

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES OF THE
GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FLOYD COUNTY, INDIANA**

This meeting of the Board of Fire Trustees of the Georgetown Township Fire Protection District, Floyd County, Indiana was held at 5610 Corydon Ridge Road, Georgetown, in the County of Floyd, Indiana, on July 9, 2014, at the hour of 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Gagel, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Ms. Holz, acting Secretary.

On roll call, the members of the Board of Fire Trustees were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Glenn Gagel, Michael Moody, Jr., Donald Farnsley, Danny Gaither, and Denny Kunkel

Absent: Chris Carter and Steve Hardin (who attended via electronic communication)

The roll/sign-in sheet, maintained by Chief Bader, was circulated for documentation of attendance. Fire Chief Richard Bader, Deputy Chief Jon Saulman, and Attorney Keith Pulliam were also in attendance. Mr. Pulliam's paralegal, Angi Holz, attended to assist with the recording of the minutes.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Moody made a motion to approve the April 9, 2014 meeting minutes, which received a second, and was passed 4-0, including the chairman and with Mr. Farnsley abstaining.

New Business:

Electronic Communication Policy. Mr. Hardin cannot attend meetings in person due to ALS. He and Chief Bader had asked Mr. Pulliam to look into the ability for Mr. Hardin to participate in meetings electronically. Mr. Pulliam advised the board of the statutes regarding meeting participation via electronic communication. A Board Member for a county governmental unit may attend via electronic communication but cannot count towards a quorum or participate in final action taken at the meeting. Mr. Pulliam circulated a written policy regarding the use of electronic communication in public meetings. Mr. Moody made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-1 regarding the written policy regarding the use of electronic communication equipment during public meetings, which received a second, and was passed 4-0, without the chairman voting. Resolution No. 2014-1 is attached to these minutes.

Long-Term Vehicle Planning/Procurement. Chief Bader led a discussion about the District's long-term vehicle planning. Telesquirt 22, the current ladder truck, is no longer considered a frontline engine and is due for scheduled replacement in 2016. The engine is only available for limited service due to mechanical and equipment issues. Chief Bader relayed that an opportunity for the District to obtain a new replacement ladder truck at a significant savings from normal cost has recently presented itself and he requested the Board to act quickly so as not to let the opportunity pass by. Discussion was had among the Board whether there were sufficient finances for the purchase of a ladder truck and whether the District needed to have a ladder truck. Mr. Moody advised there were sufficient funds to explore the purchase, but that an additional appropriation request would have to be sought from the County Council. Chief Bader advised the Board that a ladder truck would be essential to respond to an event at Georgetown Elementary or Highland Hills Middle School. A general consensus was reached among the Board that they would explore and consider the purchase further. In the interim, Mr. Pulliam was instructed to advertise for bids at a special meeting and to coordinate a request for additional appropriations with Umbaugh and the County Council.

Financial Report. Mr. Moody circulated the Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through June 30, 2014 prepared by Monroe Shine. Copies are attached to these minutes.

Motion to Transfer Funds. Based upon the request of Chief Bader to meet the anticipated financial needs of the District, Mr. Moody made a motion to the Board to make the following transfers:

- \$3,000 from Account 122 (Health Insurance) to Account 120 (Social Security)
- \$5,000 from Account 122 (Health Insurance) to Account 124 (Workers Compensation)
- \$1,000 from Account 122 (Health Insurance) to Account 126 (Medicare)
- \$5,000 from Account 361 (Volunteer Benefits) to Account 343 (Electricity)

Mr. Kunkel seconded the motion, and was passed 4-0, without the chairman voting.

Approval of Administrative Claims from April 10, 2014 to July 9, 2014. Mr. Moody made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative claims since the last meeting, which received a second, and was passed 4-0, without the chairman voting.

Chief's Report. Chief Bader circulated a handout outlining budgeted spending in 2014 for consideration. The District will work with Umbaugh to submit its recommended budget into Gateway and to have the necessary advertisements prepared.

Deputy Chief Saulman gave a power point presentation showing the website. He thanked Mr. Hardin for his hard work on the website. The address of the website is www.georgetownwpfd.com

Mr. Hardin prepared a District Run Analysis Report for the first half of 2014. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Moody made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2014-2 requesting the Floyd County Council to adopt the proposed 2015 budget entered in Gateway in accordance with state law, which received a second, and was passed 4-0, without the chairman voting. The Resolution is included with these minutes.

Personnel. Mr. Moody made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-3, Discretionary Supplemental Appropriation (Account 101), which received a second, and passed 4-0, without the chairman voting. The Resolution is included with these minutes.

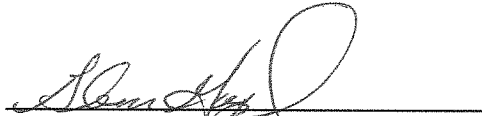
Legal Matters. Mr. Pulliam reported to the Board that Chief Bader's contract will run through July 31, 2015. Mr. Moody made a motion to extend Chief Bader's contract though July 31, 2015 to account for the regularly scheduled meeting occurring after July 1, which received a second, and passed 4-0, without the chairman voting.

Next Meeting. A Special Meeting of the Board will be on **July 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Moody made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, and passed unanimously at 9:21 p.m.

Copies of the agenda, and any public documents discussed at the meeting are available for inspection by the public at District Headquarters.

Attested by: 
Chris Carter, Secretary

Approved by: 
Glenn Gagel, Chairman

Date: 10-8-14