

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 August 20, 2014, at the hour of 7:05 p.m.

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

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

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

Absent: 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.

Old Business:

**Approval of Minutes.** Mr. Carter made a motion to table the July 30, 2014 meeting minutes until the next regular meeting, which received a second, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**Status of Request for Additional Appropriations.** Mr. Pulliam reported that the County Council had approved the additional appropriation request as submitted to enable the District to purchase the fire apparatus if the Board chose to do so. The approved request had been transmitted to the DLGF and was pending final review/approval, which per Umbaugh should be received very soon.

New Business:

**Report from Truck Committee/Consideration of Bids on New Fire Apparatus.** The Board received a report from the truck committee, which consisted of Chief Bader, Deputy Chief Saulman, and Mr. Gagel. Chief Bader informed the Board that the bid received from Smeal was in compliance with the specifications. He also said a slight adjustment to the bid would be requested through change orders. Mr. Gagel presented his research on the manufacturer. He said that Smeal is one of the top providers of aerial ladders tested by major departments. Smeal likes getting trucks in smaller cities, such as the District. It is typical for Smeal to build 10+ demos per

year and they have been successful in selling them in the U.S. and Canada. He called several departments to check references, which all checked out good. He also commented that the bid amount was a remarkable price.

Chief Bader reviewed warranty coverages at Mr. Farnsley's request. Reports were also provided by Deputy Chief Saulman and Captain Mayfield regarding their experience in testing the demonstrator that was previously made available for driving and set-up. Both relayed positive comments. It was brought up again that the schools are always the concern. While the ladder may not be necessary, the potential is always there and it is essential for readiness. A question was asked if the ladder would help lower the ISO rating. Adding a pump will help, but not the ladder specifically.

Mr. Moody commented that the current ladder is not front line capable. It is 15 years old and was scheduled to be replaced in 2016. The 75' ladder is no longer sufficient. Right now there is no ladder on the hill. Georgetown has historically always had the ladder as the District has primary responsibility for Georgetown Elementary and Highland Hills Middle School. Mr. Moody confirmed that the District has sufficient funds to purchase the ladder without the need for financing and start the year out at \$700,000 to \$800,000 in the general fund. That is lower than the District would like, but there will be a balance in the cumulative fund for emergencies. If the purchase is approved, the District will have 3 new engines and no large planned replacements.


Mr. Moody made a motion to accept the truck committee's recommendation to accept Smeal's bid, subject to final approval of the DLGF of the additional appropriation request and attorney approval of the purchase agreement. The motion received a second by Mr. Carter and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting. Mr. Moody made a subsequent motion, also seconded by Mr. Carter, to appoint Chief Bader as the designated authorized agent of the District with respect to change orders, delivery and inspection/acceptance of the ladder truck. The motion was passed 5-0 without the Chairman voting.

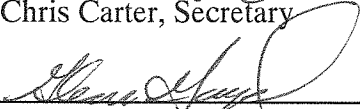
**Legal Matters/Proposed Contract Review.** Mr. Pulliam briefly discussed his initial observations and comments regarding the purchase agreement with the Board.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Board will be on **October 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** An Executive Session will precede the Regular Meeting at **6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, and passed unanimously at 7:57 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