

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory
Executive Committee Meeting
September 5, 2018 MINUTES**

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Mike Baker (WT), Geoff McKim (BT)

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

Members of the Public Present: (see attached list)

- 1) **Approval of meeting agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda made by Barb Ooley with a second by Kim Alexander. Motion passed.
- 2) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve August 1, 2018 minutes made by Alexander with a second by Clayton Brickert. Motion passed.
- 3) **Old Business**
 - a. Lillian Henegar reviewed the current status of the proposed 2019 NMFT budget. Henegar reminded all that the Fire Territory budget is part of the Bloomington Township budget, and that the Territory's interlocal agreement calls for the Executive Committee's recommendation of the proposed budget adoption to the Bloomington Township Board prior to its Adoption Hearing.
 - i. Ooley asked what rate was decided upon for a salary increase. Henegar advised that the rate is 3%, and that this is possible within the tax rate and without effecting anything else in the budget. Social Security Administration's Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and the Consumer Price Index (aka CPI) were consulted to determine the salary increase rate. In addition, Henegar added that personnel have worked extremely hard during a difficult year; she feels this is deserved. Ooley expressed agreement that this rate is doable without effecting tax rates. Both Brickert and Alexander agreed with these sentiments.
 - ii. Henegar addressed potential confusion between the published tax rates, and the actual certified tax rates. She noted that the published figures are

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higher to ensure the 2019 budget is fully funded after the State makes its final adjustments to the tax levy and tax rate.

- iii. Ooley then asked if there was any additional information about the contract with Benton Township. Henegar advised while she and the Trustee agree on the contract amount, the Benton Township Board has not yet voted upon the contract.
 - iv. Henegar then discussed the form 4B and the State's estimates for 2019 local income tax (LIT) revenues. The State will provide updated LIT estimates in October and again in November.
- b. Alexander made a motion to recommend adoption of the budget as proposed with a second by Brickert. Motion passed.
 - c. Henegar added that the Washington Township Board had submitted a resolution also recommending that the proposed NMFT 2019 Budget be adopted.

4) **New Business**

- a. There was no new business.

5) **Updates and Reports**

- a. Chief Bomgardner reported on county notification of road closures. The department had been accidentally omitted from receiving these notifications. Deputy Chief Bright has resolved the issue. The notifications are now received by both fax and e-mail.
- b. Chief Bomgardner provided a summation of the month's emergency response activities. He noted no accidents on I-69. At the request of the Committee at its last meeting, he noted that the department had given aid one time to Ellettsville, and received aid 3 times from Ellettsville. Henegar asked what types of calls these were. Chief Bomgardner answered that the Territory has automatic aid in several areas with Ellettsville, otherwise most of these calls are fire responses.
- c. Deputy Chief Calvin provided a summation of the trainings that the department personnel have participated in over the last month. He highlighted a federally sponsored class on highway emergency response, which 2 personnel attended in Colorado. Personnel also attended a cable barrier class pertaining to the new I-69. He also reported on the number of fire safety inspections conducted, that the fire prevention trailer has been active, and that the Friends and Family CPR classes have been well attended.

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- d. Chief Bomgardner advised that the department had been awarded an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for \$35,696 for exercise equipment to outfit both stations. Older equipment had been obtained through donations, and was being used at Station 15. This will be replaced and hopefully donated to another fire department that does not have any.
- e. Chief Bomgardner provided an update about the temporary fire station. He noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting would be on the upcoming Monday, and once approvals are obtained, the station will be staffed 24 hours a day. He added that personnel have been working during the days at the station. Several responses have been made from the station.
- f. Training opportunity. Chief Bomgardner advised that the opportunity for this month was supposed to be the new Engine 15-1. He told the committee that it was out of the county for repairs due to sustaining damage from an accident while avoiding an oncoming vehicle. He added that there were no injuries.
 - i. Ooley asked about the cable barriers which were discussed earlier and whether those would cause more or less damage. Deputy Chief Bright advised that these were actually safer as they do more to absorb collision energy instead of a more stationary barrier such as concrete walls or guardrails.

6) Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

7) Committee Comments

- a. There was no committee comment.

8) Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ooley with a second by Brickert. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Barbara Ooley, Secretary
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief