

Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory

Executive Committee Meeting

NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN.

August 30, 2016, MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm

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

Committee Members Absent: Geoff McKim (BT)

NMCFPT/BT Staff Present: Lisa Myers, Matt Bright, Joel Bomgardner, Dave Calvin, Faron Livingston, David Allen (Bloomington Township Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.)

Members of the Public Present: None

- 1) Introductions were made of all in attendance. When introducing themselves, everyone answered the question, "What is one thing you came tonight wanting to know?"
- 2) Approval and changes to minutes Motion to Approve minutes by Kim Alexander with second by Barb Ooley. Amendment to minutes requested by Lillian Henegar to change date to August 15 instead of August 30. Second motion and unanimous approval
- 3) **New Business**
There was no new business.
- 4) **Old Business : 2017 Budget**
 - a) Alexander advised that, at its August 18th Budget Workshop, the Bloomington Township Board decided that the Executive Committee should decide the budget for the territory and bring that recommended budget to the Board for approval. Ooley asked if any substantial changes were made by the Bloomington Township Board. Lisa Myers advised "no." She reported that the numbers were submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) for the budget notice by the deadline. Henegar explained that the published 2017 Budget numbers were filed on-line in the state's Gateway system in order for the county to advertise the URL for public access. She added that the public notice does not show the tax rate. There were no further questions from the Executive Committee regarding the 2017 budget.
 - a. The next step(s) will be the Bloomington Township Board's Public Hearing on September 8 followed by the Washington Township Public hearing on September 19.
 - b) The Public Safety Local Option Income Tax (PS LOIT) and the recommendations for funding both Bloomington Township and Washington Township requests were discussed. Henegar advised that, though the recommendation had been made by PS LOIT committee, the county Local Income Tax Council members had to vote on them separately. Monroe County Council and Ellettsville have met and voted to approve the recommendations. Bloomington City Council is scheduled to vote during their meeting on August 31. Henegar explained that the income tax would begin to be collected on October 1. Distribution of the funds would begin on January 1,

2017. Further, these funds would not be disbursed as a lump sum, but in monthly installments throughout the year. Henegar further outlined concerns raised by some that Washington would be ineligible for funds because they have no actual fire department. Discussion from senior DLGF officials along with Steve Buschmann yielded little concern on their part. It is believed that something could be worked out.

- c) Discussion moved to the Washington Township Fire Station. Mike Baker asked about developing a budget. Ooley asked what was reasonable as far as a building was concerned.
 - a. Chief Bomgardner pointed out the apparatus, which would be housed at the station, along with the possibility of some hazardous materials response capability for I-69 being housed there.
 - b. Deputy Chief Bright offered that the senior staff of the department (chief/captains) had conducted a survey in order to outline initial items which were important to consider for a new fire station. Items included; individual bedrooms, kitchen with commercial appliances, day room, training and workout space, office and radio room space, bathrooms/locker rooms including gender appropriate facilities, laundry facilities including those for firefighting gear, and an exhaust removal system for the apparatus bay. Chief Bomgardner added the need for internet service and other building systems.
 - c. Baker asked about building design for a fire station and how to start the process of getting rough estimates. Henegar suggested an ad hoc committee to begin the process of design. Alexander asked about the need for a professional designer. Chief Bomgardner suggested two phases, the first is property acquisition, and the second is what kind of building would be appropriate. Baker pointed out that the solution was somewhere in the middle between pole barns to lavish structures.

5) **Public Comment**

There was no public comment

6) **Property Acquisition Committee Report**

- a. Chief Livingston provided a listing of several properties which have been located within Washington Township that may be appropriate for a new station location. Further, he advised that he had been in contact with Carpenter Realtors who suggested that the longer we waited to purchase property, the more expensive the property will be. GIS images were used to show the located properties to the Executive Committee. These properties were reviewed and discussed.
- b. Mike Baker reported on discussions with CFC Properties regarding possibilities of land that they own. It was agreed that the CFC property is the number one priority property at this time. After a little more discussion, it was agreed that the CFC property should be pursued further, and that a meeting with all parties should be set up. Henegar asked if anything else was needed from the group, and Baker advised that he would work on setting up a meeting.

7) **Territory Apparatus Information Session**

- a. Because of the hour, Henegar offered to postpone the apparatus discussion to another meeting. The committee members agreed that the apparatus information could be reviewed at the October 5 meeting.

8) Brief Budget Meeting Discussion

- a. Ooley asked about how the Washington Township Board should report its action on the territory budget to the territory Executive Committee and Bloomington Township Board. Ooley advised that in the past the Board would have passed a resolution. Everyone agreed that a resolution was acceptable.

9) Future Meeting Discussion

- a. September meeting to remain on the calendar. If the property acquisition committee feels a need for a meeting sooner, another session will be scheduled, with a 72 hour notice.

10) Adjournment

- a. Ooley made a motion to adjourn and Brickert seconded. All in favor.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

Barb Ooley, Secretary
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief