

**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 April 17, 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., Mark Ringenberg, Gary Kleeman, Ed Thomas, Geoff McNulty, David Fehr and Travis Sharp

Absent: None

Fire Chief Bill Banta, Chief of Administration, 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. Fiscal Officer Jim Mayfield attended virtually.

Floyd County Council Member Connie Moon was present at the beginning of the meeting. She thanked the District for their professionalism and hard work.

Old Business:

**Approval of Minutes.** The January 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to approve the minutes, which received a second by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 7-0.

**Easement re Maplewood Business Park Lift Station Replacement Project.** Mr. Pulliam explained the Agreement for Grant of Permanent Sanitary Sewer and Access Easement was modified since the January meeting and it was approved and signed by the Town of Georgetown on April 15, 2024. Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to ratify the Agreement for Grant of Permanent Sanitary Sewer and Access Easement, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 7-0.

**Report / Recommendations from Finance Committee.** Mr. Thomas gave a report from the Finance Committee. A recommendation was made to hold monthly meetings for review of claims to comply with SBOA guidelines. After discussion, it was decided the Finance Committee will work with Monroe Shine to

determine the timing of monthly reports to the District. The Board will discuss the possibility of holding monthly meetings at the July meeting.

New Business:

**Financial Report.** Fiscal Officer Mayfield presented the March 31, 2024 financial report. A Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through March 31, 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 January, February and March 2024 management reports, which was seconded by Mr. Fehr, and was passed 7-0.

**Preliminary 2025 Budget Discussions.** Chief Banta circulated the proposed 2025 budget. The 2025 budget will be approved at the July meeting.

**Dental and Vision Benefits.** Chief Banta explained the dental and vision premiums have increased approximately \$8,000. The coverage is better than in the past. Open enrollment for dental and vision will move to December to coincide with the health insurance. Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to incorporate the dental and vision plans for May 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 7-0.

**Chief's Report.** A copy of Chief Banta's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 Chief's Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Chief will not be seeking to recontract in 2025.

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


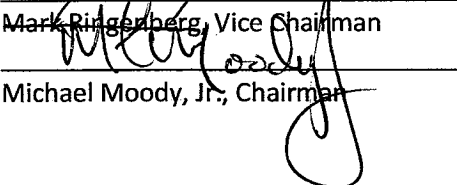
**Approval of Administrative Claims.** Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative and payroll claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. McNulty, and was passed 7-0.

**EMS Related Discussion.** Mr. Kleeman wants to form 3 committees to discuss (1) pros & cons of providing ambulance service, (2) discussing with Franklin Township trustee and commissioner not providing service to Franklin Township for "free" and (3) merger / formation of a countywide district.

Mr. McNulty made a motion that the Board make a statement at the April 18, 2024 Joint Commissioners and Council meeting stating the Board supports the Floyd County Commissioners to enter into a two year contract with AmeriPro for EMS service, which received a second by Mr. Ringenberg, and passed 6-1, with Mr. Thomas voting against.

There being no further business, Mr. McNulty made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 9:45 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:   
TRAVIS SHARP Mark Ringenberg, Vice Chairman  
Attested by:   
Michael Moody, Jr., Chairman