

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory  
Executive Committee Meeting  
NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN  
June 7, 2017 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Barbara Ooley.

Introductions of committee members and staff.

**Committee Members Present:** Barb Ooley (WT), Lillian Henegar (BT), Geoff McKim (BT), Kim Alexander (BT)

**Committee Members Absent:** Clayton Brickert (WT), Mike Baker (WT)

**NMCFPT/BT Staff Present:** Lisa Myers, Matt Bright, Joel Bomgardner, Dave Calvin, Legal Counsel Darla Brown

**Members of the Public Present:** (see attached list)

- 1) Lillian Henegar made a special presentation to recognize Deputy Chief Bright for his 20 years of Full-Time service to the fire department.
- 2) **Approval of meeting agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with proposed changes by Kim Alexander with a second by Geoff McKim. Motion passed.
- 3) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve May 3, 2017 minutes by McKim with a second by Alexander. Motion passed.
- 4) **New Business**
  - a. Barb Ooley pointed out that this was the first meeting in a long line of budget preparations and processes for the territory.
  - b. Henegar went through the Budget Calendar that outlines the timeline of upcoming meetings, critical deadlines in the budget process, and how the Territory's Executive Committee would be participating in the process. She then explained the importance of items like the number of pay periods in a calendar year. Henegar also discussed the Territory's contract with Benton Township, and the importance of this contract as a revenue stream for the Territory. A variety of factors are involved in determining the contract amount. Henegar advised that both the timeline as well as the starting point for Benton Township contract discussions will be discussed at the Bloomington Township Board meeting June 8.
- 5) **Old Business**
  - a. Territory apparatus – Chief Bomgardner advised that previous specifications for a Washington Township engine were rewritten and bid packets had been sent out. Originally the only response was for \$575,000, and it is hoped that by redoing the process a minimum of \$50,000 can be saved and more responses will be received. The responses are due and will be opened June 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Bloomington Township Office.
  - b. Property Update – Ooley advised that a deed to property on Simpson Chapel road is in the works, and is between CFC and Monroe County. Chief Bomgardner pointed to

maps on the wall that demonstrate the location of the proposed location, as well as a five mile radius around both station 5 and proposed station 15.

- i. Ooley reported that Cook has some stipulations on the building, but they are not cost prohibitive. The structure will be built by the Territory, but will be owned by Washington Township.
- ii. The size of the station is estimated to be 7,500 sq. ft., but both the size and the cost will be determined during the specification and bidding process. McKim pointed out that competitive financing was part of the entire process.
- iii. Ooley stated that \$50,000 has been appropriated out of the Washington Township general fund and would be transferred to the Territory when it was appropriate. The funds do not show up as part of an income statement, but as cash balance.
- iv. Washington Township will get the newest Engine (for which a recent call for bids was made) as well as the 2004 tanker and a 2011 squad truck. All equipment owned by the Territory is well maintained and undergoes yearly certification testing.

**6) Chief's Report**

- a. Chief Bomgardner provided a summation of the past month's emergency calls. He also noted that number of calls had increased this month approximately 19% over the previous month. In response to a question about the number of calls associated with I-69, Chief Bomgardner said he could begin tracking this figure.
- b. Lawrence County Hazardous Materials – Chief Bomgardner said that the mutual-aid agreement has been shared with the Committee. It has been reviewed by legal counsel. Lawrence County is a supporter of the Territory's response team and provides both equipment as well as occasional cash donations. The agreement is necessary for Lawrence County to maintain its support.
  - i Chief Bomgardner said that the Territory operates as a District wide team for Indiana District 8 in conjunction with the Columbus fire department. He further outlined that Hazardous Materials response is different from fire response. The Territory would not diminish its ability to respond locally in order to assist other areas within District 8.
  - ii Henegar moved to approve the Mutual-Aid agreement. Alexander seconded. Motion passed.
- c. The I-69 updated worksheet was e-mailed to the committee prior to the meeting. No discussion. This will be removed from future agenda.
- d. Training opportunity – Deputy Chief Calvin along with Chief Bomgardner demonstrated the operation of the Sens IR, which is utilized on Hazardous Materials calls. The device is able to provide a percentage probability of the type of a substance based upon its vibrating frequency when compared against a library stored on the computer. This can

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be used with both solids as well as liquids. It is used to aid in the identification of unknown products.

**7) Public Comment**

- a. Public question about whether or not training is considered a run. Chief Bomgardner advised it was not. However, conducting a pre-plan on a business would be.
- b. Public question about the budget period. McKim advised that all local governments operated January to December.
- c. One Washington Township resident reported he had been coming to meetings for a long time and supports the Territory and the new fire station. He discussed the importance of a prompt response for emergency personnel and how such a response helped a coworker. He further said that he had contacted his insurance company and, the agent indicated the possibility of saving \$800/year on insurance after a station is built. He said that this would be quite a savings.

**8) Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned by Ooley at 6:20 p.m.

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Lillian Henegar, Secretary  
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief