

Brodhead Fire Commission
Tuesday, January 10, 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, T. Schadewaldt

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.

2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow speaking as a citizen had 4 points he would like to make as his own opinion.

1.) The meeting between Brodhead Rural and City of Brodhead Ad Hoc Committee. If the Fire District agreement is opened for revisions as part of the negotiations for the Fire District dissolution. He feels that each municipality should only have 1 vote. As Magnolia and Avon Townships are not at the table.

2.) Rumors City will not pay their portion of the full assessment of \$483,820.63 or 1/2 by January deadline. If this happens he would suspend all discussions because if the city doesn't comply with the current agreement there is no reason to believe they would comply with a new one.

3.) Firefighters are very agitated by the City of Brodhead actions regarding dissolution. Firefighters are very aware who supports the budget requests and who does not over the years. Only talked to 1 firefighter who said they would join a City of Brodhead Fire Dept just to protect his own home. Everyone else adamantly said they would not join.

City of Brodhead he feels is getting a good deal. City of Brodhead is responsible for 47.48% of the budget, has twice as many calls to the City vs Rural and 50/50 representation on the Brodhead Fire District board. City on the path to slay the goose who laid their golden egg.

4.) Consolidation has many positives-Paid Chief and Training Officer, Uniform procedures, standardized equipment, less equipment-lower cost.

What about people? Doesn't get more volunteers. Only wants the existing people to respond to other towns in addition to what they are already doing?

Don't have to buy an engine-1 year with 5 full time people to cover the consolidated area. What are you doing next year?

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Special Meeting November 30, 2022, with correction to S. Hazeltine asked D. Pinnow if new ambulance has been purchased? Should say been purchased.

Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Board Meeting December 3, 2022, and Brodhead Fire District Regular December 6, 2022 meeting.

Motion made by T. Simpson

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion Passed

6. Reports of departments activities:

a. Firefighters Inc.: Nothing at this time

b. Fire Inspector: Nothing at this time

c. Fire Chief:

Updated Facebook page and posted Volunteer and Paid on Premise job positions.

Since December 29, 2022 (12 days) Vol. Fire Position Reached 7.3k, Engagement of 468, Likes/Reactions 44, Comments 9 and Shares 31 with 1 application set to interview and 2 pending applications. Paid On Premise Reached 16.5K, Engagement 2.2K, Likes/Reactions 91, Comments 25 and Shares 32. 1 scheduled interview and 3 waiting for sent applications to be returned.

Radio Ad was placed for Volunteers and Paid on Premise job positions. Going to try it for 2 weeks and see if there is a response to the ads.

3 Firefighter resignations

1 new special duty firefighter will respond while he is in town for work.

Firefighters are currently in the process of CPR recertification.

Article written by Brodhead Fire District/Brodhead EMS placed in the newspaper. The Independent Register did not charge for the article. Was quoted \$300.00 for an article to be placed in Free Press.

Green Co Chief's Meeting held in Brodhead. New radio drill for MABAS was tested for the 1st time. Host dept will be in charge of calling the drill into Green Co.

Green Co. Chiefs/MABAS will meet 3 times instead of 4 times a year

Green Co. Chiefs will be purchasing a drone. If a dept personnel would be interested in becoming certified the cost would be \$160.00 per class and \$150 to take the test.

d. Life Quest: Nothing at this time

7. New Business

a. Brodhead Fire District Dissolution Discussion/Possible Action:

Brodhead Rural Association to meet with City of Brodhead Ad Hoc Committee, January 11, 2023 at Decatur Town Hall at 3:30 PM

b. 2023 Budget - Discussion/Possible Action:

2nd Asst. Chief R. Pinnow reviewed 2023 budget line items in comparison with the 2022 budget.

The line items that were over in 2022 were adjusted for the 2023 budget. Budget did not change.

Following line items have been adjusted for the 2023 budget: Capital Acct. \$88,000,

EMS Supplies \$4,000, Radio Maint. \$3,500, Communications \$3,500, Office Supplies \$2,000, Insurance \$27,000.

