



# Monroe Fire Protection District



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joel Bomgardner called a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe Fire Protection District to order at 6:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at Station 23 located at 8019 S. Rockport Road, Bloomington, Indiana. Public notice of the meeting had been duly made to local media by facsimile transmission and hard copy notices had been placed in all the usual places.

Mr. Bomgardner called the roll of the board of trustees to determine members present, absent, and to identify others present.

Those present were as follows:           Joel Bomgardner, Chairman  
C. Ed Brown, Fiscal Officer  
Vicky Sorenson, Vice-Chairman

Those absent were as follows:

Others present were as follows:       Dustin Dillard, Chief, MFD  
George Cornwell, Deputy Chief, MFD  
Christine Bartlett, Ferguson Law Offices  
Milan Pece, Monroe County Resident

Those absent were as follows:       Tammy Bovenschen, Administrative Assistant

### CHANGE OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Bomgardner asked if there were any amendments or changes to the agenda. There were no amendments.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bomgardner explained this was the time when any member of the public could speak to the board concerning any matter not listed on the agenda. Mr. Bomgardner explained that we do have a policy for public comment that is outlined on the back of the agenda. There was no public comment.

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**HEADQUARTERS**  
STATION 11  
3953 S KENNEDY DRIVE  
BLOOMINGTON IN  
812-331-1906  
812-336-1166 (FAX)

**LAKEVIEW**  
STATION 21  
9094 S STRAIN RIDGE RD  
BLOOMINGTON IN  
812-824-6077

**KIRKSVILLE**  
STATION 23  
8019 S ROCKPORT RD  
BLOOMINGTON IN  
812-824-6202

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from the August 13, 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 August 13, 2019 as presented.  
Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion passed 3-0

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. District 8 Fiscal Agent**

Chief Dillard stated there were no updates this month.

### **b. Legal Updates**

#### **1. Annexation**

Mrs. Bartlett updated that board concerning the Annexation lawsuit. Mrs. Bartlett stated that we are currently in the middle of the briefing schedule. We are waiting on the reply brief from the Governors' Office. After receiving that it still could be months before the decision is made.

### **c. Station 23 Expenses**

Chief Dillard updated the board on the spreadsheet for Station 23 expenses.

### **d. Rescue 11 Replacement**

Chief Dillard explained that JJ has spoke with Dave Thomas and a meeting is set for Tuesday, September 17 to finalize the decals and graphics. We hope to get an update at that time for delivery date and final inspection.

### **e. Monroe Fire Protection District Future**

Chief Dillard stated that he has spoke with Jeff Cockrill, there were no remonstrations received for Van Buren township or Bloomington township. There is a county commissioners meeting on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 10am that they would like for us to attend, in case any questions are asked from the public. Chief Dillard also stated that on September 18 there will be a county commissioners meeting where there will amend the ordinance for Monroe Fire Protection District. The board will then become a 5-member board and will have a member from each township.

Mr. Brown asked when the board would change. Chief Dillard stated that January 1, 2021 the board will become a 5-member board.

**f. Public Safety Income Tax**

Chief Dillard stated we will receive \$86,000 to remodel station 23 and applying some towards a new squad at station 11. Mr. Brown asked if this was what we expected to receive. Chief Dillard stated that we had requested \$150,000 and stated that everyone in the county made modest and comparable requests. Mr. Bomgardner stated that this can be taken off the agenda in the future.

**g. Rhorer Road Property**

Chief Dillard explained that we have received confirmation that the renter has received her certified letter.

**h. Budget 2020**

Chief Dillard informed the board that he went to the hearing and answered questions concerning our budget. We do not yet have a date for the budget adoption as that is set by the County Council. Chief Dillard will forward to the board as soon as the date is set.

**i. ISO Water Shuttle**

Chief Dillard stated that he had no current update for the board concerning the ISO water shuttle. He explained that sometimes it is difficult to get in touch with John Beard, ISO representative. All the paperwork has been completed to get our new fire protection rate and forwarded to the corporate office. This process takes about 6-8 weeks. We are trying to determine how much more water we need at station 23 to sustain the water shuttle. Mr. Brown asked if the rating will affect the entire district. Chief Dillard stated that yes, there is not a formula that ISO uses to give partial credit. Mr. Beard stated that one solution would be for us to roll a tanker and an engine from 23 at the same time. It has been a year process already. We hope to hear something back within the next month.

