

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON
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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District of Saint Louis County, Chesterfield, Missouri, met at the Administration Building, of said District, 13725 Olive Boulevard, in the City of Chesterfield, County of Saint Louis, on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. in an Open Board Meeting. At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

Rick Gans - President/Chairman and Director
Jean Millner - Secretary and Director
Robin Harris - Treasurer and Director

Also present: Chief Cary Spiegel
 Asst. Chief Les Crews
 Atty. Matt Hoffman

A quorum being present, Director Gans called the meeting to order and announced the Board of Directors meeting to be in session for the transaction of any and all business to be brought before it at this time.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

5:00 P.M.

DIRECTOR GANS: Call to order the
Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection
District Board of Directors.

Would you all please rise and join
me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Whereupon, all persons joined in reciting
the Pledge of Allegiance, and the following
proceedings were had.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Approval of Agenda.
Are there any additions or other
changes to the Agenda, tonight?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

There are no citizens in the
audience that are here to speak to us, so there
are no Citizen Comments.

Which takes us to the President's
Report.

And that concludes the President's
Report.

So, we'll move on to the

1 Secretary's Report.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right.

3 I have Minutes here.

4 Okay. I have four sets of Minutes.

5 I move for the approval of the Open
6 Meeting Minutes for March 20th, 2018 and March
7 26th, 2018.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
9 motion.

10 Any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

16 Motion passes three to nothing.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. I
18 move for the approval of the Closed Meeting
19 Minutes for March 20, 2018 and March 26th, 2018.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
21 motion.

22 Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

3 Motion passes three to nothing.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Great.

5 That's it for Minutes.

6 Oh, next, I have four bids for
7 embroidery of uniforms, which I shall open with
8 my handy-dandy knife.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: And, also, about the
10 --

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, Chief?

12 I'm sorry.

13 Were these bids received sealed and
14 on time?

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. And the
17 first vendor is St. Louis Embroidery.

18 Rick, I am thinking that because
19 these are pretty -- they're tough for me to read,
20 what I would probably like to do is to give them
21 back to the chief and let his committee review
22 everything, once I've got them opened, and come
23 back with a recommendation.

24 I've not even seen all of those.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: So, is this an item-

1 by-item quote?

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It is. Yes. It
3 comes down to this. It starts with the different
4 types of shirts, the different types of jackets,
5 different pants.

6 Yeah. It's several pages worth of
7 -- of itemized --

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah. It's a
10 lot.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Let's do that.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

13 Unless I do the first --

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Want these?

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes. Please.

16 Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: The companies
18 currently bidding; have you read that in?

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And?

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: The two
21 vendors that we're currently using is St. Louis
22 Embroidery --

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: -- and
25 Leon Uniform.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay, the next
3 one I have is from Leon Uniform, L-E-O-N.

4 And it's the same way.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm. Exactly.
7 The third is from Image Solutions.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: While she's opening
9 that, Cary, can you tell me why we went out to
10 bid?

11 Is this just a timing thing, or, --

12 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It's a due-
13 diligence issue.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Exactly the same
16 circumstance. Otherwise --

17 (General laughter.)

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The others could
19 follow through.

20 DIRECTOR GANS:

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And the fourth
22 and final --

23 I'm sorry?

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The fourth and

1 final is from David Kidwell. K-I-D-W-E-L-L.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Keep going.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Yeah.
4 It's also the same way. It's all listed
5 individually.

6 Okay. So, Chief, what I would like
7 you to do is, with your committee, review these
8 and at our next Open Meeting have a
9 recommendation.

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And I understand
12 that some of them may have sent samples.

13 And you've requested samples from
14 all four?

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It was part of the
16 bid spec. Yes.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

18 That is all I have for my report.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

20 Thank you.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You're welcome.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Treasurer's Report.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I'm glad you
24 asked.

25 We have disbursements in the amount

1 of \$49,394.74 for the period.

2 We have three checks over \$5,000.00.

3 Check number 40989 to Montgomery
4 Bank in the amount of \$6,658,91 and that would be
5 our credit card, so a variety of charges.

