

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
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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 Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. in an Open Board Meeting. At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

Rick Gans - President 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.

P R O C E E D I N G S

9:02 A.M.

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

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

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

DIRECTOR GANS: So, excuse my voice. I think it's getting weaker again.

If it does go away, would anyone like to volunteer to take over running the meeting?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I'll take over.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: That wasn't me. I'm losing mine, too.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: (Not audible.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, I did that.

DIRECTOR GANS: So, we begin with the Approval of Agenda.

Are there any changes to the Agenda?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: And I don't either.

That takes us to Citizen Comments.

As I see no citizens in the audience,
we move to the President's Report.

And, I have no report, this morning.
Which takes us to the Secretary's Report.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: So, apparently, I'm
the only one that does any work here.

DIRECTOR GANS: No, there's a
Treasurer's Report, too.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh. Sorry,
Robin.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: That's okay.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. I
have a few Minutes that need approval.

DIRECTOR GANS: Go ahead and take
a few minutes to tell us what they are.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Here they are.

All right. I move for the approval
of the Open Meeting Minutes for May 2nd, 2019 and
May 9th, 2019.

DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
motion.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

Motion passes three to nothing.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I also move for
the approval of the Closed Meeting for May 9,
2019.

DIRECTOR GANS: Second the motion.

Any further discussion?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

Motion passes three to nothing.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I believe that
concludes my Report.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
you.

And, congratulations, from the rest
of the Board to you and your recent marriage.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

DIRECTOR GANS: Moving on to the
Treasurer's Report.

Do you have a report?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I do.

DIRECTOR GANS: Nice to have you
delivering the report.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: It's good to be
here.

We have disbursements in the amount
of \$300,643.32 for the period.

We have six checks over \$5,000.00.

Check number 43036 to Special
Inspection and Design in the amount of \$5,000.00
and no cents.

That is for fees for the architect
for an elevated platform. Some renovations to
House Five.

Check number 43038 to UNUM in the
amount of \$5,777.30 for long-term, short-term
disability, AD&D and life, for the month of June.

Check number 43038 to United Health
Care in the amount of seven 200,000 -- pardon me,
\$203,060.82. June health insurance.

Check number 42999, in the amount of \$10,676.37 to Mediclaims.

That is for the April billing cycle.

Check number 42961 to Commercial Capital, LLC, in the amount of \$5,280.00 and no cents.

That's the 2019 lease for the Fire Protection Bureau's scanner.

Check number 42967 in the amount of five -- to Energy Petroleum, in the amount of \$5,496.94.

That is for fuel.

Are there any questions?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: I did submit questions, this morning.

Sorry for the lateness and little time to respond, but, we did get a response, because we had the crack-team of the Administrative Offices working on it.

And the responses came out late enough that Chief Spiegel put them at our places.

So, the email to the chief and controller and the responses are printed out and

provided to us.

All the questions that I had were answered. A copy went to the public file, for this. It is available to the public.

There were some void checks, so the three actually voided checks were provided to me.

I have them right here.

There were two other checks, though, that were skipped in the run. I know it had to do with the large -- the uniform purchase and the fact there were multiple items for check number 428 -- I'm sorry, 42983.

So, 8-4 and 8-5, apparently, ended up skipped.

What happens to those actual checks?

Where is the check stock?

And I know Michelle isn't here, so this may be a question we have to wait for.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'll get that answer for you in an email.

DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.

And that concludes all of my questions.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: And all of my

questions were answered between the various staff members who provided information, including the chief.

So, I will move along in saying, in reviewing these disbursements, they appear to be reasonable and necessary in the conduct of the District's business.

Chief Spiegel, were these checks prepared per your recommendation?

CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

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

CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware of.

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

DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the motion.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Further discussion?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

DIRECTOR GANS: Hearing none, all in favor?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

Motion passes three to nothing.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: And I do have just a couple of quick comments.

Obviously, we are beginning the Memorial Day weekend.

And while we did have an article in our newsletter that I believe was coming off the press yesterday, and no doubt in mailboxes today or tomorrow, just a quick comment.

Memorial Day is the day we recognize those who gave their life.

This is not a day for active duty, it's not a day for (one word not clear), it's simply a way we look; it started back in the 1860's, first well organized, or, -- and that was, I believe, 1868. It might've been in Maryland.

And we recognize those who gave their lives.

Also, on this day, in Eight -- I'm

sorry, 1943, some of you might be old enough to remember a song that was about sinking the Bismarck.

That was more, well, spoken, than like to music, perhaps, than sung.

