

**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Board**  
**January 4, 2025**  
**Brodhead EMS Garage**  
**8:00 AM**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM

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

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

Absent - B. Gritzmaker, B. Moon

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

The motion to approve the Brodhead Fire Commission and Brodhead Area EMS Quarterly Meeting from November 2, 2024, was approved as presented at the December 6, 2024, Brodhead Fire Commissioner meeting.

**4. Old business between Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS Board. Discussion/Action**

S. Hazeltine mentioned that the City of Brodhead has approved the third amendment to the dissolution agreement. The Brodhead Rural Association will meet on January 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. to vote on the amendment's approval. The third amendment states that if an entity decides to withdraw from the Brodhead Fire Dist., it will leave with nothing and assume its portion of any outstanding debt.

D. Pinnow asked about jurisdictional lines. If one section is part of the rural area, it is part of the Brodhead Fire District, even if it moves other sections to another department.

L. Johnston feels that Brodhead Fire, Brodhead Area EMS, and Brodhead PD work very well together in our community compared to others.

C. Searles believes this is a step in the right direction and will stabilize the Brodhead Fire District.

C. Searles feels that Brodhead Area EMS is in a better place than it was a few years ago. From 1989 to about three years ago, the community received EMS service for free. This has changed.

The staffing has been much better, and the ambulance has been getting out the door regularly.

Previously, when a merger was on the table, there were issues with staffing for fire and EMS, and he feels that both entities are in a better place than they were at the time of the possible merger.

**5. New business between Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS Board.**

**Discussion/Action**

D. Pinnow asked if the Fire District wanted to start a discussion about the future and possible merger.

S. Hazeltine said he would like a future plan for fire and EMS. No one knows the future, but would like to keep moving forward with discussions.

D. Pinnow mentioned that the EMS class at the EMS garage is going well. Two EMTs from the class are now running on the ambulance, and two more will hopefully apply for BAEMS when they turn 18.

D. Pinnow said he has talked with Chief Scheidegger about possibly hiring a couple of part-time employees and will continue to discuss this with him.

D. Pinnow mentioned that BTC plans to start a Fire Academy for high school students at the BTC Campus in Monroe this fall. The class will be from 8 to 10 a.m. He will talk with L. Heins to get further information.

S. Hazeltine mentioned that transportation for students to Monroe may be an issue. If it is, he feels Brodhead Fire Dist. should help find a solution to ensure students can attend classes.

D. Pinnow and C. Searles will go to the high school during lunchtime soon to promote EMT and Fire Classes for the fall once he gets further information from L. Heins.

T. Simpson wanted to mention that he pushed for the passage of the Third Amendment to ensure the future of the Brodhead Fire District.

T. Simpson mentioned that Innovation Planning Grants are available for any Wisconsin municipality with a population not exceeding 5,000. Awarded funds can only be used for staffing and consultant expenses for planning the transfer of one or more allowable services from one municipality to another.

**6. Future agenda items and next meeting date and time**

**Next Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS meeting on March 5, 2025, at the Brodhead Area EMS Garage**

**7. Motion to adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 AM made by P. Faessler

Seconded by N. Burkhalter

Minutes typed by Adm. Assistant H. Osborne

Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 10:16 am