6 Check number 40996 to Leon Uniform
7 Company in the amount of \$5,769.03.

8 That would be for uniforms.

9 And, check 41000 to Mediclaims,
10 Incorporated, in the amount of \$6,611.58.

11 And that would be February billing
12 on medical claims.

13 Are there any questions?

14 DIRECTOR GANS: I have submitted my
15 questions to Michelle and to the chief and they
16 provided answers to me.

17 A little bit complicated. The one
18 was. But, nonetheless, answers.

19 But I do have one additional
20 question that I did fail to submit.

21 Check number 40987 to Purcell Tire.
22 It says we paid \$790.28 for a wheel balance on
23 2217.

24 That seems like a lot for a wheel --
25 for wheel balancing.

1 And the timing is great for -- look
2 who's here.

3 B. C. SCHMITT: Battalion Chief
4 Dave Schmitt.

5 That was more than just a wheel
6 alignment.

7 It started out to be a wheel
8 alignment, because it was pulling and it ended up
9 being a failed tire.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

11 B. C. SCHMITT: So, by the time they
12 -- with those International's, it's a little more
13 than just your standard thirty-nine-ninety-nine
14 Midas wheel alignment test with the tie that
15 failed.

16 So that alignment --

17 DIRECTOR GANS: So that includes the
18 cost of a tire.

19 B. C. SCHMITT: All right. Thank
20 you.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: I thought it might,
22 --

23 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So that
25 was my additional question. I know it's out of

1 character to actually ask the questions during
2 the meeting, but that one I forgot to send.

3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: The timing is good.
4 (General chuckles.)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You got lucky.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Those
7 are all my questions.

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do you have any
9 additional questions?

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I do not.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All right.

12 And, I have no additional questions.

13 Pardon me.

14 In reviewing these disbursements,
15 they appear to be reasonable and necessary in the
16 conduct of the District's business.

17 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
18 prepared per your recommendation?

19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate
21 any state bidding statues or constitute
22 installment payments?

23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware
24 of.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I make a motion

1 that we accept the disbursements as prepared.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
3 motion.

4 Any discussion?

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

10 Motion passes three to nothing.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And I --

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Do you want to make
13 a quick comment?

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Today, in 1917,
15 President Woodrow Wilson actually went to the U.
16 S. Congress and asked for a Declaration of War
17 against Germany, due to a number of items, not to
18 mention the, I think, the scar that pushed it
19 over the edge was the (not clear) telegram which
20 was an invitation from Germany to Mexico to enter
21 the war on the side of the Axis Powers.

22 A short time later, they actually
23 began a draft because they were not getting
24 enough volunteers.

25 And I think that draft registration

1 went up to men as old as 45.

2 They multiplied the number of
3 personnel in the U. S. Army by a factor of about
4 20.

5 And that concludes the Treasurer's
6 Report.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

8 Moving on to the Chief's Report.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Excuse me.
10 Before we do the Chief's Report, I have a
11 correction.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I'm gonna
14 get fired over this.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: No, you won't.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I need to make
17 a correction to the fourth bid for uniform
18 embroidery.

19 The name that I gave you earlier,
20 which was "David Kidwell." He was the rep for
21 Galls. G-A-L-L-S.

22 So the bid is actually from Galls,
23 LLC.

24 So if we could correct that, I would
25 appreciate it.

1 And I will not take up any more of
2 your time.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Did I do that?
6 (Referring to a loud noise.)

7 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: That was
8 me.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh.

10 (General chuckles.)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Who was
12 speaking?

13 (No response.)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: So, we're onto --
15 we're on the Chief's Report, now.

16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

17 Item A. Chief Crews is prepared to
18 make a recommendation for LED lighting at House
19 One.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: At a
21 previous Board Meeting, the Board opened up bids
22 for an LED lighting project for our Station One,
23 located at 15700 Baxter Road.

24 We received one bid from Aschinger
25 Electric.

1 That bid price was in the amount of
2 \$37,888.00.

3 This was the only bid received.

4 The maintenance department, headed
5 by Randy Weber, has reviewed the intent of this
6 spec and it does meet the compliance for our
7 intended spec.

8 So we are making a recommendation to
9 award the LED lighting project for Station One to
10 Aschinger Electric, again, in the amount of
11 \$37,888.00.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: The only bidder
13 always is, of course, of some concern, unless
14 it's a specialized item.

15 Is the amount bid consistent with
16 what has been paid for this work elsewhere?

17 I know it's not the same spec. It's
18 less light, more wide spread.

19 Is it reasonably similar?

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It is. Aschinger
21 has done the work of three of the four LED
22 upgrades we've done.

23 The prices are marketable and
24 comparable to their previous charges.

25 So we were comfortable making the

1 recommendation with just the one bid.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So, with
3 that in mind, I will make a motion to accept the
4 bid for LED lighting replacement at House One in
5 the amount of \$37,888.00.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second
7 that.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

14 Motion passes three to nothing.

15 They have the work.

16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

17 Item B is -- Michelle's added to the
18 packets, the financial's for January and
19 February.

20 Michelle?

21 MS. DEPEW: On page 14 are the
22 financial's for January and February.

23 Do you have any immediate questions?

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I do.

25 MS. DEPEW: (not audible)

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Which page are
2 we starting on? I'm sorry.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I -- I noticed
4 that they're -- they're way out of whack.

5 I'm guessing it's due to timing and
6 I say that -- the amounts for expenses for
7 January -- for February are significantly more
8 than January.

9 Is that a timing issue?

10 MS. DEPEW: It's the -- why we pay
11 some of our major bills at the first of the year,
12 such as the --

13 The other thing is, is that January
14 outstanding has parts of the raises in there,
15 because we do the (not clear) for the (not clear)
16 and February has a hundred percent of those where
17 January has parts of January, too.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. What about no
19 revenue for out-of-District billing in January?

20 MS. DEPEW: Because the January
21 billing actually goes by (not clear) 2017,
22 because the "cause" we run in '17 goes to the
23 revenue (not clear.)

24 So it part of the accrual accounting
25 that -- other than that, it's -- it's our (not

1 clear) each year.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
3 you.

4 Those are all of my questions.

5 MS. DEPEW: Any other questions?

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That answers
7 mine, because there was just that -- that 50
8 percent from January to February, it wasn't
9 pension revenue.

10 MS. DEPEW: Understood.

11 Page 15 are the cash accounts and
12 the current investments.

13 Any further questions?

14 DIRECTOR GANS: What's our next
15 group coming up? Is it -- is it given; I say
16 that when I look into May.

17 MS. DEPEW: It is in May. June
18 First. These are -- this coming May we'll start
19 having discussions and re-looking at the rates
20 for the CDRS program.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Got it.

22 I have no other questions.

23 MS. DEPEW: (not understood)

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

1 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Item C and D are
2 relative, too.

3 Battalion Chief Schmitt is here,
4 this evening.

5 After a discussion with Attorney
6 Hoffman and Michelle, in the process and a brief
7 discussion with you, Rick, we would like to
8 request the Board to allow us to request
9 proposals for a rescue pumper in 2019.

10 Twenty-Two-Thirty-Four is the --
11 Chief?

12 DIRECTOR GANS: There's going to be
13 one question for him. The only question we care
14 about.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

16 B. C. SCHMITT: Dave Schmitt, bat-
17 talion chief.

18 Yes, ma'am.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Start with the
20 answer to that question.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes, please.

22 B. C. SCHMITT: "It's goin' to House
23 Three." I --

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

25 B. C. SCHMITT: "How much money?"

1 DIRECTOR GANS: No.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: What color?

3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: What color?

4 (General chuckles.)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Color.

6 (General chuckles.)

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I mean, what
8 color will the logo be?

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: (not understood)

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: He thinks we're
11 joking.

12 B. C. SCHMITT: The color will be,
13 --

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And we're --

15 B. C. SCHMITT: -- and the
16 committee recommendation is, red. All red.

17 The -- we've made a modification to
18 the truck that we're currently having built, that
19 we're waiting for. It should be delivered in a
20 few months.

21 The reflective striping and the --
22 the logo on the doors will still be gold leaf.

23 But, the bigger name, across the
24 side of the body will still be reflective black
25 with a gold outline, so it stands out more.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Do you have that,
2 now?

3 B. C. SCHMITT: No. The truck
4 that's currently being built will have that;
5 2254.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Shouldn't we see
7 that first?

8

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah.

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Didn't we (not
11 clear) the 50 images?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah.

13 B. C. SCHMITT: The imagines will
14 have to fit with gold leaf, --

15 DIRECTOR GANS: -- Yes.

16 B. C. SCHMITT: -- total, on
17 this.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: They were.

19 B. C. SCHMITT: On the lettering.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes, they were. And
21 -- and I drove by House Five today and say, I'm
22 guessing, 2220 sitting on the --

23 B. C. SCHMITT: Twenty-four. Yes.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I bet we're
25 rescuing that, too.

1 I -- and I saw 2224 and I only knew
2 it was ours because it had no -- no fire district
3 name on it.

4 Did they seem (not clear) or, they
5 didn't.

6 But I knew it had to be ours,
7 because it's red and had a black liner in it and
8 that was it.

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We understand. We
10 will provide lettering that's adequate and
11 approved by the Board.

12 MS. DEPEW: So, I know, --

13 DIRECTOR GANS: She knew.

14 All right. So, now that we've left
15 the less important thing on the scene.

16 Now, the more important thing, we --
17 well, we are serious about those colors.

18 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes. I -- I
19 understand completely. I agree with that.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: You have a Board
21 that really doesn't like the color scheme,
22 period. And it is barely tolerating --

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Right.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: -- the lettering
25 being corrected and the logo.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I mean, once --
2 once upon a time that I --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: We were in charge.

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- sat on this
5 Board, I wasn't in charge, but we actually had
6 the proposed modification of the logo and I went,
7 "I don't even know who this is and it doesn't
8 look like the Fire District."

9 Fortunately, I was able to convince
10 my fellow Board Members that what we have
11 displayed now is a highly appropriate and
12 distinctive logo as opposed to -- it did look
13 like something you'd put on some product you were
14 selling on Ebay.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: So, -- so it's
16 important these trucks be able to perform the
17 service for which we're buying them.

18 It's important that they are durable
19 and last a long time.

20 It's important they're within our
21 budget.

22 But, we expect those things.

23 The part that we have the say-so
24 over is how it looks.

25 And the public, who are paying for

1 it and -- and I hope are proud of the way they
2 look; the public is -- it includes us.

3 And we really still don't like the
4 color scheme.

5 But, anyway, --

6 B. C. SCHMITT: The -- follow me.
7 We can, if you have time, I can discuss that with
8 you, also, some of the background on it.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, we don't have
10 time.

11 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Tonight.
13 Tonight.

14 (General chuckles.)

15 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay. So.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

17 B. C. SCHMITT: But we do have
18 time before this current, or, the -- this truck
19 that I'm -- we're asking for, at this point.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

21 B. C. SCHMITT: The other truck
22 will be here long before that with the
23 modifications we've made based on -- some of our
24 com -- committee members have also said, "We need
25 to make this stand out better."

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So, --

2 B. C. SCHMITT: So, --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: -- tell us about
4 2234.

5 B. C. SCHMITT: Twenty-Two-Thirty-
6 Four, obviously, will go to House Three.

7 It currently has a 2012 78 foot
8 ladder truck in there.

9 Part of our mid-range medium-range
10 plan was to go down to two ladder trucks in the
11 District. One at House Four. One at House One.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

13 B. C. SCHMITT: So, --

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Go back to that.

15 B. C. SCHMITT: Go back to that.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

17 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay. So, we will
18 have, essentially, rescue pumpers at Two's,
19 Five's and Three's.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Good move.

21 B. C. SCHMITT: So, that's where
22 we're at.

23 At this point, this truck is to
24 complete that.

25 The original medium-range plan had

1 the rescue truck being replaced next.

2 And, at this point, we determined to
3 go ahead and, with the age of our other -- the
4 2212 ladder truck is a 2000, sitting at House
5 One, so -- and then the reserve ladder truck is
6 a 2002.

7 So, we're interested in reducing our
8 number of ladder trucks that we have to maintain
9 and to get rid of -- reduce some of that cost
10 sooner.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And we've done
12 a major refurbishment on 2212. Was it once, or
13 have we done that twice, now?

14 B. C. SCHMITT: Once on 2212 and
15 once on 2292.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay.

17 B. C. SCHMITT: Both of 'em have
18 been re-furbed.

19 Twenty-Two-Ninety-Two was the most
20 recent. It used to be the 2242, the 2002 truck.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: So that's a --

22 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: -- we're talking
24 about here?

25 B. C. SCHMITT: That's the 85 foot

1 ladder truck.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: And -- and 2212, a
3 straight stick?

4 B. C. SCHMITT: A 105 straight
5 stick.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: A Pierce?

7 B. C. SCHMITT: Yeah, they're both
8 Pierce.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Got it.
10 Go ahead.

11 B. C. SCHMITT: So, that's why
12 we've changed, with the conversation we've had
13 with the chiefs, to go ahead and put the 2234 on
14 the front burner, --

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

16 B. C. SCHMITT: -- and get that
17 truck.

18 We're looking at requesting
19 \$600,000.00 maximum on this apparatus.

20 If you recall, our last project
21 we're completing right now, was for the tanker
22 and the 2254 was an \$800,000.00 project.

23 We figured -- we had planned 250 for
24 the tanker and 550 for the pumper.

25 And the pumper came in at five-

1 forty-six and the tanker was two-fifty-six, I
2 think.

3 We're just a little bit over the
4 800, total, but, they're -- since that time,
5 everything has gone, but, those apparatus
6 manufacturer's have all been five percent
7 increase annually.

8 And we have made a few modifications
9 to the 2234. Made a few improvements over 54 and
10 24.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. This will
12 hold how much water?

13 B. C. SCHMITT: This is a thousand
14 gallon tank.

15 All of our rescue pumpers will be
16 pretty much identical.

17 They will have 1500 gallon minimum
18 pumps, thousand gallons of water, full of
19 compliment university tools, essentially the same
20 hose capacity, light towers, a four door cab,
21 four seat jump seats. Pretty much the same.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Outside nozzles?

23 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

25 B. C. SCHMITT: Pumper -- on

1 that.

2 The 2254 and the 2234 will both have
3 the deck gun that's on the top mount center of
4 the truck.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, they will.

6 B. C. SCHMITT: They will be
7 remote control deck guns, so that we do not have
8 to put people in an emergency situation to climb
9 up in the dark on top of the truck and raise the
10 deck gun and operate it from there.

11 It can be remotely controlled, which
12 is a little pricey, but --

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, I brought up,
14 through the years, my -- when I was really
15 impressed, a long time ago, with a (not clear)
16 pumper that was pumping off the deck, of the top,
17 -- off the top.

18 And I -- it was doing an amazing job
19 of knocking down a fire.

20 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay. So. And it
21 can be very rapidly deployed, so it should be a
22 benefit in that respect.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

24 B. C. SCHMITT: We're hoping to --
25 this truck will be -- go out to bid for 30 days

1 and the bids will be back, so, the first part of
2 -- of May, we'll get those bids and we'll
3 recommend -- and then we'll have another month.

4 And, hopefully, by June 1st, we'll be
5 ordering a truck.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

7 B. C. SCHMITT: The current truck
8 is taking about 18 months to build, so, the part
9 of this --

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Is that because of
11 backlog, or is this -- it's not taking that long,
12 is it?

13 B. C. SCHMITT: It's backlog.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

15 B. C. SCHMITT: It's -- it's been
16 a frustration, to say the least.

17 The last two trucks, 2224 and now
18 this truck have both been passed their projected
19 due date.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: And who are we
21 buying this one from?

22 B. C. SCHMITT: The 2224 and 2254
23 are both Smeals.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

25 B. C. SCHMITT: Obviously, we

1 don't know what this one is, yet.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

3 B. C. SCHMITT: So.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Are you looking
6 at going out for a bid for loose gear at the same
7 time, or, waiting until we get closer?

