

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

Minutes of Meeting
January 20, 2026

A meeting of the Trustees of the Braidwood Fire Protection District, as well as the Braidwood Fire Commission Board was held on January 20, 2026, 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
Bill Ritze

Also, present were Deputy Fire Chief Mike Pemble, 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 December 16, 2025, as distributed. Bill Ritze made a motion that the minutes be approved as distributed. Teri Post seconded the motion. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

The Treasurer's Report shows an account balance December 1, 2025, of \$337,568.20, nine deposit(s) totaling \$191,231.61 and seventy-six withdrawals totaling \$333,584.93, the ending account balance on December 31, 2025, is \$195,874.88. Charlie Boyd moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Teri Post seconded the motion. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

Charlie Boyd presented the bills to be paid for a total of \$333,584.93 (see attached list of bills presented for payment). Teri Post moved that the bills be paid as presented, the motion was seconded by Charlie Boyd. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.

Public Comment:

None

Communications:

IAFPD dues notification was received – the dues have been paid.

Chief's Report:

Deputy Chief Pemble distributed the Fire Chief Chris Jude's report in his absence. The full report (attached hereto). Items discussed in the meeting are as follows:

- The total call volume in December increased to 161 calls, the total call volume in 2025 was 2,239.

- We had one call of significance, a house fire in Essex, in which BFPD's Engine Crew was the first line to go interior. There was a mayday, as one of our firefighters fell through a hole in the floor from the main living level to the crawl space. Two firefighters were able to pull him out and the firefighter was uninjured. There was no loss of human life, however several pets perished.
- Shabbona Academy is under way. There are 32 Candidates currently in the Academy, down from 34, as 2 have resigned.
- First Due reporting system is going well, as of January 1, 2026. Incident reports are no longer being input into ESO and EMS reports will begin in First Due as of April 1, 2026. Also, the FEMA reporting NERIS is up and running and NFIRS is no longer.
- Roster Updates:
 - Matthew Hozian is being processed for a full-time job at another Fire Department, he will notify us when he receives a start date.
 - We have 3 new cadets, Kennley Pooles-Crites, Taylor Stickle and Katelyn Landtka
- The training tower is close to done

Attorney Legal Update and Report – Attorney Motylinski explained that there has been an update to OMA/FOIA 104.04.38 that states that board meetings cannot take place on election days. As a result, the March 17th Board Meeting will need to be changed and should be placed on the Agenda for action in the February 17th District Board Meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Faircom – (energy legislation, Exelon Agreement) – No update
- B. Future Training Opportunities –
 - a. IFSAP hosting a AI Class in Effingham, Kristin to attend
 - b. IAFPD will host classes in Champaign in March, which offers 3 hours of Trustee training, Charlie Boyd to attend.
 - c. IFSAP annual conference will be April 22 – 24 in Bloomington, Kristin to attend.
Bill Ritze moved to approve the registration, travel and lodging expenses for the above training opportunities The motion was seconded by Teri Post. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.
- C. 2422 Committee Update – no update.
- D. 2425 Committee Update – The representative stopped by the station to speak with Chief to explain the delay for production, which was supposed to start in March. We will be notified as soon as it is determined when the ambulance is scheduled in their production rotation.
- 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: Nothing to report
- 2. Purchases requiring Board approval:

- a. ESO – final invoice for usage through end of March 2026, \$1,202.60
 - b. Aladtec – final invoice to settle contractual obligations, \$2,620 – this contract will end December 31, 2026.
 - c. Violet Rose Design – Website maintenance, \$1,440.00 – annual contract
 - d. Alpha Tactical Fire Fabrication – welding on training tower, \$10,000.00
- Bill Ritze 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. Discuss and possibly act upon the renewal of the Essex FPD IGA.
Charlie Boyd moved to approve extending the current Essex FPD IGA for an additional year. The motion was seconded by Bill Ritze. The Chairman conducted a vote and announced that the motion unanimously passed.
 4. Discuss, approve and get direction on the submission for tax exempt property adjustment to the State of Illinois, due to tower lease, per Will County Tax Assessor's Office - Attorney Motylinski will look into the next steps required by the State, regarding updating the exemption as a result of the cell tower lease.
 5. Review, discuss and possibly approve for signature the 115 Trust Resolution and documents for the Full-Time/Salary Employees – Mike Pemble presented the Resolution for a retirement healthcare funding plan provided by Ed Rosetto of National Public Pension Fund Association.
Charlie Boyd moved to approve Resolution # 2026-102 which establishes a 115 Trust, a Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan that will be available to the Full-time employees, as well as signing the associated documentation to implement the plan. The motion was seconded by Bill Ritze. 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, February 17, 2026.

