

BRAIDWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
275 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL  
May 28, 2021 at 10:00 hours at the Braidwood Fire  
Station

### **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the District Trustee was held on Friday May 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Braidwood Fire Station Building at 275 W. Main Street, Braidwood, Illinois.

Chairman, Mike Dillon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Secretary of the Board stated that a quorum was present.

The following Trustees were present:

Charlie Boyd  
Mike Dillon  
Bill Ritze

Also present were Fire Chief Barry Egger, Assistant Chief Chris Jude, Attorney Tom Gilbert, Administrative Assistant Kristin Wexell, Captain Jake Bolatto, Captain Mike Pemble, Lieutenant Mike Tenerelli, Engineer Felicia Ehringer, Firefighter/Medic Melissa Micklos, Firefighter/Medic Dylan Williams, Firefighter/EMT Ed Theis, Firefighter/EMT and Alexa Kubinski

Public Comment:

Captain Jake Bolatto presented the Board with the letter signed by the Braidwood Fire Protection District Officer's in support of and requesting that the Board consider appointing and promoting Assistant Chief Chris Jude for the Fire Chief role.

Special Meeting items:

- a. Accept Fire Chief Eggers retirement – The Board reviewed the retirement letter of Barry Eggers.  
Charlie Boyd moved to accept the retirement letter of Fire Chief Barry Eggers effective June 1, 2021 at 0600 hours, seconded by Bill Ritze. A role call vote was taken 3 ayes (Boyd, Dillon and Ritze) and 0 nays. The Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Sign consultant agreement with Barry Eggers  
Bill Ritze moved to sign and agree to the terms of the Consultant Agreement for Barry Eggers, seconded by Mike Dillon. A role call vote was taken 3 ayes (Boyd, Dillon and Ritze) and 0 nays. The Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.

Closed session (if needed) Mike Dillon moved to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Charlie Boyd seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken, 3 ayes (Boyd, Dillon and Ritze) and 0 nays. The Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously. Closed meeting was entered into at 10:03 a.m. And the open meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

- c. Discuss filling Fire Chief position
  - Select from within the Department or perform position search
    - Mike Dillon moved to promote Christopher Jude to the Acting Fire Chief position effective June 1, 2021 at 0600 hours, with the intention of having a contract prepared for review and approval at the next regularly scheduled District Board Meeting on June 15, 2021, for Christopher Jude to become Fire Chief. Bill Ritze seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken 3 ayes (Boyd, Dillon and Ritze) and 0 nays. The Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Discuss need for an interim Fire Chief – The Board discussed and decided that the need to hire an interim Fire Chief is unnecessary at this time.
- e. Discuss Department Organizational structure – The Board will discuss this further in the June 15<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, after the Officer's have had a chance to discuss the assignment of responsibilities distributed amongst them.

There being no further items for discussion at this time, Bill Ritze moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Charlie Boyd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken 3 ayes (Boyd, Dillon and Ritze) and 0 nays. The Chairman declared that the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting was adjourned 11:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021