

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

This regular 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 Floyd County, Indiana, on October 18, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was also a virtual meeting pursuant to Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-3.5 to allow members of the Board of Fire Trustees to utilize electronic means of communication to be considered present and participate in final actions. The public was also able to join the meeting virtually using a link or dial-in phone number included in the meeting notice.

Mr. Moody, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Angi Brodfuehrer.

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

Physically Present:	Michael Moody, Jr., Gary Kleeman, Ed Thomas, Geoff McNulty, and David Fehr
Virtually Present:	Travis Sharp
Absent:	Mark Ringenberg

Fire Chief Bill Banta, Chief of Administration and Fiscal Officer Jim Mayfield, Deputy Chief Ned Wiseman, Operations Chief Corey Payne, and members of the department were also in attendance, along with the Board's attorney, Keith Pulliam and paralegal Angi Brodfuehrer.

Old Business:

**Approval of Minutes.** The July 26, 2023 regular meeting minutes were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Fehr made a motion to approve the minutes, which received a second by Mr. McNulty, and was passed 6-0.

**Amendment to Chief's Employment Agreement.** Mr. Moody reminded the Board of its intention to amend Chief's Employment Agreement. Mr. Pulliam circulated the form a resolution he was asked to prepare for consideration. Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-6, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 6-0.

**Update on 2024 Budget Process.** Chief Banta advised the Board the 2024 Budget was adopted as presented at the Floyd County Council's budget adoption meeting. The final approval from the state should be received in early December.

New Business:

**Financial Report.** Fiscal Officer Mayfield presented the September 30, 2023 financial report. A Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through September 30, 2023 prepared by Monroe Shine CPAs was circulated among the Board in advance of the meeting for review. A copy is included with these minutes.

Mr. Moody discussed the Positive Pay program at First Savings Bank which provides fraud protection by matching paid items to items the District has issued. After a brief discussion, Mr. McNulty made a motion to enroll in the Positive Pay program, which received a second by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 6-0.

**Approval of Administrative Claims from July 27, 2023 to October 16, 2023.** Mr. Fehr made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. McNulty, and was passed 6-0.

**Appropriation of Insurance Proceeds Received to Account 353.** Mr. Moody discussed insurance proceeds received from the District's insurance company for damage to Command Vehicle (Unit 1202). Mr. Pulliam circulated the form of a resolution he was asked to prepare for consideration. Mr. McNulty made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-7, which received a second by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 6-0.

**Transfer of Appropriated Amounts between 300 Level Accounts.** The Fiscal Officer of the District has determined that it is necessary to transfer the following appropriated amounts for anticipated increases in expenses and to avoid account shortages:

<u>Transferred from Account</u>	<u>Transferred to Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
302 (Legal Fees / Other Contracts)	301 (Accounting)	\$5,000.00
302 (Legal Fees / Other Contracts)	303 (Training)	\$4,500.00
302 (Legal Fees / Other Contracts)	310 (Internet Service)	\$2,000.00
302 (Legal Fees / Other Contracts)	311 (Telephone)	\$611.00
302 (Legal Fees / Other Contracts)	312 (Website / Public Service)	\$2,500.00

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve and direct the Fiscal Officer to transfer the referenced appropriated amounts as recommended by the Fiscal Officer, which was seconded by Mr. Fehr, and passed 6-0.

**Receive Bids Related to Sale of Surplus Vehicles.** Chief Banta informed the Board that three sealed bids had been received in response to the Notice to Bidders regarding the sale of the 2019 Intimidator 4x4 Utility Vehicle Model #GC1K. Mr. Moody opened and recorded the following bids:

1. Bid from Christopher Pellman in the amount of \$6,550
2. Bid from Scott Cundiff in the amount of \$8,502
3. Bid from Chad Graves in the amount of \$6,000

Mr. Pulliam requested that proof of publication be included as part of the minutes. Mr. Mayfield advised that he would provide proof of publication following the meeting. After discussion, Mr. McNulty made a motion to accept Bid #2 subject to receipt of the Proof of Publication from the News & Tribune, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas, and passed 6-0.

Chief Banta reported that no bids were received on two other vehicles that were advertised for sale.

**Chief's Report.** A copy of Chief Banta's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023 Chief's Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**Legal Matters.** Mr. Pulliam mentioned that he had concerns about the location of the proposed easement for Maplewood Business Park Lift Station Replacement Project as it may limit the District's future use of the property. After discussion, Chief Banta is to revisit options with respect to the proposed easement.

There being no further business, Mr. McNulty made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

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

Approved by: Mark A. Ringenberg  
Mark Ringenberg, Vice Chairman

Attested by: Michael Moody, Jr.  
Michael Moody, Jr., Chairman