But, the Bismarck was a German battleship and had massive guns, tremendous armor and because in a one-on-one confrontation, it could have defeated, probably, any other ship in the world.

The British made it their goal to pursue and ultimately sink.

And they did it today, in 1943, sink the Bismarck.

And that concludes the Treasurer's Report.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank you. Chief's Report.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: Attorney's Report?

MISTER HOFFMAN: I nothing on the agenda for today.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We're cruising for a record here.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: It was Robin and I who are doing the work today.

(General laughter.)

DIRECTOR GANS: And -- and thank you for all of the hard work that you did.

(General chuckles.)

DIRECTOR GANS: It's good to be able to sit here and do nothing.

So, that takes us to the New Business, on the agenda. And we need to come up with our June Meeting Dates.

In the emails, that were sent out with a copy to the public, the Public File, I referenced a Pension Meeting in June, but I was reminded that we have a Pension Meeting, that was supposed to be in June, is actually next week, following the Closed Meeting.

That was discussed, I guess, early, very early in the month, we decided that was a date all five Pension Board Members could make it.

So, we don't have to deal with that, not to say that we won't end up scheduling one anyway.

So, the last email sent out was by

me, yesterday, I think. Yesterday morning.

And I had sent out dates.

Robin responded and I responded again, so it's time to hear from Director Millner,

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DIRECTOR MILLNER: I don't have --

DIRECTOR GANS: -- about the dates that are proposed.

The last email was yesterday at 8:03 A.M.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Sorry. Yesterday was a travel for me. I apologize I didn't answer --

DIRECTOR GANS: That's alright.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: So, this isn't your number one priority in life?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: It is today.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Excellent answer.

DIRECTOR GANS: At this minute.

All right. So, June 4th at seven p.m. was proposed. Is --

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

DIRECTOR GANS: Does that work for you?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: It should. And I am double-checking it, right.

June 4th at seven p.m. Yes.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

And that will be an Open Meeting.

The following week, a Closed Meeting.

So, I was recommending June 13th --

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

DIRECTOR GANS: -- at 5:30. It says, "Pension to follow." That probably won't happen, so it will just be, probably, the Closed Meeting.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: And what time was that?

DIRECTOR GANS: Five-thirty.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I can do that.

DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And, next, was an Open Meeting. I was suggesting June 18th at two p.m.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

DIRECTOR GANS: That works?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes.

DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And, finally, a Closed Meeting. I was suggesting June

25th at two p.m.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Right. Yes.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: What time was the
Closed?

DIRECTOR GANS: Two p.m.

So we have an Open Meeting on June
4th at seven p.m., a Closed Meeting's -- Meeting
on June 13th at 5:30 P.M., an Open Meeting on June
18th at two p.m., a Closed Meeting on June 25th,
at two p.m.

And those will be our Meeting dates.

They will be posted on the
website CHIEF SPIEGEL: Will do.

DIRECTOR GANS: -- and anywhere
else they need to be posted, we would appreciate
it.

And any other New Business?

CHIEF SPIEGEL: Is that -- you said
that Pension is questionable. Is it tentative,
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DIRECTOR GANS: Well, --

CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- or we're just to
leave it out?

DIRECTOR GANS: Well, there -- there is a Pension Meeting on the 30th, May 30th.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

DIRECTOR GANS: So, the Pension Board will, I guess, decide/be told when we need to meet.

Due to a change in advisors, there's a lot of activity, on a normally not active committee.

This is not once in a lifetime, but a second time since -- actually, a first time since I've been here that we've changed financial advisors.

So, it's quite an undertaking.

Michelle is involved in most of it, along with the attorney for the Pension Board, but the Board, itself, probably has to meet more often to approve things.

So, I anticipate there'll be a meeting in June, but the rest of the Pension Board hasn't discussed a date, or time.

So, we can't say.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Will Michelle --

DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: The information's forthcoming.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Will Michelle be available next week?

CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: As far as I know. She has not -- she has not indicated she wouldn't be here next week.

DIRECTOR GANS: Is she --

CHIEF SPIEGEL: She's away for the holiday weekend.

And then the auditors are prepared. Wanted to know the Open Meeting dates to give their report to the Board.

DIRECTOR GANS: So, they have it now. They can come anytime they want.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay. Thank you.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

Any other New Business?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Any Unfinished Business?

(No response)

DIRECTOR GANS: I make a motion to
adjourn.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'll second.

Discussion?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

We are adjourned and off the record.

Thank you for attending.

(Whereupon, at 9:15 A.M., the Meeting was
adjourned as described above.)

Please note that the foregoing
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