

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory  
Executive Committee Meeting  
June 20, 2018 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 pm by Lillian Henegar.

**Committee Members Present:** Nina Walls (for Barb Ooley) (WT), Lillian Henegar (BT), Kim Alexander (BT), Mike Baker (WT), Geoff McKim (BT)

**Committee Members Absent:** Clayton Brickert (WT) Barb Ooley (WT)

**NMCFPT/BT Staff Present:** Joel Bomgardner, David Calvin, 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 Lillian Henegar. Motion passed.
- 2) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve May 17, 2018 minutes by Kim Alexander with a second by Lillian Henegar. Motion passed.
- 3) **Old Business**
  - a. There was no Old Business.
- 4) **New Business**
  - a. Lillian Henegar discussed the upcoming budget process and directed attention to the updated budget calendar. Bloomington Township will meet with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) representative on August 10 for the budget workshop. It was reported that there will be 26 pay periods in 2019 and contract negotiations with Benton Township are ongoing.
  - b. Lillian Henegar stated the Bloomington Township Board approved the lease agreement with GLF Realty Inc. as a temporary home for Station 15 in Washington Township. Henegar further stated that upon final approval from Township Counsel, she will sign the lease agreement.
  - c. Chief Bomgardner elaborated on the reasons for providing the temporary station in Washington Township, stressing that the main reason was to fulfil his promise to place the newly ordered fire engine in Washington Township.
  - d. Darla Brown reported that she has questions regarding the language in sections one (1) and section eight (8) of the lease agreement. Brown explained that she has

contacted GLF Realty Inc. concerning the language and upon resolution she will contact Trustee Henegar.

**5) Updates and Reports**

- a. Chief Bomgardner gave a review of the calls for service over the last month. He noted that the department number of calls is ahead of last year and highlighted one incident involving the use of Narcan with a successful outcome.
- b. Deputy Chief Dave Calvin shared the department's training from May that included fire extinguisher training for Oliver Winery. Calvin further stated the department conducted a meet and greet with Martinsville Fire Department, Washington Township (Morgan County) Fire Department, and Paragon Volunteer Fire Department in order to help facilitate newly established automatic aid from those departments into Washington Township (Monroe County).
- c. Calvin also pointed out the department obtained over \$20,000 in grants from Indiana Fire Training Council District 8 for improvements to the NMFT training grounds. It was also noted that the Territory conducted 11 fire safety inspections of businesses within the Territory in May.
- d. Lillian Henegar pointed out that the committee's monthly training opportunity was to look at the newly installed fire sprinkler system in the burn building that was purchased and installed with part of the grant funds.

**6) Public Comment**

- a. Paul Toddy asked Chief Bomgardner how many runs were made to Washington Township in 2017. Bomgardner replied that he didn't have that information on hand but would get it for him.
- b. Toddy asked if the territory were to be dissolved whether it would mean employees would be laid off. Chief Bomgardner explained that there were too many variables to say definitively at this time what would happen, but in a worst case scenario employees would be laid off.
- c. Rich Slabach asked if the temporary station would have an effect on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating for Washington Township. Bomgardner said he believes it would, but he would have to call the ISO to get a definitive answer.
- d. Brian Stewart made a comment expressing his gratitude to the department for their work to find a temporary station and fulfil the promise made to provide better emergency services for Washington Township.
- e. Andy Spriggs asked about staffing at the temporary station. Bomgardner explained that the temporary station would be staffed 24/7 by 2 personnel. Bomgardner also stated he has established a rule requiring the Shift Commander to be at Station 15 part of the day, every day of the week.

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- f. Spriggs asked if a Chief Officer would be stationed at the temporary station. Bomgardner replied no.
- g. Spriggs asked about the rule requiring there be 2 firefighters outside a structure fire if there were 2 firefighters inside the structure fighting the fire. Bomgardner explained that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) does require there be 2 firefighters outside of a fire structure if there are 2 firefighters inside fighting a fire, however, 2 firefighters can start a fire attack from the outside while others are in route, and if there is a life safety issue they could enter the structure to effect a rescue.

**7) Committee Comments**

- a. Mike Baker thanked the administration and staff for moving forward with finding a solution to provide fire and emergency services to Washington Township in the face of the adversity experienced in the recent months.
- b. McKim clarified the lease fees to be \$4800 per month and an additional \$600 per month for utilities and others costs. Bomgardner confirmed this to be correct.
- c. McKim also confirmed that the lease, after one year, will move to a month-to-month lease. Bomgardner confirmed this to also be correct.

**8) Adjournment**

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

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Barbara Ooley, Secretary  
NMCFP, Executive Committee

Joel Bomgardner, Chief