

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

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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 Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in an Open Board Meeting.

At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

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 Harris 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

6:00 P.M.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I will call to order the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District and ask everyone to 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 HARRIS: Approval of Agenda.

Are there any changes?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Excellent.

Then, moving along to Citizen Comments.

I have no forms and see no citizens that I think might be interested in making comments.

That takes us to the President's Report.

This evening, the Board President was unavailable and so I'm standing in for President Rick Gans.

1                   And there was no report.    Just a  
2    quick comment.

3                   Last Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, there  
4    was a Memorial Service noting the line of death  
5    duty of Captain Ray Trog, who passed away when he  
6    was, I believe, searching for -- to a building  
7    for potential victims.

8                   And that would've been March 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
9    1979.

10                  At that point in time, we were still  
11    the Chesterfield Fire Protection District and, to  
12    the best of my knowledge and our records, that is  
13    fortunately the only line of death duty we have  
14    seen since the Fire District stood up as the  
15    Volunteer Fire District about a hundred years  
16    ago.

17                  So, I did want to just make note of  
18    that.

19                  For those who were in attendance, I  
20    want to say thanks.  It was very impressive.

21                  And I spoke with family members.  I  
22    know they were highly appreciative.

23                  And that concludes the President's  
24    Report.

25                  Moving along to the Secretary's

1 Report.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have a few  
3 things.

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All right.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We'll get a lot  
7 done without Rick here.

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I know. Right?  
9 Okay. I would like to -- I'm sorry.  
10 I need to move a lot closer, don't  
11 I. Thank you.

12 I would like to move for the  
13 approval of the Open Meeting Minutes for February  
14 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

15 Do I have a second?

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

17 Any discussion?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

22 Motion passes two-zero.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I also move for  
24 the approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes from  
25 February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

1 Do I have a second?  
2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.  
3 Any discussion?  
4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.  
5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?  
6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.  
7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.  
8 Motion passes two-zero.  
9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. Those  
10 are the only Minutes I have.  
11 Now, we have some bids to be opened.  
12 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Do you want me to  
13 take those Minutes?  
14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, yes. Please.  
15 Thank you.  
16 Oh, we need to sign the other one.  
17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay.  
18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'll keep this  
19 one. I'll keep them handy.  
20 All right. Our first bids are going  
21 to be for House One Engine Room ceiling.  
22 Is this the one?  
23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.  
24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Chief, was this  
25 bid received sealed and on time?

1 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, it was.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (not audible) You  
3 couldn't make it any easier unless you just  
4 opened the bids real fast.

5 (General chuckles.)

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: This bid is from  
7 Rebel, Incorporated. R-E-B-E-L.

8 And it is in the amount of  
9 \$26,480.00.

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's the only bid  
11 we got.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Let's note that  
13 it was the only bid for the project.

14 Chief Spiegel, would you please  
15 review the bid for specification compliance and  
16 return the recommendation to the Board of  
17 Directors?

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

20 Our next bids will be a House Five  
21 generator.

22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Want to do those  
23 (not clear).

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: We also only have  
25 one bid for this project.

1 Chief Spiegel, was this bid received  
2 sealed and on time?

3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, it was.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

5 The bid is from Aschminger (sic)  
6 Electric. A-S-C-H- -- Oh, it's Aschinger. I'm  
7 sorry. A-S-C-H-I-N-G-E-R Electric.

8 Did I tell you this is for the House  
9 Five generator?

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: You did.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The House Five  
12 generator is the project.

13 Okay. This bid is in the amount of  
14 \$124,430.00 and no cents.

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Chief Fassler?

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Ed?

17 B. C. FASSLER: (inaudible)

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Did we have the  
19 option for House One's request?

20 B. C. FASSLER: That was -- yeah,  
21 there was an option for that on there, when we  
22 went out to bid for that.

23 That's how we (inaudible).

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay, Chief  
25 Spiegel, please review this bid for specification

1 compliance and return a recommendation to the  
2 Board of Directors.

3 Never mind, we just found it.

4 Hold on.

5 It's got some static electricity  
6 going on there.

7 Okay. I did the House Five  
8 generator.

9 All right, the next bid is for House  
10 One generator, also from Aschinger Electric.

11 That bid is in the amount of  
12 \$95,845.00 and no cents.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It does seem  
14 appropriate that if you're going to have static  
15 electricity, it would be --

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: From the --

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- for the --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- electric --

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- generator --

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- project --

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- project.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes. Exactly.

