

**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 July 26, 2023, at the hour of 7:10 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, Mark Ringenberg, Geoff McNulty, Travis Sharp and David Fehr

Absent: none

Fire Chief Bill Banta, Deputy Chief Ned Wiseman, Operations Chief Corey Payne, and Captain Josh Sutton were also in attendance, along with the Board's attorney, Keith Pulliam and paralegal Angi Brodfuehrer. Assistant Chief of Administration and Fiscal Officer Jim Mayfield attended via telephone.

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes. The April 12, 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 7-0.

New Business:

Financial Report. Fiscal Officer Mayfield presented the June 30, 2023 financial report. A Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through June 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. Ringenberg made a motion to approve the April, May and June Reconciled Cash Balances Reports, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 7-0.

Fiscal Officer Mayfield explained that it was necessary to transfer an appropriated amount between accounts 122 and 302 for anticipated increases in expenses and to avoid an account shortage. Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-2, which received a second by Mr. Ringenberg, and was passed 7-0.

An update was provided regarding the District's efforts to migrate to new accounting software.

Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 5393. Mr. Moody discussed the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, and Georgetown Professional Fire Fighters Local 5393 and the Board's union negotiations committee consisting of two members of the command staff, the District's Fiscal Officer, and two members of the Board. Chief Banta provided an overview of the highlights of the tentative collective bargaining agreement. The meeting was opened for public comment on the tentative collective bargaining agreement. After the opportunity for public comment, the Board's union negotiations committee made a recommendation for the Board to adopt the tentative collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Pulliam advised that he had prepared a draft resolution by which the Board would take official action to ratify the collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the District, subject to the ratification and approval of the CBA by the union. Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-3, which was seconded by Mr. McNulty, and passed 7-0.

Approval of Administrative Claims from April 12, 2023 to July 20, 2023. Mr. Sharp made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. Ringenberg, and was passed 7-0.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Chief Banta made a presentation to the Board concerning projected spending by the Georgetown Township Fire Department for Budget Year 2024. A copy of his proposed 2024 Budget was circulated to the Board for consideration. Mr. Ringenberg proposed to amend Chief Banta's Employment Contract to reflect the salary increase discussed, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 7-0. Mr. McNulty proposed to increase the appropriation by \$200,000 for account #404 (Equipment) to allow sufficient funds for a capital project involving renovations to Station No. 2. After discussion, Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-4, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 7-0.

Surplus Property. Chief Banta discussed the condition of the 2011 Ford F150 (Utility Truck), the 2016 Dodge Ram (Squad 2), the brush fire pump unit originally manufactured by Kimtek Research (Brush 24 Fire Pump Unit), the brush fire pump unit originally manufactured by Unruh Fabrication Inc (Brush 25 Fire Pump Unit), and the current pickup beds for Brush 24 and Brush 25 and suggested that they all be declared surplus fire apparatus and sold. Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5, which received a second by Mr. Sharp, and was passed 7-0.

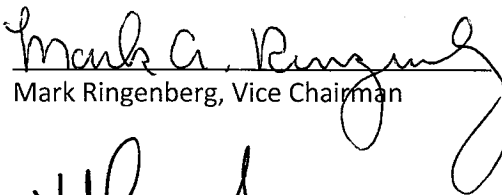
Baker Tilly Engagement Letter. Mr. Moody explained the engagement letter outlining responsibilities. Mr. McNulty made a motion to approve the engagement letter, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 7-0.

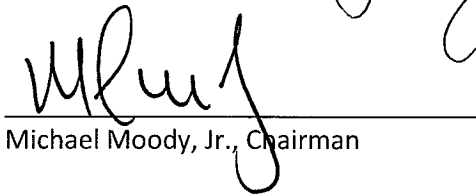
Chief's Report. A copy of Chief Banta's 2nd Quarter 2023 Chief's Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Legal Matters. Mr. Pulliam had no legal matters to discuss.

There being no further business, Mr. McNulty made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 8:07 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 Ringenberg, Vice Chairman

Attested by: 
Michael Moody, Jr., Chairman