A. Schneider made a motion to amend budget line items including capital fund for the 2023 budget.

Seconded by P. Naramore

Motion Passed

Dissolution mentions appraisal of assets. This was not a budgeted line item where would the money come from? S. Hazeltine mentioned it would have to be paid from another line item amount.

Discussion was made on the Capital Fund. T. Simpson mentioned money should be borrowed and not have a line item for the Capital Fund. S. Hazeltine mentioned rather have a consistent amount saved than borrow and waste money paying interest.

Capital fund was set up for expenses that are recurring large dollar items: Replacement of apparatus, SCBA Bottles & Harnesses, Radios & Pagers, Hose & Nozzle replacement, Turn out gear. According to NFPA Turnout gear is to be replaced every 10 years. In 2013 BFD purchased 12 sets of gear. Gear will expire in 2023.

Capital Fund is also used for grants received as we do not know if BFD will receive grants need money for the BFD portion of the grant. Unable to budget for this amount as it is unknown.

c. Municipalities Service Fee Pay to Brodhead Area EMS Discussion/Possible Action:

S. Schwartzlow-Avon Township Clerk- would like to know how to proceed, Avon Township passed to collect the assessed amount for the 2023 budget which included EMS. Now that the merger is not happening will the Fire District pay the per cap amount to EMS as the EMS bill is due in Feb. 2023 or are they to pay that bill to EMS?

A. Schneider mentioned the municipalities came up with funding for the budget. BFD should meet the original intent of the budget. Will ask legal counsel how to honor the original intent with funding of EMS. 2nd Assist. Chief R. Pinnow said it is an ethical obligation.

d. Bylaw Committee-Discussion/Possible Action:

The Bylaw Committee met on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the fire station.

Bylaw for Position: Paid on Shift and Compensation & Benefits were discussed and passed at Bylaw level to be brought to the Fire District for final approval.

Position: Paid on Shift set up as 4 person, cross functional, paid on shift crew sign up for blocks
Compensation & Benefits updated with #12 Paid on Schedule \$2.00 per hour
of time.

S. Hazeltine made the motion to accept the Bylaws for the Position: Paid on Shift and Compensation & Benefits.

Seconded by T. Schadewaldt

Motion Passed

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

Operating Account Balance: \$96,734.47

Money Market Capital Account Balance: \$62,033.06

Total Accounts Balance: \$158,767.53

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by A. Schneider

Seconded by P. Naramore

Motion passed

f. Payments of Bills-Discussion/Possible Action:

December Bills paid after December 6, 2022 meeting:

AT&T Mobility \$72.99, Bedward, Rick \$784.00 (Paid on Premise),
Griffin, Tiffany \$432.00 (Paid on Premise), MacQueen Emergency \$2,484.55,
Monroe Engraving \$250.50, Reimburse-T. Gerber \$40.98, City of Brodhead-Sewer \$133.66
SWANI \$27.50, Wis. State Firefighters (\$25.00 x2) \$50.00, Wright World Sports \$222.00

December Credits received after December 2, 2022 Meeting:

Capital One Rewards Check \$195.73

January Bills paid at January 10, 2023 Meeting:

Capital One \$1,250.57, Charter \$202.34, NFPA-Chief Scheidegger \$175.00,
Penflex (2022) \$1,000.00, Stipend-Oborne \$7,000.00, WE Energies \$512.34,
Wisconsin State Fire Chief \$95.00.

January Credits received at January 10, 2023 Meeting:

Brodhead Area EMS (Reimbursement 1/2 Paid on Premise/Uniforms) \$859.00

Motion to approve Payment of Bills by T. Schadewaldt

Seconded by P. Naramore

Motion passed

8. Commission Comments or Questions:

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

A. Schneider asked if the packet could be scanned and emailed ahead of the meeting. Admin. Asst. will scan the packet. Majority of Commissioners would like the paper copies for the meeting.

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

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM Brodhead Fire Station**

10. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM by P. Naramore

Seconded by T. Schadewaldt

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Asst.