8 B. C. SCHMITT: The loose
9 equipment will be just like we're doing
10 currently. We have been, for the past few years,
11 with the loose equipment line item and that's
12 part of the next proposal is for the equipment.

13 But, anyway, we'll still be doing
14 the lease equipment line item stuff and
15 purchasing that closer to a delivery of the
16 trucks so the warranties on that equipment are
17 appropriate.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thanks.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I will
20 make a motion to go out to bid for a pumper
21 rescue truck to be used as 2234, with a -- at
22 least a thousand dollar -- a thousand gallon
23 tank, water tank for 30 days.

24 Do I hear a second?

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?
2 (No response.)
3 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?
4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
7 Motion passes.
8 B. C. SCHMITT: Thank you.
9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Looks pretty good.
10 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay. Item D, or
11 whatever it is,--
12 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.
13 B. C. SCHMITT: -- is the rest of
14 the equipment for 2254.
15 Right now, the 2254 is scheduled to
16 be here no later than June 6th, at this point.
17 We go -- we're going up in a couple
18 of weeks to do the mid-construction, a review on
19 that truck.
20 This equipment, we're estimating
21 around \$30,000.00. These are the hydraulic
22 spreaders, "pillars" and rams that'll go on the
23 2254.
24 They're a new technology, that's
25 probably five or eight years old, which is

1 they're completely battery operated.

2 My other ones that got the either
3 the hydraulically driven either by a hose tied to
4 the truck for a portable power unit and
5 hydraulically driven.

6 These have 34 volt lifting "Mylan"
7 batteries and they have the built-in electric
8 motor driving the hydraulic pump (not clear)
9 driving the tools.

10 So the tools, in size, are a few
11 pounds heavier than the old hydraulically driven
12 tools, but you're not stumbling and tripping over
13 the hydraulic hoses like you do with the other
14 ones and can be used -- you can use the (not
15 clear) that you have at the same time.

16 With the other ones you have to wait
17 and use the tools sequentially.

18 So, these are part of the \$50,000.00
19 equipment line items.

20 Last year, this -- this truck ran
21 longer, so we -- we're now, we're into this
22 year's line item for loose equipment.

23 Last year, the 60,000 we were
24 expecting to use on this truck, since the truck
25 -- we did use 30,000 of it last year to buy the

1 non-warranty sensitive equipment.

2 There was the rescue air bags and --
3 the air bags and the struts, which are the
4 stabilization struts on over-turned vehicle.

5 Those were purchased last year,
6 because those have longer warranties and a few
7 months here or there is not going to
8 significantly address the warranty.

9 We are waiting on these hydraulic
10 tools because they do have more sites and a time
11 sensitive warranty, so we're trying to buy these,
12 this year's line item, 50,000, use half of that
13 this year.

14 What we did last year, with that
15 other half of that 60,000 is we upgraded the
16 equipment on our reserve truck, so that's when
17 they had to switch over with the reserve trucks
18 and so we tried to switch overtime and we do
19 stops, so that's what we used that money for last
20 year for operating that equipment. So.

21 So, we're requesting, now, to buy
22 the hydraulic rescue tools for 2254.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I will
24 make a motion to go out to bid for 30 days --

25 B. C. SCHMITT: Tonight. I'm --

1 I'm sorry. Can I amend that?

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

3 B. C. SCHMITT: We've been -- last
4 fall we did a review on the rescue tools and we
5 eliminated one of the venders, because we weren't
6 satisfied with their tools.

7 About a month ago, we had three
8 wrecked cars brought down to the training tower
9 and we had three venders show their equipment and
10 we narrowed it down to two venders, at that time.

11 Our committee voted, the other day,
12 because these are venders specific. They have
13 territorial proprietary bidding, so we will have,
14 at this point, we voted and we voted to go with
15 one manufacturer, as opposed to -- we didn't want
16 the price -- we were going on strictly -- but the
17 prices are all the same. Pretty close. They're
18 going to be a few hundred, many a couple of
19 thousand dollars difference on 'em.

20 We were looking at the quality of
21 the tool and the dependability of the tool and
22 we've decided to go with the Hearst brand rescue
23 tool.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, what if we get
25 bids from other venders?