Transaction List by Vendor

Braidwood Fire Protection District

December 1-31, 2025

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	POSTING (Y/N)	AMOUNT
Air One Equipment, Inc.				
12/02/2025	Bill	229396	Yes	145.85
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6512	Yes	-145.85
12/16/2025	Bill	230124	Yes	165.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6540	Yes	-165.00
Total for Air One Equipment, Inc.				\$0.00
Aladtec, Inc				
12/02/2025	Bill	INV00447390	Yes	3,668.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6513	Yes	-3,668.00
Total for Aladtec, Inc				\$0.00
Discovery Works Collaborative				
12/02/2025	Bill	1906	Yes	6,167.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6515	Yes	-6,167.00
12/16/2025	Bill	1836	Yes	6,167.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6547	Yes	-6,167.00
12/30/2025	Bill	1939	Yes	6,167.00
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6573	Yes	-6,167.00
Total for Discovery Works Collaborative				\$0.00
ECOLAB Pest Elimination				
12/02/2025	Bill	9526243	Yes	109.35
12/02/2025	Bill	9526247	Yes	96.88
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6516	Yes	-206.23
12/23/2025	Bill	9768298	Yes	96.88
12/23/2025	Bill	9768293	Yes	109.35
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6564	Yes	-206.23
Total for ECOLAB Pest Elimination				\$0.00
Governmental Accounting Inc.				
12/02/2025	Bill	60461	Yes	1,960.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6517	Yes	-1,960.00
Total for Governmental Accounting Inc.				\$0.00
Grundy Radiologists SC				
12/02/2025	Bill	Klucikowski Exam	Yes	35.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6518	Yes	-35.00
Total for Grundy Radiologists SC				\$0.00
Liberty National - Globe Life				
12/02/2025	Bill	November 2025	Yes	3,137.19
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6519	Yes	-3,137.19
Total for Liberty National - Globe Life				\$0.00
Miranda, Chase				
12/02/2025	Bill	Boot Reimbursement	Yes	117.45

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12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6520	Yes	-117.45
Total for Miranda, Chase				\$0.00
Pinkerton Oil Company				
12/02/2025	Bill	IN-1077231	Yes	2,453.32
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6521	Yes	-2,453.32
12/23/2025	Bill	IN-1089526	Yes	1,892.92
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6569	Yes	-1,892.92
Total for Pinkerton Oil Company				\$0.00
Pure Water Partners, LLC				
12/02/2025	Bill	2289755	Yes	393.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6522	Yes	-393.00
Total for Pure Water Partners, LLC				\$0.00
Rendel's Inc.				
12/02/2025	Bill	52181	Yes	51.50
12/02/2025	Bill	52196	Yes	51.50
12/02/2025	Bill	52197	Yes	51.50
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6523	Yes	-154.50
12/23/2025	Bill	52706	Yes	51.50
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6570	Yes	-51.50
Total for Rendel's Inc.				\$0.00
Republic Services				
12/02/2025	Bill	0721-008651827	Yes	311.25
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6524	Yes	-311.25
Total for Republic Services				\$0.00
Armstrong, Ron				
12/02/2025	Bill	4	Yes	4,600.00
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6514	Yes	-4,600.00
Total for Armstrong, Ron				\$0.00
TeleTech Communications Inc.				
12/02/2025	Bill	109318	Yes	606.02
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6525	Yes	-606.02
Total for TeleTech Communications Inc.				\$0.00
Wex Bank (Wex Fleet)				
12/02/2025	Bill	109024771	Yes	422.23
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6527	Yes	-422.23
Total for Wex Bank (Wex Fleet)				\$0.00
Wexell, Kristin				
12/02/2025	Bill	Nov Mileage Reimb	Yes	333.80
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6528	Yes	-333.80
Total for Wexell, Kristin				\$0.00

