

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 11, 2018 MINUTES**

**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, David Calvin, Matt Bright, Lisa Myers, Legal Counsel Darla Brown

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

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm by Lillian Henegar.

- 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 June 20, 2018 minutes by Alexander with a second by Barb Ooley. Motion passed.
- 3) **Old Business**
  - a. Henegar reviewed the proposed 2019 NMFT Budget, budget memo, handouts, and discussed the status of budget preparations. The additional handouts included 2019 salary calculations, personnel benefits, and 2019 property and liability insurance coverage. She also attached the State of Indiana's explanations of local income tax distributions and the State approved growth quotient.
    - i. Ooley clarified that the income tax distributions listed in the packet are for Bloomington Township only. Washington Township receives their own income tax funds.
    - ii. Geoff McKim clarified that the salary numbers represent cost-of-living increase. He added that it appeared this was the only category in the budget which increased. Henegar noted that the current proposed total actually was a net -.34% decrease over the 2018 budget.
    - iii. McKim also noted a reduction in the station lease line of the budget. Henegar advised this was sufficient to cover the cost of the temporary station lease, as well as the new station in the event that project begins in 2019.

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- iv. Ooley asked if the income tax projections from the State would come out around the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.
- v. Henegar advised that there was a Bloomington Township board meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. They were not going to look at the Territory budget until guided by the Executive Committee.

### 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 number of calls is ahead of last year although lower than the previous month.
- b. Chief Bomgardner provided a summation of grant applications which had been either applied for or have been awarded.
- c. Deputy Chief Dave Calvin shared the department's training from April that included simulation lab training at Indiana University, annual hazardous materials awareness and operation refresher, chlorine tank operations, friends and family CPR, Morgan County SWAT team training in the tower, and winch training for rescue. Deputy Chief Bright spent two weeks training at the National Fire Academy. 12 fire safety inspections had been conducted during the month.
  - i. Henegar asked for an explanation of winch training. Deputy Chief Calvin described what a winch was and how this was used for mechanical advantage as well as vehicle stabilization.
- d. Chief Bomgardner discussed the temporary station. It is a steel structured building and not a pole barn. The building is bigger than necessary. He added that the trailer had arrived earlier on July 11. Staff was working on acquiring furniture. Hook up to the septic, plumbing, and electrical services are being worked on.
- e. Chief Bomgardner advised that the new engine would be arriving Friday afternoon. It will remain at Station 5 long enough to get outfitted with equipment before being moved to Temporary Station 15. A tanker along with brush/ems unit 15-2 would be moved there as well.
  - i. McKim asked if the firefighters would be staffing the station as soon as it is ready and would there be a ceremony for opening the station. Chief Bomgardner said that they would occupy it as soon as possible, and that a ceremony was in the works.
- f. Training opportunity. After the meeting, a tour of the flashover chamber is arranged. Chief Bomgardner discussed the District 8 funding of the new concrete

pad for it. He reminded the Committee about funding which was received and work completed on the sprinkler system prop in the training tower.

**6) Public Comment**

- a. Andy Spriggs, Washington Township. Andy asked about which vehicles would be placed at the temporary station. Chief Bomgardner reiterated there would be three total: a tanker, brush/squad, and the new engine.
- b. Pat Slabach, Washington Township. Pat enquired about whether or not the temporary station would have an effect on the ISO ratings in the area. Chief Bomgardner advised that communications were in process with the ISO representative as to exactly how this may occur; he is waiting to hear back. Slabach asked how long the process would take. Chief Bomgardner said that if a new survey was to occur then it could take several months.
- c. Paul Toddy, Washington Township. Paul asked when the next newsletter for the Territory would be sent out. Staff responded that there was no specific date, but September/October had been discussed. Toddy then asked if the temporary station would be included. Staff advised that it would. Toddy then asked about the Benton Township contract and if it would be possible to bring them into the Territory in order to help lower tax rates for everyone. Henegar responded that it would be possible but there is no guarantee of a reduced tax rate. She added that it would be possible for them to join between January 1 and March 31 of 2019. A brief synopsis of the process which would have to be followed was then given. Toddy asked if there had been any interest expressed by Benton Township in joining. Henegar said that she could not speak for Benton, but believed that there may be.

**7) Committee Comments**

- a. McKim expressed gratitude for the detailed budget memo.
- b. Alexander expressed thanks to staff for making the temporary station a reality.
- c. McKim asked about the possibility of temporary signage for the temporary station.
  - i. Alexander noted a concern about signage in the lease. A short discussion about the possibility ensued.
- d. Henegar thanked staff for the temporary station and noted that this would fulfill our promises to the taxpayers. For the record, the worst equipment was not being placed in an abandoned building.
- e. McKim clarified that the station would be staffed 24/7 by personnel.

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**8) Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Alexander with a second by Brickert. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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Barbara Ooley, Secretary  
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief