

Brodhead Fire Commission
Monthly Meeting
December 1, 2023
2:00 P.M.
Brodhead Fire Station

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:04 P.M.

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 November 3, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes and November 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes between Brodhead Fire Dist. and Brodhead Area EMS as presented.

Motion made by C. Jones

Seconded by P. Naramore

Motion Passed

6. Reports of departments activities:

a. Firefighters Inc.: Nothing at this time

b. Fire Inspector: Fire Inspectors have been in town this week working on the 2nd half of the 2023 inspections finishing up the year.

c. Fire Chief:

*Admin Assist Osborne gave report of calls for **NOVEMBER 2023:** Fire Response 2, Cancel 0, MABAS 2, Lift Assist 5, MVA 2, Assist BAEMS 2, Albany 860 1, 1st Response 2 **Total 16 Calls**

*Chief Scheidegger mentioned looking for some type of barrier to put up on a scene to block on lookers from seeing patients at a scene.

d. Life Quest/Fire Recovery:

Fire Recovery-**November** Monthly Totals for Brodhead Fire District Claims Submitted 2 for \$1,229.50. Payments received for 1 claim by FRUSA \$827.00 No Claims Denied, 0 Non-Billable, 2 In Progress.

7. New Business

a. By Law Committee-Discussion/Possible Action:

Chief Scheidegger mentioned at Officers' meeting discussion about firefighters that were not coming to calls or practices. What could possibly be done to get them to come? At this point Chief feels nothing BFD can do if you put any type of punishment for not meeting requirements firefighters would just quit.

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

Meeting was held November 4, 2023 at 8:30 A.M at Brodhead Area EMS Garage.

*S. Hazeltine opened the meeting at EMS by saying that the merger agreement with corrected language has been completed. If in the future, Brodhead EMS would like to move forward with the agreement it is just waiting for signatures from both entities. Attorney fees have been paid in full.

It was agreed that meetings would be quarterly instead of annually. Next meeting January 6, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

It was agreed at this time there would not be an internship moving forward. EMS is still willing to split the one mentor (Rick Bedward) with Fire as long as there is work 1 possible 2 days a week. Tiffany Griffin was released from the paid on premise position.

Tom Simpson is questioning the EMS assessment to the city as it was increased and was supposed to be used for manpower. A. Schneider mentioned it is not our place to say what a contracted service uses its funding on. C. Jones doesn't feel it needs to be discussed at the fire district; it is between the City of Brodhead and Brodhead Area EMS.

c. Penalties for a municipality withdrawal from Brodhead Fire District. Discussion/Possible Action

Initial concerns were from EMS if there was a merger between the 2 entities and then there was a dissolution of what would happen to EMS assets. Since the merger between Brodhead Fire and Brodhead EMS is not likely at this time what are the suggestions for penalties. City and Rural attorneys have suggestions.

A. Schneider thought one of the suggestions was to put up a certain amount of money roughly \$300k and give up a % whoever wanted out needed to be penalized. Don't want to trap as there could be a point where a municipality could go countywide in best interest.

C. Jones would like to see it be 50/50 as if it becomes 4/3 vote doesn't think voting would be in the best interest of the entity being represented.

P. Faessler penalties for withdrawal from Brodhead Fire District are not for discussion at District level; it should be between City and Rural.

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

Operating Checking Account Balance: \$434,607.58

Executive Money Market Operating Money Market: \$53,973.07

Capital Money Market Balance: \$152,789.00

Total Accounts Balance: \$641,369.65

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

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion passed

e. Payments of Bills-Discussion/Possible Action:

Paid after November 3, 2023 Meeting - AT&T First Net \$42.99, Brodhead Water & Light \$416.08

Bedward, Richard (10/16-10/31/2023 Pd 11/15/2023) \$280.00, Capital One \$805.64,

Charter \$185.90, Decatur Dairy \$85.44, Deluxe Checks \$219.41, EcoWater \$23.00,

Emergency Medical \$65.30, Firefighter Payroll-Leave Work- Oct. \$627.50, Fire Rescue \$1,170.00

Fire Service, Inc. \$2,280.00, Gasser \$45.55, Kelly Printing \$249.95, MacQueen \$2,216.00

Napa \$224.97, Piggly Wiggly \$482.48, Reimb.-Swedlund \$104.00

Scheidegger, Robert (10/16-10/31/2023 Pd 11/15/2023) \$540.00,
Sewer, City of Brodhead \$120.44, Speich \$351.68, WE Energies \$12.08

Paid after November 3, 2023 Meeting-EXECUTIVE MONEY MARKET CAPITAL FUND

Dinges Fire Company (New Hose) \$7,957.24

Credits received after November 3, 2023 Meeting

Juda Fire Dept (hose repair) \$74.65, Brodhead EMS-Reimb Sept. Paid on Premise \$1,353.74,

Brodhead Water & Light Donation \$500.00, Capital One Rewards \$494.19

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.

C. Jones wishes everyone a Merry Christmas

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

Next Meeting: Brodhead Fire Dist. Mtg. January 5, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Brodhead Fire Dist. Mtg & Brodhead Area EMS January 6, 2023 at 8:00 AM

10. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 PM by C. Jones

Seconded by A. Schneider

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Asst.