Chief Dillard stated that Benton township has a 2300-gallon tanker that will become available when they receive their new tanker.

Mrs. Sorenson asked if the Indian Creek Volunteer Firefighters Inc. had the same issue with not having enough water in the township. Chief Dillard stated that Indian Creek probably had an ISO rating of 9 or 10, we are currently a 4 and hope to become a 3.

**j. UTV Trailer**

Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that we had purchased the trailer that was approved last month from ROOTs, in Bedford. While loading the UTV on the trailer, the tailgate bent on it. We immediately took back to Roots and the tailgate was replaced by the factory with a better tailgate. Chief Dillard noted that the trailer is rated for the UTV, however the aluminum just gave out. Mr. Bomgardner asked if the company repaired at no cost. Deputy Chief Cornwell stated that yes, they repaired and replaced with an upgraded tailgate at no charge. The trailer is now in service.

## New Business

### a. Department Updates

Chief Dillard went over the statistics for August. Chief Dillard noted that we do not have standby time or off duty response this month due to health issues with Mrs. Bovenschen and Chief Dillard.

1. Statistics	<u>August 2019</u>
Fire	12
EMS	117
MVA	13
Haz Cond	7
Service	2
Good Intent	2
False Alarm	12
Special Weather/Natural Disaster	0
Special Incident	0
Total Runs	165
Mutual Aid	
Given	9
Received	6

2. Fuel Costs	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Station 11	\$1,307.15	\$11,663.94
Station 21	\$ 981.52	\$ 8,383.56
Station 23	\$ 193.71	\$ 2,144.78
Command	\$ 475.41	\$ 4,766.23
<b>Total Fuel Costs</b>		<b>\$27,123.25</b>

Mr. Brown asked about several of the months where totals were higher. Chief Dillard explained that we hired several part time employees in February. Their driver training began in April, and that is when we start to see an increase in fuel costs. Mr. Brown questioned the costs in July where the engine's seem to be using a great deal of fuel. Chief Dillard explained that new driver's begin training in the smaller vehicles and then work their way up to driving the larger apparatus. Mr. Brown also stated that recently he saw a Van Buren Fire truck on Strain Ridge Road. Deputy Chief Cornwell informed the board that county wide training was held recently with Marine 21 at Fourwinds. Chief Dillard stated that MFD is showing every department in the county how to operate Marine 21. Mr. Brown asked if this was a District 8 training session. Chief Dillard explained that we have county wide training 4 times a year and this is just one of those trainings. We are trying to train other departments on our specialized equipment so that if we are out of service for any reason and a call came in where the boat was needed, other departments would know how to operate our equipment. Deputy Chief Cornwell

explained that Benton township is bringing their boat down so that we can assist them on training.

**b. Purchases**

**1. Turn Out Gear**

Chief Dillard presented the board with quotes for five new sets of turn out gear. This gear is different from the gear we have purchased in the past. During FDIC, the purchasing committee spent one entire day trying out new gear. We did have a vendor bring gear to the department for everyone to try out. This gear is lighter, the liner is more flexible and wears better, and although it is a little more expensive, it is more improved equipment. Coats are priced at \$1,370.55 each and pants are priced at \$1,169.05 each for a total of \$12,698.00. The cost breaks down to \$2,539.60 per set. Mr. Bomgardner asked which fund these would come from. Chief Dillard stated that turn out gear comes from the CUMM fund. Chief Dillard also stated that this quote is including safety belt/harness in all 5 sets of gear. That is an additional \$176.00 per set. Chief Dillard stated that our former gear was about \$300 less, but never included the safety belt/harness. This gear doesn't have the stiff rigidity that the older gear.

Mrs. Sorenson asked if this means that only 5 firefighters get new gear. Chief Dillard explained that yes on this order, however 5 other firefighters have received new gear this year already. Mr. Brown asked if the gear purchased earlier in the year was the same as this gear. Chief Dillard stated that no, this is the first order of this new gear. Mr. Bomgardner asked if this was Morning Pride gear and if it was the high-end gear. Chief Dillard explained that it is Morning Pride, that it isn't the highest end gear, however the liner is the more expensive liner.