23 Okay. Chief Spiegel, please review  
24 both of those bids for specification compliance  
25 and return a recommendation to the Board of

1 Directors.

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Our next bid will  
4 be for House One and House Four Landscape Rock.

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Two bids.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: We have two bids  
7 for this project.

8 Chief Spiegel, were these bids  
9 received sealed and on time?

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, they  
11 were.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

13 Our first bid is for -- (not clear)  
14 Headquarters.

15 Okay. My notes say House One and  
16 Four. My bids say "Headquarters."

17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It is actually  
18 Headquarters and House Four.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Let the  
20 Minutes stand corrected. This bid is for  
21 Headquarters and House Four Landscape Rock.

22 Our bid for Headquarters -- I'm  
23 sorry. This is from Wells Landscaping.

24 W-E-L-L-S Landscaping and Lawn Care,  
25 Incorporated.

1                   And while I was opening it, I tore  
2 it. So I'm taping it back together.

3                   Okay. The first bid is for  
4 Headquarters Landscaping Rock project. It is for  
5 the amount of \$5,944.50.

6                   The second bid, also from Wells  
7 Landscaping and Lawn Care, Incorporated for  
8 landscaping rock at House Four, in the amount of  
9 \$5,017.00 and no cents.

10                   Chief Spiegel, can you please review  
11 these bids for specification compliance and  
12 return a recommendation to the Board of  
13 Directors?

14                   CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, but you  
15 have another one.

16                   DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I'm sorry.  
17 I have another one.

18                   Thank you, sir.

19                   Okay? You're welcome.

20                   Chief Spiegel, was this bid received  
21 on time and sealed?

22                   CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, it was.

23                   DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you, sir.  
24 These bids are from Baxter Gardens.  
25 The first bid is for Headquarters.

1 It is in the amount \$5,224.19.

2 The second bid is for House Four in  
3 the amount of \$8,676.78.

4 Now, Chief Spiegel, will you please  
5 review these bids for specification compliance  
6 and return a recommendation to the Board of  
7 Directors?

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

10 We should have additional bids now  
11 for Seasonal Grass Cutting at all of our  
12 locations.

13 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's three bids.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: We have three  
15 bids, for those.

16 Chief Spiegel, was this bid received  
17 sealed and on time?

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, it was.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

20 Our first bid is from Surecut  
21 Solutions. One word. S-U-R-E-C-U-T.

22 Second word, "Solutions."

23 And this bid covers seasonal grass  
24 cutting for 2019 for all seven locations in the  
25 amount of \$16,975.00 and no cents.

1 Oh, wow, that's --

2 Our second bid is from Wells  
3 Landscaping and Lawn Care.

4 Chief Spiegel, was this bid received  
5 sealed and on time?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, it was.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

8 It looks like the only difference  
9 between is whether or not they mow 32 times, or  
10 35 times.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'll have to review  
12 the specifications.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

14 Okay, we have two bids. The first  
15 one is noted 32 mows, M-O-W-S. That is in the  
16 amount of \$20,480.00.

17 Our second bid from Wells is noted  
18 35 mows, M-O-W-S, in the amount of \$22,400.00.  
19 No cents.

20 Our third bid for seasonal grass  
21 cutting is from Baxter Gardens.

22 Chief Spiegel, was this bid received  
23 sealed and on time?

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am, it was.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you, sir.

1 This appears to be a duplicate.

2 The bid from Baxter Gardens contract  
3 total is \$33,250.00. No cents.

4 MS. LONG: Was that 15 or 50?

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Fifty. I'm  
6 sorry. Hold on, let me double check it.

7 Yeah, 3-3-2-5-0.

8 MS. LONG: Thank you.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You're welcome.

10 Chief Spiegel, please review the  
11 bids for a specification compliance and return a  
12 recommendation to the Board of Directors.

13 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And that con-  
15 cludes the Secretary's Report.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Moving along to  
17 the Treasurer's Report.

18 We have disbursements in the amount  
19 of \$2,126,342.03, for the period.

20 We have five checks over \$5,000.00.

21 Check number 42605 to MacQueen  
22 Emergency Group in the amount of \$201,562.83.

23 And that is for the new turnout  
24 gear, as we continue with updating, upgrading and  
25 getting second sets of turnout gear to enhance

1 safety for our personnel.

