

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory
Executive Committee Meeting
August 1, 2018 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03 pm by Lillian Henegar.

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

Committee Members Absent: Mike Baker (WT)

NMCFPT/BT Staff Present: Joel Bomgardner, Lisa Myers, Legal Counsel Darla Brown

Members of the Public Present: (see attached list)

- 1) **Approval of meeting agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Kim Alexander with a second by Clayton Brickert. Motion passed.
- 2) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve July 11, 2018 minutes by Alexander with a second by Brickert. Motion passed.
- 3) **Old Business**
 - a. Lillian Henegar continued discussion of budget preparations for 2019. Henegar reported that there were no updates on the budget as they are still awaiting numbers from the State. Staff will meet with the DLGF regarding the budget on August 10th, and after that point there should be more to share. It is hoped that Washington Township would be able to make a budget recommendation prior to the September 5th Executive Committee meeting so that the Committee could then forward a budget recommendation for the Territory to the Bloomington Township Board for consideration on September 6th.
 - i. Geoff McKim asked what was being heard from other fire departments regarding their budgets and raises. Chief Bomgardner advised that Perry Clear Creek was looking at budgeting a 3% raise. Brickert asked an audience member what was happening in Indianapolis. The response was usually between 1% and 3%, but that salaries up there were done according to contract. McKim said that the county was targeting a 1.7% raise based upon the consumer price index. He also added they were doing some salary adjustments based upon position comparisons.

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- ii. Barb Ooley expressed appreciation for the amount of Local Income Tax that Bloomington Township puts into the territory budget which helps lessen the overall property tax burden on township residents.
- iii. McKim asked for a copy of the draft budget as soon as possible after the meeting with the DLGF. Ooley asked if the income tax projections from the State would come out around the 20th of August. Staff advised that the budget was prepared based upon the two estimates as received from the State. McKim added that there was a lot of skepticism about the possibility of a 6% increase in the numbers. Henegar pointed out that staff was being cautious, and awaiting the final certified numbers from the State.

4) New Business

- a. There was no new business

5) Updates and Reports

- a. Chief Bomgardner gave a review of the calls for service over the last month. He again noted that the department number of calls is ahead of last year.
- b. Chief Bomgardner gave a report of training conducted by personnel over the last month. He highlighted the training for the new rescue tools which were obtained via a \$25,000 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
- c. Chief Bomgardner discussed fire prevention activities including completion of fire safety inspections. He highlighted the fire prevention trailer being at the Monroe County Fair for a week as well as participation in a touch-a-truck event which was held at the College Mall.
- d. Questions regarding the Chief's Monthly Activity Report:
 - i. McKim asked about the automatic aid report and if that was aid given or received. Chief Bomgardner advised it was given, and that information about aid received could be included in future reports.
 - ii. McKim asked about the fire which had occurred earlier in the day. Chief Bomgardner noted that normally the department received road closure reports, and that Old Myers Road where the fire was, was closed, and responding apparatus were forced to turn around and go a different direction. McKim asked if there would be follow up with the County, and Chief Bomgardner advised there would be.
- e. Chief Bomgardner provided an update on the status of the temporary fire station. He outlined the vehicles assigned to the station. He added that staff were working

with the property owner in order to obtain proper permitting to staff full-time. McKim asked if the housing was in place, Chief Bomgardner advised that it was. Brickert expressed concern about the gravel drive to the property for the station. He added frustration about lack of notifications to the department about road closures.

- f. Training opportunity – review of the new engine. Possibly in the bay, but may not be due to crews still being out at the scene of the fire. There was a short discussion about how the response to the day’s fire worked with apparatus coming from both stations.

6) Public Comment

- a. Kenny Bryant, Washington Township. Asked about notifications for the Friends and Family CPR class and if it was publicized. Chief Bomgardner advised it was and explained how he could go about getting registered to attend.
 - i. Bryant then asked about the temporary station and if it was staffed or not. Chief Bomgardner advised it was being staffed part-time. Bryant expressed concern about the need for a follow-up article to the H-T to update the public. Henegar advised she had spoken with Ernest Rollins, and it is up to the HT if and when they will print a follow-up.
 - ii. Bryant asked if this was an oversight on the part of the Territory. Henegar and Bomgardner advised that it was not. Bomgardner added that the onus was on the property owner to obtain these permits, and that the owner did not believe that these were needed. Staff is working to rectify the situation. Darla Brown asked if this was only an administrative issue or a need to go before the whole commission. Chief Bomgardner advised that he believed it was only necessary to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- b. Paul Toddy, Washington Township. Asked how long we have the temporary station. Henegar advised that the lease was for 12 months, and then month-to-month thereafter.

7) Committee Comments

- a. Brickert expressed that with the way construction was going, the issues being faced with the temporary station is a minimal delay. He added that he was impressed with how well and quickly the station has come together.
- b. Committee entertained a question from Pat Slabach, Washington Township about whether or not there would be an open house for the temporary station. Staff

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advised that there would be, but that dates were unsure due to the uncertainty of the timeline moving forward with the opening of the station.

8) Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Alexander with a second by Brickert. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Barbara Ooley, Secretary
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief