

"We were willing to accept them back and then they said they wanted to have three chiefs in the municipality. The Fire Marshall said we should have one chief for the township." explained Mayor George Jakeman.

Mr. Stewart said he agreed that one township chief was preferable, but admitted there "are places where the township is split into fire areas with different fire chiefs and the system is working.

However, the Brownsville men decided to forget all politics and personality conflicts and sign to be reinstated. Under that situation, men could resign individually while still maintaining fire department in Brownsville.

With the forms signed all the fire hall needs before its doors reopen is Council's approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ON JOB TODAY IN BROWNSVILLE  
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After more than a month of controversy, the Brownsville colunteer fire department should be back in operation today, Mayor George Jakeman of South West Oxford Township said Wednesday.

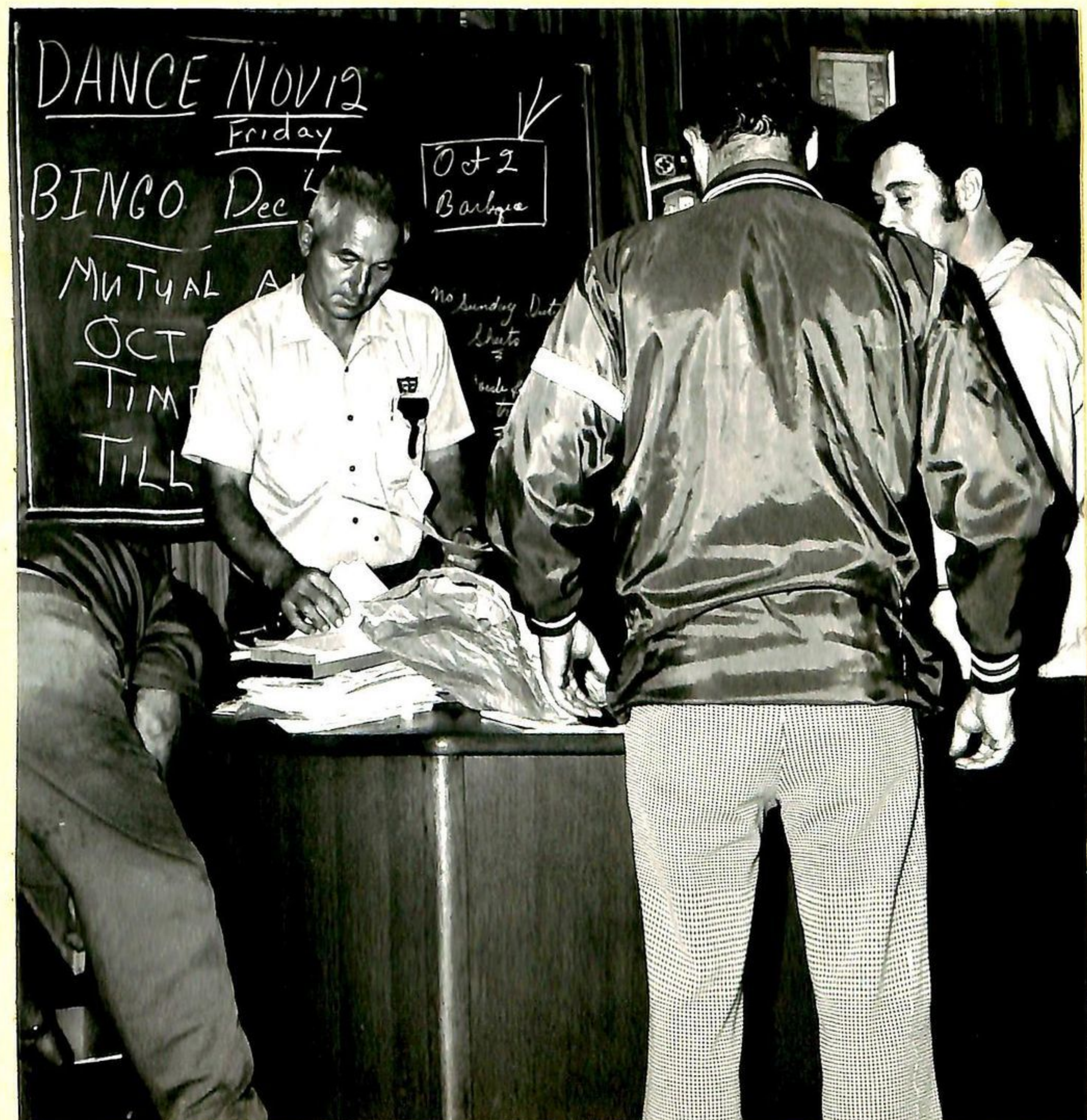
Township council decided Tuesday to reinstate the 19 member crew provided the names of the six men who intend to retire by the end of the year are submitted to council and new Fire Chief Pat Johnson.

The firefighters quit September 30th, after former chief Joe Sharpe was forced by council to resign. Brownsville has been since protected by the Mount Elgin Fire Department.

Mayor Jakeman siad P. L. Pressey a Brownsville resident who volunteered to collect names of the retirees, brought the list into the township office on Wednesday morning and Chief Johnson turned the keys to the firehall over to Deputy Chief Harold Foreman, paving the way for resumption of the Brownsville operation.



*Mr. Harold Foreman*



*Mr. Harold Foreman, Mr. Joe Sharp and packing up personal belongings*

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