

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 Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 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: Acting Chief Cary Spiegel
 Deputy 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

7:00 P.M.

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

Please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

DIRECTOR GANS: Are there any changes to the agenda?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

DIRECTOR GANS: I have none, either. Hearing none, I see no Citizen Comment sheets and since there are no citizens that would probably be accurate.

Moving on to the President's Report, the item on my report concerns the official Board engagement of the attorney who will be advising the Pension Board.

And after some discussion with that attorney, who is with Polsinelli law firm and

1 with Matt Hoffman, it was advised that the Board
2 pass a Resolution to engage the services of
3 Polsinelli.

4 Do you want to add anything to that?

5 MISTER HOFFMAN: I don't, other than
6 the comment that this is something that you guys
7 already did address at a Pension Board Meeting,
8 also.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

10 So, -- and I -- I appreciate you
11 bringing it up and putting that on the record
12 here, so it be known that the Pension Board by,
13 I believe, a vote of five to nothing, voted to
14 hire Polsinelli as the law firm to advise the
15 Pension Board.

16 Jamie Kwiatek is the attorney with
17 Polsinelli, who will be the lead representative
18 for them.

19 So, at this time, I will make a
20 motion to engage the services of Polsinelli law
21 firm to advise the Monarch Fire Protection
22 District Pension Board.

23 Do I hear a second?

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

1 (No response.)
2 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?
3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
5 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
6 Motion passes three to nothing.
7 And that concludes my report.
8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh. Secretary's
9 Report. I'm sorry.
10 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, sorry. I
11 didn't -- I probably didn't say "Secretary's
12 Report."
13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's okay.
14 DIRECTOR GANS: So, we were waiting.
15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You said, you
16 said --
17 DIRECTOR GANS: And then --
18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- you
19 concluded, so --
20 DIRECTOR GANS: No, I --
21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm sorry. I --
22 I --
23 DIRECTOR GANS: -- I did say the
24 conclusion of my report, but then that was it.
25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And I --

1 DIRECTOR GANS: We could've sat here
2 all night.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible due to
4 speaking over each other.)

5 DIRECTOR GANS: So, let's talk about
6 the Secretary's Report.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I just have one
8 item.

9 I move for the approval of the Open
10 Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2017.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
12 motion.

13 Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

19 Motion passes.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes my
21 report, Mister President.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
23 you.

24 And rather than sit here waiting for
25 the Treasurer's Report, I'll ask the treasurer if

1 he has any report.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I do have a
3 report, this evening.

4 We have disbursements in the amount
5 of \$43,501.69 for the period.

6 We have one check over \$5,000.00.
7 That is to Montgomery Bank. It is for a variety
8 of charges on the credit card.

9 And that is check number 40460, to
10 Montgomery Bank, in the amount of \$6,285.04.

11 Are there any questions?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I, as usual,
14 submitted questions to the chief and controller.

15 And -- and, actually, there were a
16 large number of them relative to the size of the
17 check run.

18 And I did receive a response, with
19 a copy to the Public file, my question to the
20 Public file in keeping with the new process.

21 So, I believe all the questions were
22 answered, or clarified satisfactorily.

23 And the only other thing I have is,
24 I did review some of the credit card bills and
25 there were some questions and before the meeting

1 started I didn't have an opportunity to hear an
2 answer from the chief about those couple of
3 charges on the Walmart bill.

4 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Those are
5 props for the boat rescue team.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Got it.

7 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Chief Crews
8 purchased those.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I understand.

10 So, with that information, I have no
11 further questions.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have no
13 questions.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And other -- you
15 -- you technically are very thorough and it was
16 a fairly short check run.

17 I have no questions, other than
18 those already answered by the staff.

19 In reviewing these disbursements,
20 they appear to be reasonable and necessary in the
21 conduct of the District's business.

22 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
23 prepared per your recommendation?

24 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they
25 were.

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

4 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm
5 aware of.

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

8 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
9 motion.

10 Any discussion?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

16 Motion passes.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And two quick
18 comments.

19 As previously noted, sometimes I
20 receive comments relative to those things that I
21 think might be pertinent and an oversight to most
22 people.

23 And while I could comment on, I
24 guess, the latest news for celebrities is "who
25 has gone under the knife to change their image

1 with plastic surgery," I'll skip that topic and
2 make note of the fact that tomorrow is actually
3 "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

4 And on December 7th, 1941, the
5 Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and 2,403
6 Americans died in that attack.

7 While it did substantial damage to
8 the Pacific Fleet, I believe no other
9 battleships, for the remainder of the war, were
10 sunk, but the Arizona still lies on the bottom of
11 the harbor with the memorial there.

12 Fortunately, for the United States,
13 the aircraft carriers were at sea doing
14 exercises.

15 Actually, the USS Lexington, in
16 preparation for a potential attack, was on its
17 way to Midway Island. It did, in fact, turn
18 around when the attack occurred and come back.

19 But, I just wanted to make note of
20 the fact that while a number of years ago, much
21 would be said tomorrow about it.

22 Typically, today, we tend to forget
23 what transpired a couple of generations ago.

24 So, that concludes the Treasurer's
25 Report.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
2 you.

3 On to the Chief's Report.

4 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I don't have
5 a report, this evening.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

7 On to New Business.

8 Anyone have any New Business?

9 (No response.)

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Hearing none, any Un
11 -- I'm sorry. I missed that page. I skipped the
12 Attorney's Report.

13 MISTER HOFFMAN: I do not have a
14 report, this evening.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I'm
16 sorry.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're anticipating.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Sorry. Yep. Well,
19 I did already ask him a question, so, he did
20 report.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That qualifies.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: So there was not any
23 New Business.

24 So, now I'll ask for any Unfinished
25 Business.

1 (No response.)

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Hearing none, the
3 tentative agenda for the meeting tonight includes
4 a Closed session.

5 And, at this time, I make a motion to go
6 into Closed session pursuant to Missouri Revised
7 Statute 610.021, One, Litigation and Legal; Two,
8 Real Estate; Three, Personnel; Thirteen,
9 Personnel Records; Nineteen, Security and Nine,
10 Negotiations.

11 Do I hear a second?

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

19 Motion passes and are going into
20 Closed session.

21 We are currently off the record.

22 We'll return back into Open session
23 at the conclusion of the Closed session.

24 (Whereupon, at 7:08 P.M., the Board of
25 Directors entered into a Closed Meeting, followed

1 by returning to the Open Meeting at 8:10 P.M.)

2 Director Gans called the Open
3 Meeting back to order and stated that no votes
4 were taken during the Closed Meeting.

5 There was no other business to be
6 discussed following the Closed Meeting and the
7 Open Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

8 (A copy of the Minutes taken by
9 Attorney Matt Hoffman are attached to the
10 Original Meeting Minutes retained by the Monarch
11 Fire Protection District.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 and is now herewith returned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of December, 2017.

My commission expires June 23, 2020.

Notary Public within and
for the State of Missouri