

Brodhead Fire Commission Agenda

August 4, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Brodhead Fire Station

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

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

Present - S. Hazeltine, J. Baxter, A. Schneider, P. Faessler, B. Moon, T. Colvin

Absent - D. Schwartzlow

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

J. Baxter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded by T. Colvin

Motion Passed

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

Each citizen is allowed 10 minutes to address the Commission.

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

P. Faessler made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the July 7, 2026, meeting

Seconded by T. Colvin

Motion passed

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

JULY 2026

Operating Checking Account Balance: **\$289,130.94**

*Fund Balance Money Market: **\$65,422.53**

*Supplies & Equipment Money Market: **\$572,099.91**

Total Accounts Balance: **\$926,653.38**

Admin. Asst. Osborne mentioned that 2nd half district funding has been collected and is in the Operating Checking Account Balance.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by T. Colvin

Seconded by B. Moon

Motion passed

7. Payments of Bills- Discussion/Possible Action:

Expenses Paid After July 7, 2026 Meeting

Advanced Health & Safety \$975.00, Advanced Health & Safety \$275.00

American Test Center \$1,288.00, AT&T \$42.99, Bandt \$520.00, Brodhead Water & Light \$505.89

Capital One \$1,368.38, Decatur Dairy \$74.72, EcoWater \$23.00, EMS Management \$70.00

Fire Rescue Supply \$230.00, Fire Rescue Supply \$865.00, Frontier \$281.09, Gasser \$15.88

L & S Truck Service \$5,451.40 (6 Apparatus DOT Inspections), Middlesex Insurance \$22.00

McNeil & Company Insurance \$89.14, NAPA \$616.89, Patrick Gerdes \$1,070.00

Piggly Wiggly \$190.74, Post Office Box \$260.00, Reimbursement McGuire \$7.90

Sewer-City of Brodhead \$120.89, Spectrum Business-Final Bill \$173.17, Speich \$298.96

WE Energies \$14.51

Income Received After July 7, 2026 Meeting

Brodhead Firefighters Inc. \$7.00, Town of Decatur (2% Dues) \$11,310.36

Fire Recovery USA \$500.00, Gregory Harker (Payment of Fire Call Bill) \$802.00

Town of Magnolia (2% Dues) \$750.60, Town Spring Grove (2% Dues) \$4,903.54,

Town of Spring Grove (Dist Funding) \$29,263.51, Town Spring Valley (Dist Funding) \$14,932.99,

City of Brodhead (Dist Funding) \$106,818.03, Interest \$5.66

Motion to approve the Payment of Bills made by J. Baxter

Seconded by T. Colvin

Motion passed

8. Reports of department activities:**A. Firefighters Inc.:**

Vice Pres. of Firefighters Inc. gave a report of purchases Firefighters' Inc. has made over the last 9 months. Roof prop for on top of training tower, Ice water rescue suits, and banana boat, Fire rescue boat with mud motor, battery-operated TNT tools for extrication. Rough total \$105,000.00. This year, Firefighters' Inc. will have 3 fundraisers: 2 bingos, with the next one being Thursday, August 6, 2026, starting at 6:00 PM, and an Open House instead of pancake breakfast. Letters will still be sent out as before, with the change to an Open House. Open House will be Saturday, October 10, 2026, 11:00-2:00 PM

A. Schneider said that was fantastic! Greatly appreciated for the fundraising.

B. Fire Inspector:

Chief Scheidegger completed the first round and contacted the business owners with the fire inspections referred to him by the fire inspector. If they did not fix the violations, Chief Scheidegger gave them a verbal warning; if violations are not corrected in 30 days, he will have a citation issued for non-compliance.