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Whitmore Ace Hardware				
12/02/2025	Bill	272852	Yes	12.97
12/02/2025	Bill	272853	Yes	12.99
12/02/2025	Bill	272854	Yes	8.97
12/02/2025	Bill	272867	Yes	46.96
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6529	Yes	-362.08
12/09/2025	Bill	272875	Yes	129.87
12/09/2025	Bill	272878	Yes	26.97
12/09/2025	Bill	272887	Yes	10.54
12/09/2025	Bill	272900	Yes	39.93
12/09/2025	Bill	272901	Yes	13.98
12/09/2025	Bill	272910	Yes	180.95
12/09/2025	Bill	272911	Yes	7.59
12/09/2025	Bill	272912	Yes	17.17
12/16/2025	Bill	272943	Yes	64.96
Total for Whitmore Ace Hardware				\$211.77
WESCOM				
12/02/2025	Bill	20260103	Yes	8,970.53
12/02/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6526	Yes	-8,970.53
Total for WESCOM				\$0.00
AT & T				
12/02/2025	Deposit		Yes	1,000.00
Total for AT & T				\$1,000.00
United Healthcare Medicare Solutions				
12/04/2025	Deposit		Yes	1,008.09
12/11/2025	Deposit		Yes	914.93
12/24/2025	Deposit		Yes	370.73
12/26/2025	Deposit		Yes	1,526.18
Total for United Healthcare Medicare Solutions				\$3,819.93
Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.				
12/04/2025	Deposit		Yes	3,806.58
Total for Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.				\$3,806.58
Trans America Retirement Solutions				
12/05/2025	Check	457 12/05/25 Payroll	Yes	-3,529.91
12/19/2025	Check	457 12/19/25 Payroll	Yes	-3,445.99
Total for Trans America Retirement Solutions				-\$6,975.90
A&J Signs, Inc.				
12/09/2025	Bill	BWFD 11 25 2025	Yes	2,370.00
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6530	Yes	-2,370.00
Total for A&J Signs, Inc.				\$0.00

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Ed Pogliano				
12/09/2025	Bill	Install 11 27 2025	Yes	300.00
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6531	Yes	-300.00
Total for Ed Pogliano				\$0.00
Emergency Vehicle Service Inc.				
12/09/2025	Bill	34219	Yes	1,020.34
12/09/2025	Bill	34220	Yes	1,858.50
12/09/2025	Bill	34221	Yes	816.48
12/09/2025	Bill	34222	Yes	3,859.97
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6532	Yes	-7,555.29
12/30/2025	Bill	34336	Yes	1,097.78
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6574	Yes	-1,097.78
Total for Emergency Vehicle Service Inc.				\$0.00
EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.				
12/09/2025	Bill	EMS-021008	Yes	2,494.15
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6533	Yes	-2,494.15
Total for EMS Management & Consultants, Inc.				\$0.00
Fireground Supply, Inc.				
12/09/2025	Bill	37344	Yes	172.99
12/09/2025	Bill	37345	Yes	514.07
12/09/2025	Bill	37346	Yes	107.98
12/09/2025	Bill	37347	Yes	84.95
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6534	Yes	-879.99
12/23/2025	Bill	37664	Yes	168.83
12/23/2025	Bill	37676	Yes	191.99
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6565	Yes	-360.82
Total for Fireground Supply, Inc.				\$0.00
IFSAP				
12/09/2025	Bill	Recognition Luncheon	Yes	100.00
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6535	Yes	-100.00
Total for IFSAP				\$0.00
Jamie Adcock				
12/09/2025	Bill	12082025	Yes	720.00
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6536	Yes	-720.00
Total for Jamie Adcock				\$0.00
Lauterbach & Amen, LLP				
12/09/2025	Bill	112339	Yes	479.00
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6537	Yes	-479.00
Total for Lauterbach & Amen, LLP				\$0.00

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Omega Plumbing				
12/09/2025	Bill	10110235	Yes	1,007.69
12/09/2025	Bill	10110258	Yes	858.46
12/09/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6538	Yes	-1,866.15
Total for Omega Plumbing				\$0.00
Comcast Business				
12/11/2025	Check	ACH 12/11/25	Yes	-194.81
12/12/2025	Check	ACH 12/12/25	Yes	-221.78
Total for Comcast Business				-\$416.59
A Beep LLC				
12/16/2025	Bill	137107	Yes	125.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6539	Yes	-125.00
12/23/2025	Bill	136588	Yes	261.00
12/23/2025	Bill	137327	Yes	1,441.00
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6557	Yes	-1,702.00
12/30/2025	Bill	137357	Yes	385.58
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6572	Yes	-385.58
Total for A Beep LLC				\$0.00
Airgas USA, LLC				
12/16/2025	Bill	5520792904	Yes	387.60
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6541	Yes	-387.60
12/23/2025	Bill	9167501233	Yes	651.86
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6558	Yes	-651.86
Total for Airgas USA, LLC				\$0.00
Alexis Fire Equipment Co.				
12/16/2025	Bill	79717-IN	Yes	465.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6542	Yes	-465.00
Total for Alexis Fire Equipment Co.				\$0.00
CAMZ Communications, Inc.				
12/16/2025	Bill	25-335	Yes	145.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6544	Yes	-145.00
Total for CAMZ Communications, Inc.				\$0.00
City of Braidwood				
12/16/2025	Bill	November 2025	Yes	52.39
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6545	Yes	-52.39
Total for City of Braidwood				\$0.00
D'Orazio Ford				
12/16/2025	Bill	508883	Yes	198.33
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6546	Yes	-198.33
Total for D'Orazio Ford				\$0.00