Mr. Bomgardner asked if the quarter master controls and monitors the budget line for gear. Chief Dillard stated that not currently as there are other items in that line besides gear purchasing. Chief Dillard did state that Capt. Mahurin had been quartermaster for approximately 10 years and is very diligent with keeping records of the costs of the items he purchases.

Mr. Pece asked if the district could look into doing a joint purchasing agreement with a larger fire department to reduce the cost of the gear. He stated that years ago they would do an order with Wayne township in the Indianapolis area. Chief Dillard stated that in the past we have been on with IFD and several other departments, and we all use the same vendor and salesperson.

Mr. Bomgardner asked for a motion to approve the purchase of 5 sets of turn out gear for \$12,698.00.

Mr. Brown made a motion to purchase 5 sets of turn out gear.

Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed 3-0

## 2. High Visibility Jackets

Chief Dillard presented the board with quotes for new high viz jackets. Each jacket will have individual's last name on it. The request is for 70 jackets which is one for everyone on the department and members of the auxiliary. Cost for coats and lettering \$43.50 per coat. For a total cost of \$3,050.00. Chief Dillard explained the different cost pricing for coats.

Mr. Bomgardner asked for a motion to approve high visibility jackets.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the high visibility jackets for \$3,050.00

Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion passed 3-0

## Claims and Financial Report

### Claims:

#### a. Monroe Fire Protection District Claims:

Monroe Fire Protection District Claims dated August 23, September 6 and September 10, 2019 were presented for approval.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve MFD claims dated August 23, September 6 and September 10, 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed 3-0

#### b. District 8 Claims:

There are no District 8 claims this month.

#### c. Financial Report:

Chief Dillard went over the August 2019 financial report. Chief Dillard stated that our revenues are exceeding our estimates. Personal Services are about 12% ahead of budget. Supplies and Operating are at 62.4%, which is still good. Other Chargers and Services we are at 72%, which is a 6% deficit of where we should be. Chief Dillard explained that this category is where we have most of our equipment repairs and maintenance on vehicles comes from.

Mrs. Sorenson asked again why the computer line is still high. Chief Dillard stated that Mrs. Bovenschen is having that line corrected by Root Advisors, as something was incorrectly taken from that line instead of the office supply line.

**Payroll:** Included the semi-monthly payrolls for August 2019.

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

Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed 3-0

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

**NEXT MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**

Mr. Bomgardner also reminded everyone that our next scheduled regular board meeting for the Monroe Fire Protection District date to be determined in October, will be held at 5:30pm in the Nat U Hill Room, 100 W. Kirkwood Avenue for the budget adoption by the county council.

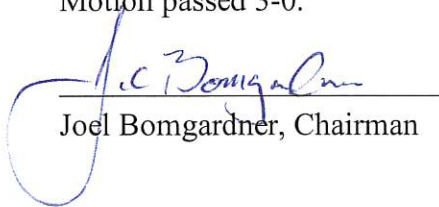
**ADJOURNMENT**

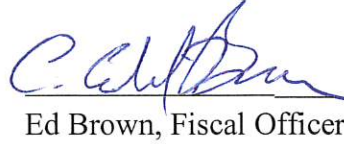
There being no further business to properly come before the board, Mr. Bomgardner called for a motion to adjourn.

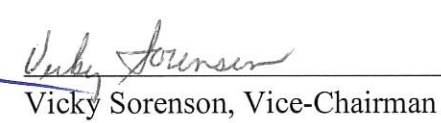
Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn at 6:45pm on Tuesday September 10, 2019.

Mrs. Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed 3-0.

  
Joel Bomgardner, Chairman

  
Ed Brown, Fiscal Officer

  
Vicky Sorenson, Vice-Chairman

Copy furnished:

Mr. Bomgardner, Chairman  
Mrs. Sorenson, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Cornwell, Deputy Chief  
Mr. Ferguson, Legal Counsel  
Station No.11, Bulletin Board

Mr. Brown, Fiscal Officer  
Mr. Dillard, Fire Chief  
Station No. 23, Bulletin Board  
Station No. 21, Bulletin Board