C. Administrative Assistant Reports:**JULY 2026**

Fire Response: 7, Cancel: 5, MABAS: 3, Lift Assist: 0, MVA: 2, Assist BAEMS: 7, Assist GCEMS: 0
Assist Orfy: 0, Assist 860: 0, 1st Response: 2

JULY TOTAL CALLS: 26

YTD 2026: Calls:138, Fire/MVA: 39, Cancel:19, MABAS:13, Lift Assist: 16, Assist EMS:47,
1st Response: 4

D. Life Quest/Fire Recovery:**JULY 2026**

Claims Submitted: 8 for \$3,210.00

Payments received: 4 claims by FRUSA: \$2,376.00

Payment plans received: 0 by FRUSA: \$0.00

Claims Denied: 0

Non-Billable(Other): 0

In Progress: 7

E. Fire Chief:

Chief Scheidegger was looking for direction on apparatus tire replacement, as this will be a large expense. NFPA states 7 years for tires. DOT states 10 years. BFD has several trucks that will need

tires replaced if BFD complies with the NFPA standards. J. Baxter asked whether there was any liability between not following NFPA and going with DOT standards. S. Hazeltine said the date of tire manufacture can be different than when you put them on the vehicle. A. Schneider said whether it is 7 or 10 years, they will need to be done. After discussion, it was recommended to start replacing and, if possible, work on a schedule that would not have multiple apparatus due for tires in the same year.

Chief Scheidegger mentioned BFD has a house they could burn. After the house was inspected for asbestos, the abatement quote was \$4,345.00. Chief Scheidegger asked for direction on how to move forward. Chief Scheidegger mentioned he could use the training budget to cover a majority of the expense. S. Hazeltine would like the owners to pay for removal, as they would be having the house removed on the BFD expense. Chief Scheidegger mentioned this would be an opportunity for a multi-dept. training. After discussion, Chief Scheidegger will talk with the homeowners to see how they would like to move forward with abatement of the house.

9. Old Business: Nothing at this time

10. New Business :

A. 2027 Brodhead Fire District Budget Discussion/Possible Action

July 2026, the Brodhead Fire Officers met to work on the 2027 Brodhead Fire District Budget.

2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow presented the preliminary budget to the Brodhead Fire Commission. 2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow went line by line to explain the numbers and how the Fire Officers arrived at the budget. The Commission discussed future staffing, as the volunteer membership has been declining. Looking at future options (part-time paid on-premises) and possible expenses for hiring members. 2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow explained the Capital Fund and the items in Equipment Account Expenses that are on a replacement schedule. This explains the amount currently in the Capital Fund Money Market for future expenses.

J. Baxter does not want to see the budget reduced and would rather see a gradual yearly increase than a big tax increase to cover expenses.

P. Faessler made a motion to reduce the assessment by \$300,000.00

There was no second to the motion.

Motion failed.

Commissioners would like 2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow to leave the 2027 budget at a 0% increase. 2nd Assistant Chief R. Pinnow will revise the 2027 preliminary budget to reflect Brodhead Fire Commissioners' request and bring it to the next meeting.

B. Old boat sale or possible donation Discussion/Possible - Tabled till further notice

C. Closed Session:

a.) Per WI State Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c), considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Firefighter Personnel

b) Motion to move into closed session:

A.Schneider made a motion to move into closed session

Seconded by T. Colvin

Roll Call Vote: Moon-Aye, P. Faessler-Aye, T. Colvin-Aye, A. Schneider-Aye, Jill Baxter-Aye

S. Hazeltine-Aye

Motion passed in closed session

c) Motion to return to open session:

Motion to return to open session made by J. Baxter

Seconded by T. Colvin

Motion passed in open session

d) Possible action from closed session: Nothing to report for closed session

11. Commission Comments or Questions:

The Commission may speak on any topic, not on a specific agenda item.

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

Future Agenda Items: 2027 Budget Discussion/Possible Action

Next Meeting: Brodhead Fire District Monthly Meeting September 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM

13. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM by P. Faessler

Meeting adjourned

Typed by: Administrative Assistant H. Osborne

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