

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory  
Executive Committee Meeting  
NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN  
November 1, 2017 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)

**Committee Members Absent:** Geoff McKim (BT)

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

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

- 1) **Approval of meeting agenda:** Motion by Henegar to add an item “B” under new business to include a response to the public petition which was filed last meeting. Second by Kim Alexander, motion passed.
- 2) **Approval of minutes:** Motion to Approve October 4, 2017 minutes as written by Henegar with a second by Alexander. Motion passed.
- 3) **Old Business**
  - a. Request for Proposal for a new fire station in Washington Township - Ooley made a motion to table the discussion pending further action by the Washington Township Board. Second by Alexander. Motion passed.
- 4) **New Business**
  - a. Legal Counsel Darla Brown discussed a potential contract with the Barnes & Thornburg legal firm in order to provide legal counsel for the BOT financing for the Washington Township Fire Station. Brown advised that this is a specialized area of law, and she does not have the expertise needed to ensure that all appropriate documentation and processes were followed throughout this process. She further advised that several of her colleagues highly recommended this firm. The proposed contract amount is +/- \$38,500, which would be rolled into the financing for the project. Ooley requested that it be an option to pay the contract costs out of pocket rather than financing over 15 years. Brown advised that this should be possible. Motion to approve the contract by Henegar, second by Alexander. Motion passed.
  - b. An update on the Petition from Washington Township Concerned Citizens – Henegar advised that Bloomington Township had contacted the DLGF in order to determine the appropriate course of action with regards to the petition received at the last meeting. DLGF notified Bloomington Township that they would need to respond in writing to

the petition and conduct another meeting to re-adopt the Township's budget. The meeting was conducted November 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon, and the budget was re-adopted. Henegar read through the response which was signed by all members of the Bloomington Township Board.

**5) Chief's Report**

- a. Chief Bomgardner provided a summation of the current month's emergency calls. He added that there were 6 I-69 related and zero overdose calls. Further he added that this was 11 fewer calls than September. Henegar asked about the absence of overdose calls and whether these were just ambulance responses. Bomgardner outlined that any ambulance response within the Territory generates a call for the fire department.
- b. Training opportunity –Chief Bomgardner advised that the training opportunity for this month was fire extinguisher training, and suggested putting this off due to the weather.

**6) Public Comment**

- a. Public question about the selection of Barnes & Thornburg and the high cost associated with them. Brown reiterated multiple recommendations for their attorney to deal with the financing.
- b. Public question about what the attorney would do for the Territory. Brown advised that she did not have the malpractice insurance for this type of law. Most attorneys do not nor do they specialize in this sort of public financing and bond laws. This firm does; they will make sure that all of the I's are dotted and T's crossed in order to meet the legal requirements.
- c. Public question as to whether or not there were other quotes obtained for legal services. Committee advised that there were not. The trustees and staff held a meeting Mr. Starkey from Barnes & Thornburg. This is a specialized area of law, and members feel comfortable that Starkey has the expertise necessary for this type of project.
- d. Public question about whether or not it was required to get multiple quotes or bids for public contracts. Brown responded that multiple bids are not required for professional services.
- e. Public question about whether or not there will be a public hearing about the territory budget. Lisa Myers reported that the state would respond after review of the findings and would then decide whether or not there would be a public hearing. If there was to be a hearing only the first ten petitioners would be notified. Any such meeting would be publicized on the website, and in the newspaper.

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**7) Adjournment**

- a. Brickert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alexander. Meeting adjourned by Ooley at 6:29 p.m.

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Lillian Henegar, Secretary  
NMCFT, Executive Committee

Matthew Bright, Deputy Chief