

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory
Executive Committee Meeting
NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN
January 11, 2018 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 pm by Barbara Ooley.

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

Committee Members Absent: None

NMCFPT/BT Staff Present: Lisa Myers, Matt Bright, Legal Counsel Darla Brown, Legal Counsel Rich Starkey

Members of the Public Present: (see attached list)

- 1) **Approval of meeting agenda:** Motion by Lillian Henegar to approve the agenda as written. Second by Kim Alexander, motion passed.

- 2) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve December 6, 2017 minutes as written by Alexander with a second by Henegar. Motion passed.

- 3) **New Business**
 - a. Officer appointment: Chair is Henegar (BT), Vice Chair is Brickert (WT), and Secretary is Ooley (BT). Appointment is congruent with the territory resolution. Motion by Alexander to approve this list, with a second by Brickert. Motion Passed.
 - b. Discussion about where to keep the minutes for the Committee. Ooley made a motion to store the 2018 minutes for the Committee at Station 5 with a second by Alexander. Motion Passed.

- 4) **Old Business**
 - a. There was no Old Business.

- 5) **Updates and Reports**
 - a. Chief Bomgardner is out after surgery and also for a family funeral. Deputy Chief Bright provided a summation of the calls for the month of December, as well as a summation of the training conducted. He also added that there would be a

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community CPR course upcoming in February 24th. Details should be in the newsletter and the website.

- b. Bright also apprised the committee of the imminent need to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). He outlined that this was a county wide problem, and that the City had purchased new units in 2017. The remainder of the county applied for a federal grant totaling over \$1 million and were denied. NMFT apparatus are a year older than the rest of the county, and bottles will expire later this year. Currently pricing is being sought from three different manufacturers. Current plan is to borrow bottles in order to maintain compliance until new units can be purchased. Ideally, around half of the apparatus will be replaced this year, and half next year.
 - Brickert asked how long these units were good for when placed in service. Bright outlined that bottles were only good for 15 years, and that the packs themselves undergo changes based on changes in national standards which occur approximately every 5 years. Current apparatus are four generations old. He also noted that the City of Bloomington had switched manufacturers, and that was a cause for concern since being interoperable with neighboring departments is essential.
 - Brickert followed by asking if Ellettsville would be getting the same SCBA as well. Bright pointed out that if the new apparatus purchased are based on the 2018 standard it should not matter what the manufacturer is and that the packs should be interoperable. He was unsure what Chief Cornman at Ellettsville or Chief Dillard at Perry would do. However, after attending the joint meetings, he thinks that all county fire departments will likely purchase from a single manufacturer so that all fire personnel in the county would be familiar with each other's equipment.
 - Brickert asked how long the process would take. Bright outlined that it had taken approximately one month to get pricing from the first manufacturer. At that rate he hoped to have something more definite by March or April.
 - Geoff McKim asked about training on the Toxic Twins and what would cause Hydrogen Cyanide. Bright pointed out that combusting products like plastics etc. can cause this gas to be emitted. Henegar pointed out the importance of a good SCBA for this reason.

6) Public Comment

- a. Question about the Washington Township and whether the Washington Township board had met to reappoint the Washington Township members of the committee. There was a short discussion about how the members were appointed.

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- b. Question about whether there was any bid openings this evening. Henegar outlined that this would be discussed in the following joint board meeting of Bloomington and Washington Townships.

7) Adjournment

- a. Ooley made a motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting with a second by Alexander. Motion passed. Henegar adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Barbara Ooley, Secretary
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief