

**Northern Monroe County Fire Protection Territory  
Executive Committee Meeting  
NMCFPT-Bloomington Township Station, 5081 N Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington IN.  
October 5, 2016 MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

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

Committee Members Absent:

NMCFPT/BT Staff Present: Lisa Myers, Matt Bright, Joel Bomgardner, Dave Calvin

Members of the Public Present: Rich Slabach from Washington Township

- 1) Introductions were made.
- 2) Approval of meeting agenda: Motion to Approve by Barb Ooley with a second by Kim Alexander. Motion passed.
- 3) Approval of minutes: Motion to Approve August 30 2016 Minutes without change by Ooley with second by Alexander. Motion passed.
- 4) **New Business**
  - a. There was no new business
- 5) **Old Business**
  - a. Proposed 2017 Budget was carried over from previous meeting. Lillian Henegar suggested that the committee make a recommendation to the Bloomington Township Board, as the provider unit, to adopt the proposed Territory budget at its October 13 budget adoption hearing. A motion was made by Ooley to recommend adoption of the 2017 budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Alexander. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Geoff McKim pointed out that the certified assessed values were now known and that as a result of higher than expected assessed valuations, the new estimated Territory Fund rate would be approximately .5973. The Equipment Replacement Fund is not included and is a fixed fund rate at .0333. McKim then estimated that together the Territory's total tax rate could be approximately .6306. Henegar and McKim then pointed to the change in the law this year which requires the DLGF to calculate and distribute the certified assessed

valuations during the budgeting process rather than waiting until a month into the new calendar year as has been the case in the past. The state does not make the final certified tax levies and rates until the end of the year.

#### **6) Updates and Reports**

- a. Myers attended a workshop on property acquisition at the Indiana Township Association's annual conference. A copy of the state statute pertaining to the purchase of any property was distributed to committee members for their review.
- b. Ooley mentioned a meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> with representatives from CFC has been scheduled, and the Washington Township Board will meet the same day. Responding to a question about what property is being considered, Ooley reported that it is the "pump house" property owned by CFC. Mike Baker then gave a report about the property. He briefly outlined CFC's interests and concerns. The October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will include three CFC representatives as well as Mike Baker, Barb Ooley, and Chief Joel Bomgardner.
- c. Baker also talked about three additional pieces of property, which are adjacent to the CFC property; he is having difficulty in reaching the property owners. Ooley advised one of the parcels (Walls Family) was the prior home of the Simpson Chapel Church and they are trying to get that parcel designated with the historical society. Other property is also for sale in the area, but is very expensive and is more than is needed.
- d. McKim asked Ooley what money they had available for the property. Ooley advised that Washington Township had passed a resolution on the 29<sup>th</sup> for \$50,000. She also discussed community commitments to help with fundraising.
- e. Henegar reported that Deputy Chief Matt Bright attended a fire station design conference. Bright shared some highlights from the conference, advising that one of the presentations was called "Free isn't always free." He outlined some concerns such as the potential for karst features, unknown rights of way, and unanticipated utility extensions, as well as conducting the appropriate zoning and geo-technical surveys. In addition, the early involvement of an architect is suggested in order to identify potential project problems before they occur.

#### **7) Territory Apparatus Discussion**

- a. Chief Bomgardner advised that the apparatus overview and tour are not a pressing concern. The committee agreed to postpone this conversation to a later meeting.
- b. There was another short discussion at this point about Washington Township property and all of the thoughts surrounding it.

#### **8) Public Comment**

- a. Rich Slabach asked how the building would be financed. Ooley advised that Washington Township plans to buy and build the building. She went on to say that they would be doing a lot of fundraising. She is committed to doing her utmost to prevent raising any taxes. Chief Bomgardner suggested that the Territory could easily lease the property from the Township, which could help prevent tax increases. Chief Bomgardner also advised that a meeting is planned with the USDA about community facility financing.
- b. Slabach also asked about the possibility of the PS-LOIT funding the project. There was a short discussion about the PS-LOIT funding, overall community need for public safety funds, and the countywide support for the fire station. Henegar and Ooley stated their goal of a modern station that meets all of the professional standards and that would be adequate for years into the future.

**9) Adjournment**

- a. Alexander made a motion to adjourn and McKim seconded. All in favor.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Barb Ooley, Secretary  
NMCFT, Executive Committee