

**Brodhead Fire Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**April 4, 2025**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**Brodhead Fire Station**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

**2. Roll Call to determine if a quorum is present.**

Present - S. Hazeltine, N. Burkhalter, B. Moon, B. Gritzmaker, A. Schneider, P. Faessler

**3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary.**

N. Burkhalter proposed a motion to deviate from the agenda by moving item #9, Update on Innovation Grant Planning: Discussion/Possible Action, to follow item #3.

Seconded by A. Schneider

Motion Passed

**9. Old Business:**

**A. Update on Innovation Planning Grant: Discussion/Possible Action**

T. Simpson applied for the Innovation Planning Grant to the Department of Revenue but was informed that Orfordville had also applied for the same grant, which included Brodhead, Brodhead EMS, Orfordville, and Footville, and ultimately received it. Orfordville agreed to expand the grant through an amendment to include Albany EMS and Juda Fire & Rescue. Orfordville was awarded \$100,000 to carry out the study, and the Orfordville Clerk processed the check. T. Simpson and R. Perkins met with Innovation Public Advisors to discuss a proposal for the study they mentioned a timeline and would not be able to start till around July. T. Simpson and R. Perkins would like a proposal from the Wisconsin Policy Forum to conduct the study. T. Simpson wants to ensure municipalities supporting the study with letters for Brodhead are still on board with Orfordville heading up the grant. R. Perkins mentioned that when he submitted the grant, he did not realize that it would disqualify other municipalities looking to submit grants in their area. S. Hazeltine noted that in rural areas, it is challenging when municipalities are supported by multiple fire departments that overlap if another one wants to submit for grants, suggesting that there should be better options and more precise guidance for multiple studies. There was some further discussion, but no action was taken.

**4. Public Appearances: This is the public's opportunity to speak.**

**Each citizen is allowed 10 minutes to address the Commission.**

Congratulations to Matt Morhorst for winning the 1st Supervisor position at Spring Grove Town Board

**5. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Discussion/Possible Action.**

Motion to approve the minutes of the Brodhead Fire Commission monthly meeting held on March 7, 2025, as presented

Al Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes as presented

Seconded by N. Burkhalter

Motion Passed

**6. Treasurer's Report- Discussion/Possible Action:**

Operating Checking Account Balance: **\$266,454.49**

Capital Money Market Capital Fund Balance: **\$423.675.49**

Total Accounts Balance: **\$690,129.98**

Al Schneider motioned to transfer \$77,564.00, the remaining balance of the 2024 Operating Budget, to the Executive Money Market Capital Fund along with approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by N. Burkhalter

Motion Passed

**7. Payments of Bills- Discussion/Possible Action:**

**Payment of bills after March 7, 2025, Meeting:**

AT&T \$42.99, Bandt \$1,013.12, Blackhawk Tech \$80.00, Bound Tree \$529.12, Brodhead Water & Light \$395.01, Capital One \$1,243.82, Decatur Dairy \$30.93, EcoWater \$23.00 Lifequest Service \$53.56, Middlesex(Work Comp) \$3,670.00, Olin Heating \$1,445.63 Peterson & Son \$3,450.00, Penflex \$1,296.00, Piggly Wiggly \$90.32, Spectrum \$187.54 Streamline \$200.00, Speich \$27.86, WE Energies \$531.34.

**Capital Fund Money Market paid after March 7, 2025 Meeting:**

MacQueen \$54,147.40 Arctic Compressor, \$7,752.00 Compressor Cylinders

**Income received after March 7, 2025, Meeting:**

Interest: \$22.08; Fire Recovery: \$93.12; Brodhead Fire EMS: \$135.65

The motion to approve the payment of bills made by N. Burkhalter

Seconded by B. Moon

Motion passed

**8. Reports of department activities:**

**A. Firefighters Inc.:**

**Nothing at this time**

**B. Fire Inspector:**

Public Safety held a meeting regarding the following businesses: Good Olde Stuff, Harvest Moon, and Sugar River Lofts. Chief Scheidegger will contact Fire Inspector Chad Hanson for his findings on the businesses to move forward with citations.

**C. Administrative Assistant Reports:**

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Fire Response: 16, Cancel: 3, MABAS: 5, Lift Assist: 5, MVA: 2, Assist BAEMS: 5, Assist GCEMS: 0 Assist Orfy: 0, Assist 860: 1, 1st Response: 4, Total 41 Calls

**D. Life Quest/Fire Recovery:**

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Claims Submitted: 5 for \$2,830.50

Payments received for 1 claim by FRUSA: \$382.56

Claims Denied: 0

Non-Billable(Other): 0

In Progress: 5

**E. Fire Chief:**

Currently, there is nothing to discuss. The items for discussion are listed on the agenda.

**10. New Business :**

**A. Selling of old Bauer: Discussion/Possible Action**

Monroe Rural may be interested in the old Bauer breathing air compressor. Adm. Assist Osborne discussed the potential value of the unit with a salesman. If Monroe Rural is not interested, it could be sent to Wisconsin Surplus as an option.

**11. Commission Comments or Questions:**

**Commission's opportunity to speak about anything, not a specific agenda item.**

**12. Discussion/Possible Action on future agenda items and next meeting date and time:**

The next meeting of the Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Meeting is on April 5, 2025, at the Brodhead Area EMS Garage at 8:00 AM.

The Brodhead Fire Commission's next meeting will be on May 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Chief Scheidegger is asking for a Closed Session for Personnel.

**13. Motion to adjourn.**

N. Burkhalter made the motion to adjourn at 5:42 PM

Meeting adjourned

Minutes Typed By: Heather Osborne

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