

Kim Alexander, Bloomington Township Trustee spoke to the board. Their township would like to start discussions with Monroe Fire Protection District concerning merging into the district. Ms. Alexander expressed her concerns about the continued issues with annexation and the loss of revenue her township would lose. Ms. Alexander feels that by joining the district it can only improve public safety for all areas. Ms. Alexander stated that they currently have a contract for Benton township.

Mr. Bomgardner called for a motion to extend the Monroe Fire Protection Districts support to Bloomington Township in regard to joining the district.

Mr. Brown made a motion to extend our support to Bloomington Township.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd

Motion passed 3-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the May 14, 2019 regular board meeting were presented to the board for approval. Chairman Bomgardner asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the minutes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2019 as presented.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd.

Motion passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

a. District 8 Fiscal Agent

Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that the current District 8 cycle would end on June 30, 2019. The District will be purchasing several items over the next few weeks and there will be claims at the next meeting.

b. Legal Updates

1. Annexation

Ms. Stephens updated the board about the annexation lawsuit. She stated that the State did appeal the ruling.

2. Legal Updates

Ms. Stephens updated the board about the Indian Creek property. They are currently working on the deeds for the property. Once completed the deeds will have to be signed by Indian Creek and MFD.

3. Other Legal Updates

Ms. Stephens informed the board that the former employee is currently on home detention, which will end on June 30. A condition of his probation is that he is to

have no contact with Monroe Fire Protection District, the Chief or any members of his family.

Ms. Stephens stated that in a previous meeting there was a question about if the doors had to be left open once the meeting had started. She stated that the open-door law stated that 5 minutes before the meeting and 5 minutes after a meeting the door must remain open. During the actual meeting if there is noise in a nearby space or room, we can close the door, it just must remain unlocked.

Ms. Stephens informed the board that this would be her last meeting with MFD. She is moving out of state. She wanted to inform the board and the district that she has appreciated working with us. Ms. Stephens also stated that Mrs. Bartlett would be on maternity leave for the next 6 weeks and that Mr. Ferguson will most likely be attending all meetings until Mrs. Bartlett returns.

Mr. Bomgardner informed Ms. Stephens how appreciative the board was for all the work Ms. Stephens had done for the district. We wish her well on her new endeavors.

c. Indian Creek Township

Deputy Chief Cornwell stated that we had covered everything about Indian Creek in the legal updates. Mr. Brown asked if the deeds would be ready for signatures by the July meeting. It was stated that we hoped that they would be, however it is the county's process, so we are unclear when an exact date would be.

d. Squad Replacements

Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that the Squad 21 replacement had recently been in an accident. The accident was not the districts fault, but there is approximately \$6,500 damage to the truck. Deputy Chief informed the board that he was the driver at the time of the accident and that it was unavoidable.

Mr. Bomgardner asked if anyone was injured. No injuries to the other driver or to Deputy Chief. Mr. Bomgardner asked if all policies were followed after the accident. Mrs. Bovenschen state that yes, Deputy Chief was sent for a drug test following the incident.

e. Station 23 Expenses

Mrs. Bovenschen informed the board that she had mistakenly forgotten to print the updated expenditures. She informed the board that there were no major expenses during the past month, just normal utilities.

f. Rescue 11 Replacement

Deputy Chief Cornwell stated that during recent conversations with Dave Thomas, he stated that final inspections would be March of 2020, with delivery soon after. MFD expressed displeasure with this six-month delay and discussed the \$100 per day stipulation that is in the contract. We were informed that the pre-build meeting we had in November, where we made changes, were not put into the plans until our next meeting in February. The estimated final inspection is now December 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson asked what the \$100 per day stipulation was. Mr. Bomgardner informed her that the board had made a stipulation that for every day the company was late in delivering the apparatus, they were fined \$100 per day. Mr. Bomgardner would like to know if we added a buffer for expenses.

Deputy Chief also noted that Chief Dillard will be discussing with the board purchase of a computer and software diagnostic program in the near future. This purchase is approximately \$10,000.

g. Monroe Fire Protection District Future

Deputy Chief Cornwell explained that Van Buren has obtained the needed petitions and the auditor has validated them. Mrs. Barrow would like to hold public meetings on July 30, 31 and August 1st at the county fairgrounds. Mrs. Sorenson asked if signatures were received from all townships, as she did when Indian Creek joined. Mr. Bomgardner explained that the county commissioners had informed Mrs. Barrow that she only needed the signatures from her township.