2 That was a budgeted item.

3 Check number 42607 to Mediclaims,  
4 Incorporated in the amount of \$7,760.35.

5 That is January billing.

6 Check number 42609 to Mercy  
7 Specialized Billing Services in the amount of  
8 \$10,762.00 and no cents.

9 And that is for 2018 EMS runs.

10 Check number 42618 to Polsinelli  
11 P.C., in the amount of \$20,534.47.

12 And those -- that -- that would be  
13 for January Pension services and a review and  
14 restatement of some of the pension documents.

15 And, last, check number 42612 to  
16 Montgomery Bank in the amount of \$12,005.44.

17 That would be a variety of  
18 expenditures on the credit card.

19 Are there any questions?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have no  
21 additional questions that were not previously  
22 answered.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I had a couple of  
24 questions.

25 My apologies. I was unable to look

1 at this ahead of time and do it via email.

2 But, I'll just go to red page five  
3 and it is check number 42572. We had multiple  
4 repairs and replacements to some of the exterior  
5 locks.

6 And was that just part of --

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I spoke with --

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- annual or semi-  
9 annual review and those were upgrades, or --

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: These are -- these  
11 were dated locks that had chronic problems and  
12 eventually we replaced them.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thanks. Next, red  
14 page six, check number 42581; actually, that's to  
15 Clinical Collection Management.

16 I noted some drug testing.

17 Was that just random.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I believe those are  
19 random cycling. Marilyn's nodding her head yes.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay. I was just  
21 curious.

22 Then, also, red page six, sorry,  
23 check number 42588, Fire Prevention Bureau, tent  
24 banners for \$795.33.

25 I assume that is for -- and I mean,

1 I wanted to get it on the record, to let people  
2 know when we are at these public events where we  
3 are located.

4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That is correct.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Next, I have red  
6 page nine and check number 42605, near the top,  
7 several, it looks like repairs for some doors,  
8 but, also, and I've already touched on it, the  
9 turnout gear and -- and I believe Battalion Chief  
10 Fassler was working on that and I just wanted to  
11 verify, that's the new light blue, or -- or, is  
12 that the --

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

14 B. C. FASSLER: (away from the  
15 mic.)

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, these are the  
17 purple ones.

18 (General chuckles.)

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: They should be  
20 the purple ones.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do we -- do we  
22 have any of the new turnout gear?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Have we received  
25 any of it yet?

1 B. C. FASSLER: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And --

3 B. C. FASSLER: It has all been  
4 received and has been distributed.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Is there any --  
6 and I -- I don't need it this moment, but if  
7 there is any available, here at Headquarters,  
8 this evening, I'd actually like to see --

9 B. C. FASSLER: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- a set.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah.

12 B. C. FASSLER: Definitely.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: So, thanks. I --

14 B. C. FASSLER: Would you like  
15 that after the meeting?

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yeah.

17 B. C. FASSLER: Or, at the  
18 meeting?

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: (indicated)

20 B. C. FASSLER: Okay.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thank you.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Then, the same  
24 page, check number 42612.  
25 We had sandbags for training. And

1 while I can think of numerous uses for sandbags,  
2 I was curious.

3 TRAINING OFFICER ECHELE: Robin  
4 Echele, training officer.

5 These were (one word not clear)  
6 force training bags. They're like a canvas bag.

7 There's two different sizes. Two  
8 for each Station.

9 They're filled with sand we utilize  
10 that for training purposes that assimilate the  
11 equipment we carry, body drags and so-forth. And  
12 --

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I was just -- and  
14 I had actually not envisioned what they were for,  
15 so, thank you.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Wait. I have one  
17 question on that.

18 I had seen a description earlier and  
19 I totally understood it, but I had one question  
20 that I failed to ask.

21 What is the maximum weight that each  
22 of those bags can hold?

23 (No audible response. Away from the  
24 mic.)

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Everybody --

1                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:       There's two  
2 different sizes, so the larger one is 75?

3                   TRAINING OFFICER ECHELE:   Yes.

4                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:   Okay. Thank you.

5                   DIRECTOR HARRIS:       And my last  
6 question is red page 12, near the bottom, check  
7 number 42636.

8                   I actually have the answer, but for  
9 anyone who might be perusing our expenditures, it  
10 does show three t.v.'s for House One.

