

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2022 – 7:00p.m.
Brighton Community Room
100 E Washington St
Brighton, IA 52540

The Brighton Fire Advisory Board met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Brighton Community Room of Brighton City Hall.

Bill Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and called the roll call.

Members attending: Bill Farmer, Brighton Fire Chief/Chairman; Cathy Rich, Brighton City Councilwomen; Dale Morgan, Clay Twp Trustee; Dan Luers, Dutch Creek Twp Trustee; Doug Moothart, Brighton Twp Trustee; Kurt Ledger, Penn Twp Trustee; and Susan Rutledge, City of Pleasant Plain representative.

Motion by Doug Moothart, second by Susan Rutledge to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 22, 2023 as amended names of attendees will be added to the minutes.

Moved and approved appointing Julie Johnson as secretary to the board.

Proposed Bi-Laws were discussed. Cathy Rich suggested having the Cities attorney create the Bi-Law document based on the resolution. Discussion ensued about how many meetings per year are necessary.

Motion by Kurt Ledger, second by Doug Moothart to have the cities attorney to draw up the Bi-Laws at the Fire fund expense.

Discussed the action plan:

Year 1 - \$25,000 pledged from the Fire Fighter's Association for a new building 60'X68'. 4 bays, with a bathroom and shower. City had offered \$40,000 to a new building. First Responders will be using part of the building. The city pays all of the first responder's expenses, Cathi Rich is interested as to what the cities expense is going to be as far as first responders are concerned. Insurance will be \$500-750 per year. Fire Department' share Utilities - \$2596 for the past fiscal year. Will fund raising be used to help pay for the building? The building will not be built without a grant. \$175,000 will be asked from the Riverside Casino to help with funding. Cathy Rich asked if Fire Department has considered building a 2-bay building to save expense. Kurt Ledger suggested building the building outside the city limits. Discussed adding on 2 bays to the current fire department. (Ally would need to be closed, utilities would need to be moved)

Year 3-5 - Replace 1992 GMC pumper. All money in CDs at this point will remain in CDs to fund the new pumper with the hope to add \$25,000 per year. FEMA grant is probably out of the question.

Year 10 - Replace turn-out gear and old SCBA starting in year 2024 start applying for FEMA AFG grant. 5% match for AFG grant. Would like to have 8 more sets of SCBA (air packs).

Motion by Doug Moothart, second by Dale Morgan to move forward with the new building. Apply for the grant, prepare the lot – take trees out, upgrade the lot – move the sod, bring in the dirt (which can be brought in for free from the DOT) and re-seed the lot.

Discussed the motion Cathi Rich gave concerns from the City Council point of view. Cathi thinks things are moving a bit too quickly. Doug Moothart thinks apply for the grant, if we don't get the grant then try again next year.

Vote – Motion approved 6 yes, 1 no.

Cathi Rich presented the Proposed Goals and Objectives presented by the mediator.

Motion by Kurt Ledger at 8:13 pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Doug Moothart, all in favor.
Meeting dismissed.

Julie Johnson
Fire Board Secretary