Deputy Chief Cornwell read a statement from Chief Dillard:

Bloomington, Benton and Washington townships have all expressed interest in joining the district. I met with the trustees last evening and several things were discussed regarding priorities, trimming and possibilities. I have emailed the administrations at VBFD and NMFT to discuss preliminary budgeting process. It is possible that Bloomington township could be successful in joining the district with Van Buren in January 2021, but I see it unlikely that all 3 townships could be successful in the current window of time. Chief Dillard received a phone call from county attorney Jeff Cockerill. Mr. Cockerill is concerned about multiple townships, timing and financial situations. Chief Dillard stated a second meeting with the township trustees is scheduled for June 17.

h. Public Safety Income Tax

Deputy Chief Cornwell explained to the board that we are working on completing a spreadsheet with current countywide demographics to help assist the group in ways to determine the amount each entity might request. Our intent is to request \$125,000 in funds to remodel Station 23. A second request of approximately \$40,000 may also be included for the purchase of a new squad. Deputy Chief Cornwell noted that the process has begun however there are several modifications in this year's process. It was noted that it is possible that the Income Tax Council

will determine the total amount to be award and then allow the county commissioners officers to do the awarding.

New Business

a. Department Updates

Chief Dillard will present stats for May and June at the meeting in July.

b. Rhorer Road Rental Property

Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that with the new annexation law and the Fullerton Pike extension project creating an excellent means of transportation east and west, the location of the rental house is most likely the best suitable location for Station 11 replacement in the near future. Chief Dillard is asking the board for official authorization to notify the tenant that we will not be extending the lease past December 31, 2020. Chief Dillard feels that this gives the tenant 18 months to plan accordingly and find a new residence. This will allow us time to utilize the current structure for training. This will also allow for a potential construction of new station facilities to begin in 2023/2024.

Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that Chief Dillard wanted the board to be aware that the tenant has been an exceptional tenant for many years. Chairman Bomgardner stated that he would like to have a letter drafted on MFD letterhead and reviewed and signed by the board to the tenant.

Mr. Bomgardner called for a motion concerning the Rhorer Road Rental Property. Mr. Brown motioned to not extend the lease after 12/31/2020.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd
Motion passed 3-0.

c. Hovercraft

Chief Dillard had a statement for the board in the packet concerning the hovercraft. The board read the statement. Mr. Bomgardner informed the public that the hovercraft which has been with the HERO project since May 2018, is not currently in operation. The machine itself is out of service due to technical difficulties. Mr. Stafford, owner of HERO, is asking permission to trade the craft in for a four-seat model that is more fitting for our rescue scenarios. Chief Dillard is in full support of allowing Mr. Stafford to do this.

Mr. Bomgardner would like the board to review the contract that was signed with the HERO project and will address these concerns at our next meeting. Mr. Bomgardner asked Mrs. Bovenschen to send a copy of the contract to the board members.

Claims and Financial Report

Claims:

a. Monroe Fire Protection District Claims:

Monroe Fire Protection District Claims dated May 31, June 4 and June 11, 2019 were presented for approval.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve MFD claims dated May 31, June 4 and June 11, 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd

Motion passed 3-0

b. District 8 Claims:

There were no District 8 claims.

c. Financial Report:

Mrs. Bovenschen went over the May 2019 financial report.

Payroll: Included the semi-monthly payrolls for May 2019.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Financial Statement dated May 31, 2019, and payroll for May 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd

Motion passed 3-0

NEXT MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Bomgardner reminded everyone that our next scheduled regular board meeting for the Monroe Fire Protection District will be at 6:00pm Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Station 11, 3953 S. Kennedy Dr., Bloomington, IN.

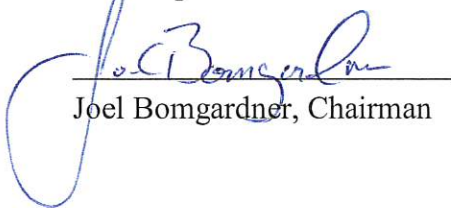
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to properly come before the board, Mr. Bomgardner called for a motion to adjourn.


Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn at 6:49pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson 2nd

Motion passed 3-0.


Joel Bomgardner, Chairman


Ed Brown, Fiscal Officer


Vicky Sorenson, Member

Copy furnished:

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