11                   And, in fact, it is one t.v. for  
12 House One, two t.v.'s for other Houses.

13                   None of the t.v.'s are for  
14 entertainment. They are to display our CAD so it  
15 will allow personnel in the Station; it is a  
16 dedicated monitor, to provide information on the  
17 location of our equipment.

18                   So, it -- it's not something for  
19 entertainment. We needed three more t.v.'s in  
20 one House.

21                   In fact, it is a dedicated  
22 operational expenditure to provide, at a quick  
23 glance, the location of our different apparatus.

24                   And --

25                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:       Can I ask a

1 question about that?

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Please.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Does it make  
4 sense, going forward, that we actually list those  
5 as monitors rather than t.v.'s, so there's an  
6 answer to your question?

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Well, they may --  
8 they actually may be t.v.'s, but they're utilized  
9 for display -- I -- I don't know if they're an  
10 actual monitor, or a t.v.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I see. Thank  
12 you.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: But, here comes  
14 the answer.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Here comes our  
16 answer.

17 B. C. FASSLER: They are actually  
18 t.v.'s.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, okay.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: So, that --

21 B. C. FASSLER: As a new  
22 technology, they're dual purpose.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Exactly. Okay.  
24 That -- that's fine.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: In reviewing these

1 disbursements, they appear to be reasonable and  
2 necessary in the conduct of the District's  
3 business.

4 Chief Spiegel, were these checks per  
5 your recommendation?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate  
8 any state bidding statutes, or constitute  
9 installment payments?

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware  
11 of.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I make a motion  
13 that we accept the disbursements as prepared.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second the  
15 motion.

16 Any additional discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

21 Motion passes two-zero.

22 And I will just make a quick comment  
23 that, actually, today, in history, we did, in  
24 fact, in 1966 see the Ballad of the Green Beret's  
25 hit number one on the pop charts.

1                   Much has been made of the anti-war  
2 movement to the '60's, but there were many people  
3 who supported our efforts to maintain a few South  
4 Vietnam.

5                   That was actually written and  
6 performed by Staff Sergeant Barry Saddler, who,  
7 himself, was a Green Beret.

8                   And that concludes the Treasurer's  
9 Report.

10                   Moving along to a Chief's Report.

11                   CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have nothing, this  
12 evening.

13                   DIRECTOR HARRIS: Attorney's Report?

14                   ATTORNEY HOFFMAN: I do not have  
15 anything, this evening.

16                   DIRECTOR HARRIS: And is there any  
17 New Business?

18                   (No response.)

19                   DIRECTOR HARRIS: Any Unfinished  
20 Business?

21                   (No response.)

22                   DIRECTOR HARRIS: At this time, I  
23 believe we had posted for the option of a Closed  
24 Meeting.

25                   And, so, at this time, I move to go

1 into a Closed Meeting, pursuant to Revised  
2 Statutes, Missouri, Chapter 610.021, Sub-Section  
3 One, Legal Actions and Advice; Two, Purchase of  
4 Real Estate; Three, Personnel Matters; Nine,  
5 Employee Groups.

6 Do I hear a second?

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second  
8 that.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

14 Motion passes, two-zero.

15 We are off the record in Open and  
16 we'll go into Closed momentarily. We'll take a  
17 brief recess.

18 Also, just a quick comment, we will  
19 -- and when we come back out of Closed, make note  
20 of any votes that were taken.

21 (Whereupon, at 6:27 P.M., the Board  
22 recessed for a Closed Meeting as described above.  
23 The foregoing Minutes were recorded by the  
24 Monarch Fire Protection District and transcribed  
25 by Virginia L. Long.)

1 RETURN TO THE OPEN MEETING.

2 Minutes taken by Attorney Hoffman  
3 states that at 7:22 P.M., the Board returned to  
4 the Open Meeting following a Closed Meeting at  
5 the Monarch Fire Protection District.

6 Director Harris stated that one vote  
7 was taken during the Closed Meeting and it will  
8 be announced in accordance with the Missouri  
9 Sunshine Law.

10 Director Harris then moved to  
11 adjourn the Open Meeting, seconded by Director  
12 Millner.

13 Director Millner and Director Harris  
14 voted "Aye."

15 (Whereupon, at 7:24 P.M., the Open Meeting  
16 of the Monarch Fire Protection District was  
17 adjourned.)

18 NOTE: *A copy of these Minutes is attached*  
19 *to the Minutes and may be viewed at the District*  
20 *Headquarters.*

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