

BRAIDWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting

September 5, 2023

A meeting of the Trustees of the Braidwood Fire Protection District was held on September 5, 2023 at the Braidwood Fire Station located at 275 W. Main St. in the City of Braidwood, Illinois at 6:00 P.M.

Braidwood Fire District Trustees present were President Mike Dillon, Secretary Charlie Boyd and Treasurer Bill Ritze. Trustee Ritze acted as Chairman and called the meeting to order.

Also present in person were Attorney John Motylinski, Deputy Chief Mike Pemble, Administrative Assistant Teri Post, and Braidwood personnel as listed on the sign-in sheet. Custer Fire District Trustees Ron Pruss, Kathy Lombardi Anton, Dan Rozak, Ryan Shorkey, Bob Hussey, and Custer Fire District Fire Chief Frank DaVito. Also present was Free Press Reporter Marney Simon. For names of other Braidwood, Braceville, and Custer individuals present, please see the attached sign-in sheet.

Public Comment: Custer residents Shannon Blottiaux, Carly Picha, and Wanda Alderson spoke in favor of the IGA.

Special Meeting Item: This meeting is an open meeting with the Custer Fire Protection District (CFPD) Board of Trustees to review and discuss the potential Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Braidwood Fire Protection District (BFPD) to provide service to the CFPD.

Overviews were given as to how BFPD and CFPD arrived at this point with proposed IGA, with initial contact being made by CFPD in the fall due to CFPD staffing shortages and need for response to calls in the CFPD area. At the March 23, 2023 special meeting BFPD attorney was directed to begin preparing a draft IGA with the document being reviewed by the CFPD attorney. The proposed document was reviewed by both boards.

At this point in time the biggest concerns were:

1. equity of CFPD's equipment (Quad County will be called to provide an appraisal of CFPD's equipment)
2. time frame of the IGA (possible solution – at 5 years both boards talk about referendum to residents or continue with IGA)
3. definition of a few terms used in the IGA (Attorney Motylinski made revisions)
4. staffing of the CFPD station (wording was given to Attorney Motylinski)
5. how a CFPD call would be responded to by BFPD if BFPD is out on a call and a call comes in for CFPD (discussed – automatic aid if Braidwood has multiple calls in progress)
6. replacing the CFPD building (not issue, owned by CFPD)
7. billing by a responding automatic aid district (responding department bills according to their ordinances)
8. would Braidwood agree to take CFPD if they have a referendum on the ballot to dissolve
9. 3b – expenses (attorneys to provide language)
10. 7f – building maintenance (attorneys to provide language)

Attorney Motylinski will forward an updated draft IGA to CFPD's attorney.

Closed Meeting:
None

The Chairman then stated that the next Braidwood Fire Protection District Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 19, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. at the Braidwood Fire Station. Representatives from Custer Fire Protection District will be in attendance. The Custer Fire Protection District Meeting is scheduled to be held September 20, 2023. A special meeting of both boards will be held on Monday, September 25, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Braidwood Fire Protection District to discuss/action on the potential Intergovernmental Agreement.

Upon motion duly made by Boyd and seconded Dillon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.