1 B. C. SCHMITT: It was -- you
2 know, we --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: You have --

4 B. C. SCHMITT: -- that's one of
5 the things that you can't buy --

6 DIRECTOR GANS: You don't have to
7 accept them, but, hold on.

8 MISTER HOFFMAN: Yeah. Well, so
9 when we talked the other day, since it is --
10 there is a single provider, but I think if you
11 get other bids you have to accept them and -- and
12 open them.

13 So, I mean, you're still going to
14 put it out to bid.

15 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes.

16 MISTER HOFFMAN: Right.

17 B. C. SCHMITT: And we're just
18 going to go with the two week bidding process.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So, we
20 go with -- I don't want to eliminate the one
21 vender.

22 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: You can eliminate it
24 to the qualifications of the vender, when it
25 comes to selection, --

1 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: -- but, --

3 B. C. SCHMITT: Okay.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So, I'll
5 make a motion to go out, -- sorry. I retract my
6 previous partial motion.

7 And I go with a motion to go out to
8 bid for rescue tools, loose tools for 2254,
9 especially hydraulic tools, for a two week
10 period.

11 Do I hear a second?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Second.

13 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes, we --

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

15 B. C. SCHMITT: We plan to report
16 back to at the next Open Meeting with a
17 recommendation for these tools.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I -- I do have
19 one question, as part of the discussion.

20 You had said newer technology, but
21 you're -- if I understood correctly, it's
22 technology that has been around five to eight
23 years, with the lithium ion batteries.

24 B. C. SCHMITT: Correct.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay.

1 B. C. SCHMITT: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thanks.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We have
4 a motion and a second. All in favor?

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

8 Motion passes three to nothing.

9 B. C. SCHMITT: Thank you, again.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's all I have.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.
13 The end of the world. We have an
14 Attorney's Report.

15 (General laughter.)

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I know.

17 MISTER HOFFMAN: It doesn't happen
18 very often.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm so confused.
20 (General laughter.)

21 DIRECTOR GANS: I know it's new for
22 you, Jean.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah, really.

24 MISTER HOFFMAN: So, under my
25 report, tonight, is the NIMS Ordinance.

1 And, you all talked about this, in
2 the past.

3 This is the National Incident
4 Management System.

5 And so this the agreed Ordinance
6 adopting that management system. It's Ordinance
7 Number 4-18.

8 And I was working with Chief Crews
9 on this. As you can see, it's pretty straight
10 forward and it just references Homeland Security
11 and there is a policy that goes along with it.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

13 Any need to read the entire motion?
14 Ordinance?

15 MISTER HOFFMAN: It -- it wouldn't
16 be bad to --

17 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

18 MISTER HOFFMAN: -- and it's
19 pretty brief.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Then, I'll --

21 MISTER HOFFMAN: And if --

22 DIRECTOR GANS: -- read --

23 MISTER HOFFMAN: -- you'd --

24 DIRECTOR GANS: -- it.

25 MISTER HOFFMAN: -- like, I could

1 do it, also, too.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So, I
3 will make a motion to adopt the National Incident
4 Management System Ordinance Number 4-14 (sic)
5 which is an Ordinance Adopting -- 4-18, --

6 We needed the treasurer for that.

7 Which is an Ordinance adopting the
8 National Incident Management System, NIMS, as the
9 standard for incident management by the Monarch
10 Fire Protection District.

11 WHEREAS, on February 28, 2003, the
12 President issued Homeland Security Presidential
13 Directive - 5 that directed the Department of
14 Homeland Security, in cooperation with the
15 representatives of federal, state, and local
16 government, to develop a National Incident
17 Management System to provide a consistent
18 approach to the effective management of
19 situations involving natural disasters or
20 terrorism; and

21 WHEREAS, the final National Incident
22 Management System, otherwise known as NIMS, was
23 released on March 1st, 2004, and

24 WHEREAS, the NIMS contains a
25 practice model for the accomplishment of the

1 significant responsibilities associated with
2 prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and
3 mitigation of all major and national hazards
4 situations, and

5 WHEREAS, the HSPD-5 requires that
6 state and local governments adopt the NIMS by
7 fiscal year 2005 as a pre-condition to the
8 receipt of federal grants, contract and
9 activities related to the management and
10 preparedness for certain disaster and hazard
11 situations, and

12 WHEREAS, the Monarch Fire Protection
13 District desires to adopt the NIMS as required by
14 HSPD-5.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY
16 THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF
17 DIRECTORS As Follows:

18 1. The District hereby adopts the
19 National Incident Management System released on
20 March 1st, 2004.

