

**BRAIDWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD
AND THE BRAIDWOOD FIRE COMMISSION BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting
December 16, 2025

A meeting of the Trustees of the Braidwood Fire Protection District, as well as the Braidwood Fire Commission Board was held on December 16, 2025, at the Braidwood Fire Station located at 275 W. Main St. in the city of Braidwood, Illinois at 9:00 A.M.

Trustee Charlie Boyd acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Trustee Teri Post, acted as Secretary of the meeting and reported that a quorum was present.

The following Trustees were present:

Charlie Boyd
Teri Post

Absent:

Bill Ritze

Also, present were Fire Chief Chris Jude, Attorney John Motylinski and Executive Assistant Kristin Wexell.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the District Board Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on November 18, 2025, as distributed. Charlie Boyd mentioned that there was one correction, in New Business Item #4 remove the sentence "Bill Ritze to serve as President". Teri Post made a motion that the minutes be approved, with making the suggested correction. Charlie Boyd seconded the motion. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

The Treasurer's Report shows an account balance November 1, 2025, of \$539,752.42, nine deposit(s) totaling \$144,673.17 and seventy-two withdrawals totaling \$346,236.12, the ending account balance on November 30, 2025, is \$337,568.20. Charlie Boyd moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Bill Ritze seconded the motion. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

Teri Post presented the bills to be paid for a total of \$346,236.12 (see attached list of bills presented for payment). Charlie Boyd moved that the bills be paid as presented, the motion was seconded by Teri Post. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment:

None

Communications:

VFIS Quarterly Newsletter

Thank you letter from the Dillon Family

Thank you from Elwood FPD for assisting at a structure fire

Will Grundy Contractors Association Directory

Email communication for Morris FF death notification – Walk-thru on 12/17 at 6PM.

Chief's Report:

Chief Jude distributed his full report (attached hereto). Items discussed in the meeting are as follows:

- The total call volume in November increased to 190 calls from 166 the previous month.
- We had one call of significance which involved a head-on collision of two semi-trucks on I-55. The crew performed some heavy extrication on this call.
- Anthony Bernico passed his National Paramedic test on the first try, he is now operating as a Firefighter Paramedic on shift.
- The sign for the training ground has been installed.
- Apparatus:
 - 2415 is OOS and at a new diesel mechanic who is trying to determine why the vehicle goes into limp mode.
 - 2490 has been purchased and is currently waiting for radio and light package to be installed.
 - 2492 has been removed from our fleet with no plans for replacement.
- Rescue Task Force did a tabletop training with P.D. last week.
- Drone Response Team will likely begin when the weather breaks.
- All other Specialty Teams are running smoothly and completing the necessary training.
- 2422 Chief spoke to Alexis about the delay. He expressed concern about their painting department and asked if the vehicle is painted by an outside vendor, Braidwood FPD will require a written agreement that paint will still be warrantied. go into production until March 2026 and would have been kept outside at Alexis.
- 2425 Committee – no new news.
- Station 1 maintenance –
 - Chief Jude received a proposal to replace Heat/AC unit for IT room. This will be discussed in New Business.
- Station 2 maintenance –
 - Permanent lights were installed on the exterior of the building
 - Heat issue for the living quarters has been resolved by redirecting the heat into the area by closing vents leading to the bay floor.
- ATT Tower – Verizon should be starting to stake grounds today for their work to begin.
- Discovery works if finalizing the Committee's logo. It looks like the first community workshop will be at the library in January or February.

Old Business:

- A. Faircom – (energy legislation, Exelon Agreement) – No update
- B. Future Training Opportunities –
 - a. Nothing new for approval
- C. 2422 Committee Update – covered in the Chief's Report
- D. 2425 Committee Update – No new update
- E. Review Annual Calendar and Checklist Items – Teri Post reported that Braidwood FPD is up to date with no items outstanding.

Closed Meeting: Not needed

New Business:

1. Fire Commission Board Business:
 - a. Discuss any updates regarding full-time firefighters: Nothing to report
 - b. Discuss any Safer Grant developments: GAI prepared and submitted a payment request and expects payment to be received within the next couple weeks.
2. Purchases requiring Board approval:
 - a. Aventis Systems, Inc, replacement of station computers - \$5,693.96
 - b. Microsoft, Surface Pro and software bundle - \$2,032.99
 - c. Gene May, replace the HVAC unit in the IT Room - \$7,726.00
 - d. A & J Signs, Inc., Training Tower sign - \$2,370.00
 - e. Buckstop, bumper grill for new 2490 - \$3,258.00
 - f. Fleet Safety, light and radio package for new 2490 - \$12,698.96

Charlie Boyd moved to approve the above expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Teri Post. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.
3. Review and possible approve Ordinance for Lift Assistance Fees – John Motylinski presented the Ordinance related to new legislation for nuisance lift assistance by healthcare businesses and scare centers. The ordinance will allow for billing 50% of the GEMT rate for lift assistance nuisance calls after the 6th lift assistance call to the same address.

Charlie Boyd moved to approve the lift assistance ordinance, as explained by John Motylinski. The motion was seconded by Teri Post. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.
4. Review Tentative 2026 District Board meeting Schedule – The schedule was disseminated electronically for review prior to the meeting.

Teri Post moved to approve the Tentative Board Meeting Schedule for 2026. The motion was seconded by Charlie Boyd. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.
5. Discuss and possibly approve 115 Trust for Full-time staff and Kelly Days adjustment – Chief explained the terms of the 115 Trust will be that The District would pay up to \$1000.00 per full-time personal whom meet the criteria to participate in the program. The District will make a contribution into a 115 Trust at the first of the year, based upon the amount of unused sick time left during the previous year. Chief Jude also requested that The District consider approving a change in amount of Kelly Days for full-time staff from every 21st shift, to every 18th shift.

Charlie Boyd moved to approve the implementation of a 115 Trust for Full-Time Employees, as well as to approve the adjustments to the Kelly Day schedule for every 18th shift day for Full-Time Firefighters. The motion was seconded by Teri Post. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular scheduled Fire District Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.