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Great Water USA				
12/16/2025	Bill	93308	Yes	133.50
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6548	Yes	-133.50
Total for Great Water USA				\$0.00
Hinkley Springs				
12/16/2025	Bill	2501135 121225	Yes	28.98
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6549	Yes	-28.98
Total for Hinkley Springs				\$0.00
Illinois Fire Chiefs Association				
12/16/2025	Bill	9654	Yes	200.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6550	Yes	-200.00
Total for Illinois Fire Chiefs Association				\$0.00
Illinois Public Risk Fund				
12/16/2025	Bill	101311	Yes	8,643.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6551	Yes	-8,643.00
Total for Illinois Public Risk Fund				\$0.00
Nicor Gas				
12/16/2025	Bill	10/29/25-12/01/25	Yes	1,088.81
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6552	Yes	-1,088.81
12/30/2025	Bill	11/18/25-12/17/25	Yes	515.12
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6577	Yes	-515.12
Total for Nicor Gas				\$0.00
Ottosen DiNolfo				
12/16/2025	Bill	18675	Yes	1,029.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6554	Yes	-1,029.00
12/23/2025	Bill	18051	Yes	700.70
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6568	Yes	-700.70
Total for Ottosen DiNolfo				\$0.00
Verizon				
12/16/2025	Bill	6129961401	Yes	557.36
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6556	Yes	-557.36
Total for Verizon				\$0.00
US Bank				
12/16/2025	Bill	Dec 2025 Statement	Yes	13,077.44
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6555	Yes	-13,077.44
Total for US Bank				\$0.00
Nugent Catering LLC				
12/16/2025	Bill	121425	Yes	1,100.00
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6553	Yes	-1,100.00
Total for Nugent Catering LLC				\$0.00

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Bound Tree Medical, LLC				
12/16/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6543	Yes	-1.89
Total for Bound Tree Medical, LLC				-\$1.89
HBPIL				
12/16/2025	Deposit		Yes	643.78
12/19/2025	Deposit		Yes	756.59
12/30/2025	Deposit		Yes	395.88
Total for HBPIL				\$1,796.25
Will County Treasurer				
12/18/2025	Deposit		Yes	6,542.80
Total for Will County Treasurer				\$6,542.80
Allegra				
12/23/2025	Bill	143479	Yes	45.23
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6559	Yes	-45.23
Total for Allegra				\$0.00
Aventis Systems				
12/23/2025	Bill	265619	Yes	5,693.96
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6560	Yes	-5,693.96
Total for Aventis Systems				\$0.00
Buckstop				
12/23/2025	Bill	251125206	Yes	3,258.00
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6561	Yes	-3,258.00
Total for Buckstop				\$0.00
Chief Shabbona Firefighter Training Association				
12/23/2025	Bill	12172025	Yes	150.00
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6562	Yes	-150.00
Total for Chief Shabbona Firefighter Training Association				\$0.00
ComEd				
12/23/2025	Bill	11/14/25-12/15/25	Yes	462.52
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6563	Yes	-462.52
Total for ComEd				\$0.00
Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers				
12/23/2025	Bill	32814-00	Yes	304.00
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6566	Yes	-304.00
Total for Morris Hospital & Healthcare Centers				\$0.00
Oestreich Sales & Service, Inc				
12/23/2025	Bill	246620	Yes	341.00
12/23/2025	Bill	246625	Yes	423.08
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6567	Yes	-764.08
Total for Oestreich Sales & Service, Inc				-\$0.00

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Triangle Diesel				
12/23/2025	Bill	4138	Yes	393.75
12/23/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6571	Yes	-393.75
Total for Triangle Diesel				\$0.00
Compass Insurance Partners				
12/29/2025	Deposit		Yes	170.00
Total for Compass Insurance Partners				\$170.00
ESO Solutions, Inc.				
12/30/2025	Bill	ESO-185982	Yes	12,570.27
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6575	Yes	-12,570.27
Total for ESO Solutions, Inc.				\$0.00
JCM Uniforms, Inc.				
12/30/2025	Bill	817357	Yes	24.50
12/30/2025	Bill	817361	Yes	29.85
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6576	Yes	-54.35
Total for JCM Uniforms, Inc.				\$0.00
Wunderlich Doors				
12/30/2025	Bill	209471	Yes	1,245.92
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6578	Yes	-1,245.92
Total for Wunderlich Doors				\$0.00
Zions Bank				
12/30/2025	Bill Payment (Check)	6579	Yes	0.00
Total for Zions Bank				\$0.00
TOTAL				\$9,952.95