21 2. This Ordinance shall be in full
22 force from and after its passage by the Board of
23 Directors.

24 Do I hear a second?

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I do have one
3 quick question.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Chief, are both
6 you and Assistant Chief Crews trained in this
7 system?

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thank you.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: I am, too.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That's my only
12 question.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: My question is,

14 --

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I don't believe
16 you.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Am I trained?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- who is
19 required to be trained?

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It is illustrated
21 in the NIMS plan, the training components and who
22 is -- who is to be trained at what level.

23 So we will comply. There's a
24 dynamic process, obviously, as we have new
25 employees here.

1 So that is the process --
2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.
3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- we will con --
4 be constantly continuing.
5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Chief?
7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes?
8 DIRECTOR GANS: Am I trained?
9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, you are.
10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I'm -- I'm
11 delighted to hear that.
12 (General chuckles.)
13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I feel very safe,
14 now.
15 DIRECTOR GANS: It was arduous.
16 All right. So, we have a motion, a
17 second, too much discussion.
18 All in favor?
19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
21 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
22 Motion passes three to nothing.
23 Anything else?
24 MISTER HOFFMAN: That is the end of
25 my report, sir. Thank you.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do you need fully
2 signed copies?

3 MISTER HOFFMAN: Yes. We will need
4 three signed copies on -- on that, if that's
5 okay, because that is -- will potentially be
6 requested by the parties.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: The court reporter
9 requests a copy. She's already leaning over
10 trying to read it, so she'll need a copy to put
11 it in the record.

12 MISTER HOFFMAN: Absolutely.

13 MS. DEPEW: I need a copy.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Does that conclude
15 your report?

16 MISTER HOFFMAN: That concludes my
17 report.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

19 Any New Business for tonight?

20 (No response.)

21 Rg: Any Unfinished Business?

22 (No response.)

23 Rg: Hearing none, the tentative
24 agenda for tonight's meeting includes a revised
25 --

1 oh, my gosh, a Closed session.

2 And, at this time, I make a motion
3 to go into Closed session, pursuant to Missouri
4 Revised Statute 610.021, Legal Actions and
5 Advise; Two, Purchase of Real Estate; Three,
6 Personnel Matters; Nine, Employee Groups
7 Negotiation and Thirteen, Personnel Records.

8 Do I hear a second?

9 DIRECTOR Harris: Second.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

14 Motion passes.

15 We are off the record and going into
16 Closed session.

17 (Whereupon, at 5:35 P.M., the Board entered
18 into a Closed Meeting, after which time, at 5:53
19 P.M., they returned to the Open Meeting as
20 follows.)

21 Director Gans announced that one
22 vote was taken during the Closed Meeting and it
23 will be announced in accordance with the Missouri
24 Sunshine Law.

25 Hearing no further business,

1 Director Gans made a motion to adjourn the
2 meeting, seconded by Director Millner.

3 The motion passed by a vote of three
4 to nothing.

5 (At 5:54 P.M., the meeting was adjourned.)

6 {REPORTERS NOTE: *The transcribed Minutes*
7 *taken by Attorney Hoffman are attached to the*
8 *Minutes of April 2, 2018 and may be seen at the*
9 *District Headquarters.*}

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I, Virginia L. Long, Notary Public and professional court reporter, within and for the State of Missouri, County of St. Charles, do hereby certify that there came before me at that time and in that place first aforesaid, those persons and matters herein described and has been transcribed into typewritten form, to the best of my ability, and is now herewith returned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of April, 2018.

My commission expires June 23, 2020.

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