

**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 the County of Floyd, Indiana, on October 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Moody, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Mr. Kleeman, acting Secretary for the meeting. Angi Brodfuehrer assisted with the preparation of the minutes. The meeting was also conducted via telephone conference in accordance with State of Indiana Executive Order 20-04 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

Present: Michael Moody, Jr., Mark Ringenberg, Gary Kleeman, Jason Sharp, Edward Thomas, Geoffrey McNulty and Chad Ogden (via telephone)

Absent: None.

Fire Chief Bill Banta, Deputy Chief Ned Wiseman, Operations Chief Corey Payne and Attorney Keith Pulliam were also in attendance.

The Board welcomes Mr. McNulty who was appointed by the Floyd County Commissioners to fill the remainder of Mr. Lash's term, which will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of January, 2022.

Old Business:

**Approval of Minutes.** Mr. Sharp made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**Ratification of Claims Previously Approved in April and July Telephonic Meetings.** At Mr. Pulliam's suggestion, given that recent meetings had been conducted entirely by telephone, Mr. Sharp made a motion to ratify the previously approved claims from the earlier meetings that were previously approved telephonically, specifically during the April meeting (January 13, 2020 to April 13, 2020) and the July meeting (April 15, 2020 to July 6, 2020), which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**2021 Budget.** Mr. Moody reported that he had attended the Floyd County Council's first 2021 budget meeting and that no questions were raised at that time. Unfortunately, due to an unexpected work conflict he was unable to attend the second budget adoption meeting. A question was posed, which he has subsequently addressed, but the budget adoption was postponed until the council's next meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to another work conflict, he asked Mr. Pulliam to attend on behalf of the Board to address any further questions or concerns posed by the Council.

## New Business:

**Financial Report.** Mr. Ringenberg presented a financial report. A draft Summary of Reconciled Cash Balances through September 30, 2020 prepared by Monroe Shine was circulated among the Board in advance of the meeting for review. A copy is included with these minutes.

**Approval of Administrative Claims from July 16, 2020 to October 16, 2020.** The report of administrative claims was circulated among and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Sharp made a motion to approve and ratify all administrative claims since the last regular meeting, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting. A report showing all approved claims is included with these minutes.

**Medical Loss Ratio Rebate from Anthem.** The Fire Department received a medical loss rebate (MLR) check from Anthem. Mr. Moody had requested Mr. Pulliam to research how to address it. Mr. Pulliam indicated that given the small amount of the check (less than \$450), if the Board determined that the cost of determining and distributing shares of a rebate approximates or exceeds the amount of the proceeds, that the Board could decide to apply it to future participant premium payments. After discussion the Board determined that the costs of making such a determination would exceed the amount of the rebate and Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to apply the MLR rebate towards future participant health insurance premium payments, which received a second by Mr. Kleeman, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**Remodel of Firehouses.** Chief Banta presented the Board with ideas regarding the remodeling of Station Nos. 1 and 2. Mr. Moody suggested a committee be formed to work with command staff to determine the scope of work. Mr. Sharp made a motion to form a committee, consisting of three board members, Mr. Ringenberg, Mr. Kleeman, and Mr. McNulty, and members of the Command Staff to explore possible renovations of Station Nos. 1 and 2, which received a second by Mr. McNulty, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**Engine Replacement Plans for 2022.** Chief Banta led a discussion of the Board regarding potential engine replacement plans for 2022. Chief Banta said Engine 21 is due to be replaced and he plans to start preliminary review. The Board discuss Start process to replace Engine 21 for the Georgetown Station (downtown).

**Discussion of Replacement of Command Vehicles.** Chief Banta informed the Board that two command vehicles were being considered for replacement (2016 Dodge Durango and 2016 Dodge Ram). The wear and tear and trade in values for the vehicles were discussed. Chief requested permission from the Board to purchase two 2021 Chevrolet Silverado Trucks. After further discussion, Mr. Sharp made a motion to authorize the replacement of the 2016 Dodge Durango with a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado, which received a second by Mr. Ringenberg, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

**Chief's Report.** A copy of Chief Banta's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020 Chief's Report was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**Legal Matters.** Mr. Pulliam mentioned that the Board's By-Laws call for a Secretary and that the officer position is currently vacant. Mr. Kleeman volunteered to serve as Secretary for this meeting and the remainder of the current term. Mr. Ringenberg made a motion to appoint Mr. Kleeman as Secretary for

the remainder of the current term, which received a second by Mr. Thomas, and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

Mr. Pulliam, based upon recent discussions with the DLGF, suggested that the Board consider appointing a full-time employee of the Fire Department as the Fiscal Officer for the District. After discussion, it was determined that it should be a member of the Command Staff and at the present time, Chief Banta was best suited for the position. Mr. Sharp made a motion that effective January 1, 2021, Chief Banta should be appointed as the fiscal officer for the District, which received a second by Mr. Ringenberg and was passed 5-0, without the Chairman voting.

Mr. Pulliam reported that he and Mr. Moody had been discussing an update to the Board's By-Laws. Mr. Pulliam indicated that he would make recommendations to the Board at the January meeting regarding the By-Laws. He did recommend that the Board only consider appointing a Chair and Vice Chair as officers next year.

Mr. Pulliam reminded the Board that Mr. Sharp's term ends on January 4, 2021. Mr. Sharp stated that he was not requesting to serve an additional term. The Board thanked him for his service and Mr. Pulliam said he would let the County Commissioners know that they needed to make an additional appointment.

There being no further business, Mr. Sharp made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

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

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

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

This special 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 December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Moody, Chairman, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Mr. Kleeman. The meeting was conducted in person and via telephone conference in accordance with State of Indiana Executive Order 20-04 due to the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency.

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

Present: Michael Moody, Jr., Mark Ringenberg, Gary Kleeman, Edward Thomas and Geoffrey McNulty

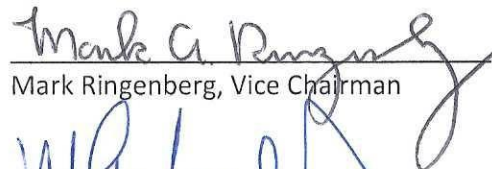
Absent: Jason Sharp and Chad Ogden

Chief Bill Banta and Attorney Keith Pulliam (via telephone) were also in attendance and participated in the meeting.

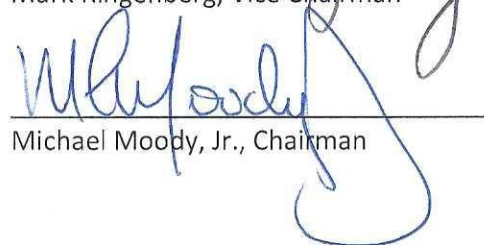
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal discussed by the Floyd County Commissioners at their meeting on December 8, 2020 to establish a county-wide fire district. Each of the board members present took the opportunity to discuss the proposal, share their thoughts on the timing, merits and concerns associated with such an approach, discuss their thoughts regarding whether EMS should be combined with the fire service, and consider the potential implications for residents and taxpayers of the District in particular. When requested, Chief Banta and Mr. Pulliam provided input. No official action or consensus positions were taken by the Board at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Mark Ringenberg, Vice Chairman

Attested by:

  
Michael Moody, Jr., Chairman