

**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 23, 2024, 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, David Fehr and Travis Sharp

Absent: Ed Thomas, Geoff McNulty and Mark Ringenberg

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

Old Business:

**Approval of Minutes.** The April 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the May 15, 2024, May 30, 2024 and June 10, 2024 special 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. Sharp, and was passed 4-0.

Mr. Moody made a motion for Mr. Travis Sharp to serve as acting Vice Chairman for this meeting, which received a second by Mr. Sharp, and was passed 4-0.

New Business:

**Financial Report.** Fiscal Officer Mayfield gave a financial report. A Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through June 30, 2024 prepared by Monroe Shine & Co., Inc. CPAs was circulated among the Board in advance of the meeting for review. A copy is included with these minutes. Mr. Sharp made a motion to approve the April, May and June 2024 management reports, which was seconded by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 4-0.

**Transfer of Appropriated Amounts.** Mr. Mayfield, as the Fiscal Officer, informed the Board that due to changes in projected income and expenses, he determined that it is necessary to transfer the following appropriated amounts for increases in expenses and to avoid account shortages:

\$20,000 from Account 408 (Station 2 Remodel) to Account 301 (Accounting)

\$8,000 from Account 408 (Station 2 Remodel) to Account 302 (Legal)

Mr. Fehr made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 to accomplish such transfers of appropriated amounts, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and passed 4-0.

**Approval of Administrative Claims.** Mr. Sharp made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 4-0.

**Approval of Salary Claims.** Mr. Fehr made a motion to approve payroll claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. Sharp, and was passed 4-0.

**2025 Budget Discussions.** Chief Banta made a presentation to the Board concerning projected spending by the Georgetown Township Fire Department for Budget Year 2025. The proposed budget includes appropriations for two additional firefighters. A copy of his proposed 2025 Budget was circulated to the Board for consideration. Mr. Fehr made a motion approve the proposed 2025 budget for submission into Gateway, which received a second by Mr. Sharp, and was passed 4-0.

It was noted that the Fire District is currently experiencing short term spending deficits due to increased staffing requirements for Fire Station No. 1. It was also discussed that the other Floyd County fire districts were granted a long-term growth-based adjustment to their levy. Mr. Moody and Mr. Pulliam explained that while the District qualified for such an adjustment, at this point it could not seek such an adjustment until the first quarter of 2025 and that additional funding would not be immediately available. After further discussion of options available to the District, Mr. Kleeman made a motion to pursue the 3-year excess levy appeal, to be included with the 2025 Budget Submission in Gateway, which received a second by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 4-0.

**Financial Committee Report.** Fiscal Officer Mayfield gave a report from the Financial Committee. The committee recommended that the Board meet monthly to review and approve financials and claims, that the Fiscal Officer upload the monthly reports to Gateway instead of Monroe Shine, and that the threshold required for pre-approval by the Board of any POs be increased from \$1,000 to \$4,999. Mr. Fehr made a motion for approval for Fiscal Officer Mayfield to upload reports to Gateway (not Monroe Shine), raising the limit from \$1,000 to \$4,999, to update PO process, and to hold monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Sharp, and was passed 4-0.

**Chief's Report.** A copy of Chief Banta's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 Chief's Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

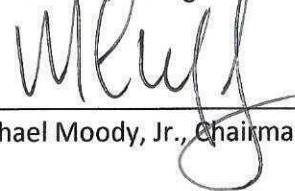
**Legal Matters.** Mr. Pulliam had no legal matters.

**Next Meeting.** The next regular meeting of the Board will be on August 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Fehr made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 7:43 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:   
Mr. Kleeman, Acting Vice Chairman

Attested by:   
Michael Moody, Jr., Chairman