

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
GREATER BRIGHTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
500 S. 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor, BRIGHTON, COLORADO 80601

February 14, 2024

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Brighton Fire Rescue District was called to order at 10:31 by President Jacobucci. An electronic meeting option was provided to the public. Call-in information was made available to the public by the meeting notice.

B. Roll Call

Present

Jeff Jacobucci, President

Don Rowe, Vice President

Frank Serafini, Treasurer

Brian Engle, Assistant Secretary

Absent

Cheryl Spottke, Secretary (excused)

Also in Attendance

District Staff

Brycen Garrison, Fire Chief

Gerard Lutz, Deputy Chief of Operations

Elizabeth Bednarcik-Fire Marshall

Jim Pauley, Chief Finance Officer

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Motion to excuse Director Spottke.

MOTION: A motion was made by Director Serafini to excuse Director Spottke.

SECOND: Director Engle

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

C. Call for Changes to the Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

MOTION: Director Serafini made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND: Director Engle

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

D. Presentations

Fire Chief Garrison introduced new Public Information Officer Ty Ono to the Board of Directors.

E. Public Comment

None.

F. Action Items

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Financial Report year-to-date ending December 31, 2023.
2. Approval of January 2024 payments of \$ 1,851,566.00.
3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2024.

MOTION: Director Rowe made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

SECOND: Director Serafini.

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

G. Staff and Attorney Reports

Chief's Report:

Fire Chief Garrison updated the Board on the following topics:

1. The Accreditation process started in January.
2. The District is in the process of discussing a 115 Health Trust.
3. Rescue 53 target in-service date is April.
4. Approval by the City of Brighton regarding tree heights, the area of Bromley Park will be impacted first.
5. The outstanding invoices issue has been resolved with the Adams County Jail and Sheriff's Office; the District should begin receiving reimbursement within the next 90 days.
6. Code 4 Counseling Peer Support Group.
7. Discussion on sports therapy for the organization for 2025 and in- house health/wellness initiatives to help guide the District in exercise programs.
8. Human Resources compliance training is complete.
9. Traffic Safety review is complete, and the District is implementing reducing speeds on roadways and

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accident safety.

10. Promotions will start mid-year.

11. 2025 portable radio update and discussions regarding grant funding.

A short Board discussion followed.

Deputy Chief of Operations:

Deputy Chief Lutz updated the Board on the following:

1. The District Medic units.
2. FTO (Field Training Officer) program.
3. January 27, 2024, significant incident involving a multi-vehicle accident.
4. February 4, 2024, significant incident involving semi-trucks on fire at a storage facility.
5. NAFA 14 started, the program is successful, and the students are doing well.
6. Captain Forbes and Engineer Nekvasil continue to work on Rescue 53 with the estimated in-service date in the March time frame.

A short Board discussion followed.

Deputy Chief of Administrative Operations:

Deputy Chief Sheldon updated the Board on the following:

1. Fleet Services is anticipating Tower 52 will be back in service this month.
2. Medic Unit 55 is scheduled for delivery in March.
3. The finance division is using the new MIP software and has worked with IT to resolve a problem with the City of Brighton's firewall.

A short Board discussion followed.

Fire Marshal Report:

In addition to the written report, Chief Bednarcik updated the Board on the following:

1. The Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) will be ready in the next few months, with locations on Bromley Lane and Highway 7 at Riverdale Road.
2. Impact Fee collections increasing due to new home construction.
3. Public Educator Dawn Blunt and Fire Marshal Bednarcik will be attending a conference to sit on a question-and-answer panel regarding the Smart Burner Program.

A short Board discussion followed.

Financial Report:

In addition to the written report, Chief Finance Officer Pauley discussed the following:

1. The District is within budget for 2023 and no supplemental budget is needed.

A short Board discussion followed.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Ferguson was unable to attend during the rescheduled time, but her written report is included in the Board packet. Fire Chief Garrison provided additional information on legal matters.

1. Discussion of bills that have been introduced in the 2024 legislative session which could impact the District.

A short discussion followed.

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Brighton City Liaison Report

None.

H. Old Business

Chief Garrison updated the Board on the following:

- a. Training Center
 - i. Old Fire Station 2 has been demolished.

I. New Business

No new business.

J. Other Business

The Pension Board voted to recommend an increase to the monthly pension fund benefits from \$1100.00 to \$1200.00. Based on information contained in the actuarial study, the Pension Board hopes that the Board would continue to contribute to the pension fund at its current rate for the next five years; however, the Board is unable to commit to doing so as this would violate TABOR. That said, the Board is generally in favor of trying to do so subject to its budget and annual appropriations.

MOTION: Director Serafini made a motion to approve funding the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund in 2024, and to endeavor to do so for the next 5 years subject to TABOR and annual appropriations.

SECOND: Director Rowe.

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Director Rowe made a motion at 11:53 to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Director Serafini.

APPROVAL: Motion carried unanimously.

Don Rowe 3/13/24
Jeff Jacobucci, President Date

Brian Engle 3/13/24
Brian Engle, Assistant Secretary Date