pancake Breakfast, October 15, 2023, Brodhead Fire Station from 7-11:00 AM
 - b. Fire Inspector:** List has been updated for 2nd round of inspections. Inspections have been started.
 - c. Fire Chief:**
 - *Admin Assist Osborne gave report of calls for **SEPTEMBER 2023**: Fire Response 3, Cancel 3, MABAS 0, Lift Assist 4, MVA 2, Assist BAEMS 3, 1st Response 3 **Total 18 Calls**
 - *Chief Scheidegger mentioned if we receive an Assist BAEMS it's usually for help lifting and loading of a patient. Chief Scheidegger feels EMS coverage has been doing very well lately.
 - *Chief Scheidegger mentioned HME Engine 6 still on schedule to be put in service by the end of November. Waiting on several items that are on order for the Engine.
 - Lt./Paramedic Pinnow wrote and was awarded the DNR Grant.
 - *Chief Scheidegger would like to check on ordering dash cams for trucks.
 - d. Life Quest/Fire Recovery:**

Admin. Asst Osborne mentioned runs/calls have been submitted to Fire Recovery for billing for the months of August 2 runs/calls and September 2 runs/calls.
- 7. New Business**
 - a. By Law Committee-Discussion/Possible Action:**

*Chief Scheidegger would like to meet with the Officers and Bylaw Committee to write a stronger bylaw for practices. He feels something needs to be in place to hold firefighters accountable.

b. Agreement between Brodhead Fire Dist and Brodhead Area EMS Discussion/Possible Action:

Lt./Paramedic Pinnow stated that the agreement states coverage is 7 days a week and if we are not going to follow the agreement we should update.

A. Schneider feels the need to be flexible and the needs for staffing will change year to year.

Need to be careful to lay off firefighters/EMS on a regular basis or they won't come back.

S. Hazeltine asked Lt./Paramedic Pinnow what EMS is looking for in the future. What concerns does the EMS board have if there was to be a dissolution of the Brodhead Fire Dist. after a possible merger in future. Lt./Paramedic Pinnow could not answer for the EMS board. He himself has several concerns if the EMS was to merge with the Brodhead Fire Dist. S. Hazeltine felt the two boards should meet to talk over the concerns. If a future merger were to happen concerns need to be addressed.

Lt./Paramedic Pinnow will check on Nov. 4, 2023 at 8:30 AM at the Brodhead Area EMS Monthly Meeting to meet with the Brodhead Fire District to discuss the agreement.

T. Simpson asked to add to the next agenda line item: Penalties for a municipality withdrawal from Brodhead Fire District. Discussion/Possible Action

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

Operating Checking Account Balance: \$474,437.99

Executive Money Market Operating Money Market \$53,973.07

Capital Money Market Balance: \$158,787.11

Total Accounts Balance: \$687,198.17

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

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion passed

*WRS Contributions for 2024:

General 13.8% up from 13.6% (Employee 6.9%/Employer 6.9%)

Protective with Social Security: 21.22% up from 20.02%(Employee 6.9% Employer 14.32%)

d. Payments of Bills-Discussion/Possible Action:

Paid after Sept. 15, 2023 Meeting: Bedward, Rick (9/1-9/15/2023) Pd 9/30/2023 \$560.00, Darley \$1,364.86, Decatur Dairy \$75.43, Firefighter Payroll-Leave Work August \$1,028.75, Fire-Rescue Supply \$74.65, Fire Safety Education \$2,087.50, Jefferson Fire & Safety \$192.71, Monroe Sign Design \$107.40, Mueller Graphics \$750.00, NFPA \$26.60, Reliant Fire Apparatus \$356.08, Scheidegger, Rob (9/1-9/15/2023)Pd 9/30/2023 \$285.00

Credits received after Sept. 15, 2023 Meeting:

Brodhead Firefighters Inc. (Grant New Glarus Brewery) \$10,000.

Paid at October 12, 2023 Meeting:

AT&T First Net \$ 42.99, Bandt \$374.05, Brodhead Water & Light \$484.59,

Bedward, Rick (9/16-9/30) Pd 10/13/2023 \$280.00, Capital One \$4,539.36

Charter \$184.14, Conway Shield \$83.50, Dinges Fire Co. \$1,414.79 EcoWater \$23.00,

1st Center Floral \$41.50, Gasser \$458.43, Kelly Printing \$486.95, MacQueen \$2,978.21,

Piggly Wiggly \$223.49, Reimb. Bedward, Rick \$13.19,

Scheidegger, Robert (9/1-9/15/2023) Pd 9/30/2023 \$645.00, Sewer- City of Brodhead \$115.59, Speich \$246.98, Superior Chemical \$302.76, WE Energies \$13.05.

Motion to approve Payment of Bills by C. Jones

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion passed

8. Commission Comments or Questions:

This is the Commission's opportunity to speak about anything that is not a specific agenda item.

None

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

Next Meeting: November 3, 10:00 AM

Add to Agenda: Penalties for a municipality withdrawal from Brodhead Fire District.

Discussion/Possible Action

10. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 AM by S. Hazeltine

Seconded by C. Jones

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Asst.