

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

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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, January 3, 2018 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: 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

7:13 P.M.

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

Would you 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: Approval of Agenda. Do we have any changes, additions or deletions for the Agenda?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have one. Under the Secretary's Report, item C., I'm not really why I was thinking this, but I would like to strike "CBA Negotiations."

I don't think we're ready to have that on the Agenda.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I apologize for that.

DIRECTOR GANS: Robin, are you still with us?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I am.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I just
2 wanted to make sure.

3 The light went off on the front of
4 the phone.

5 All right. So we're removing item
6 6-C. Anything else?

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I no changes.

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have nothing.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

10 Citizen Comments, we have no
11 citizen's present.

12 Next, moving on to the President's
13 Report, I have no report, tonight.

14 Moving on the Secretary's Report.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. Let's
16 see. I have some approvals.

17 I need to approve -- I move for
18 approval of the Open Meeting Minutes for December
19 11, 2017 and December 20, 2017.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
21 motion.

22 Any further discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor --
25 well, Robin you can't vote.

1 All in favor?
2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I -- I
3 understand.
4 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
5 Go ahead.
6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
7 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
8 Motion passes two to nothing.
9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right.
10 I move for the approval of the
11 Closed Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2017 and
12 December 20, 2017.
13 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
14 motion.
15 Any discussion?
16 (No response.)
17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
18 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
19 Motion passes two to nothing.
20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Those are
21 the only Minutes I have.
22 Yes. Those are the same. Okay.
23 I also wanted to briefly discuss
24 long-range planning, which, basically what I --
25 I don't know what our future holds with regard to

1 the development of some of the land, like in
2 Maryland Heights.

3 Out west, I don't know if we have
4 long-range planning in place for the purchase of,
5 you know, purchases of apparatus, or land.

6 And I just wanted to basically say
7 that I'm availing myself and --

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- to serve on
10 that committee.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We have communicated
12 by email and you're welcome.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

14 That's really all I need to say
15 about that. Okay.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: I have a question,
17 --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: -- for either of
20 you. Probably, Cary.

21 Since I came back on the Board,
22 there haven't been any significant discussions
23 about future planning.

24 And, by future, I'm talking anywhere
25 from the short term to the long term.

1 And this is obviously something that
2 Jean's bringing up because it's important.

3 It -- it is something that the
4 District has done through the years.

5 I served on committees for that,
6 that included planning for medium term and long
7 term we laid out our -- our vision of what the
8 District might need by way of additional
9 Station's, by way of additional equipment, man-
10 power, everything from the purchase of land,
11 which we did purchase land, with that in mind, in
12 the mid-2000's for a future House Six.

13 And the discussions about how we
14 were going to fund some of these purchases.

15 So I assume that's what you have in
16 mind with --

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Exactly.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: -- bringing that
19 up.

20 And it's always important to plan
21 ahead. Not get caught with a need that we have
22 not planned for; mainly haven't funded and
23 there's a pressing need for it.

24 So, I agree with the need to do
25 this.

1 I assume that during the time since
2 I came on the Board, there's been behind-the-
3 scenes work on that and during the time I wasn't
4 on the Board that there was work that was done
5 behind-the-scenes, or openly.

6 But, I support that effort and I
7 would lend any support I can give to it.

8 And -- and, I guess, I -- I'd be
9 interested in knowing in just a couple of
10 sentences, when was the last time this was
11 addressed?

12 And Robin may know that answer.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Well, it -- it
14 -- those are discussions we had had multiple
15 times and probably, because some other things,
16 reduced staff for the past 16 months, it's kind
17 of like taken a back burner.

18 But, moving forward, I think we need
19 to take a hard look, once again.

20 We, obviously, continue to upgrade
21 equipment, but now there's a potential for
22 rebuilding House Two, and those are discussions
23 that are on-going.

24 Potentially, a new -- a new rescue
25 truck, but I think the concept there is, it's

1 good for at least three more years.

2 So, I -- I think it's just -- it's
3 a good idea to dive back into our long-range
4 planning.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
6 you.

7 Cary, do you want to add anything?

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Just that in late
9 December we had a comprehensive staff meeting and
10 that was the major topic of conversation.

11 The play book to -- to get these
12 committees established and get a chair person is
13 -- is being crafted, as we speak.

14 I sent Director Millner a -- a draft
15 copy of -- of what work plans I have to -- to see
16 that through.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So, I'll share that
19 will be the entire Board and that's a working
20 document, that the -- the start is the need to
21 deal with hiring in -- in early January, so we'll
22 start with that hiring committee.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And then strategic
25 planning and long-range planning will be soon

1 after.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. Thank
4 you.

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: You're welcome.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Does that conclude
7 your report?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes, sir. That
9 concludes my report.

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

12 Robin, would you like me to do that
13 for you?

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: If you would.

15 I do want to make note of the fact
16 that while tonight, due to technical
17 difficulties, I could not vote, I would have
18 voted "Aye" with both of the preceding motions.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And, if you
21 would be so kind.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

23 Tonight, we have disbursements in
24 the amount of \$93,900.28 for the period.

25 We have seven checks over \$5,000.00

1 which include a check to Banner Tire, check
2 number 40560 for \$9,470.50 for various loose
3 equipment.

4 For -- I did ask a question about
5 this one, I think, didn't I?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: And this was all
9 loose equipment?

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And heavy rescue
11 equipment, the "fire tech" and the airbags were
12 part of that purchase.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Give me
14 a minute. I want to bring up that email where I
15 asked the question, or the questions were
16 answered.

17 Okay. The next check is 40565 to
18 Emergency Vehicle Parts and Products, Inc., for
19 \$7,624.50.

20 And this was another one I had asked
21 a question about.

22 This is for new lighting, both scene
23 lighting and emergency warning lighting for 2216.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Is that correct?

1 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. The next one
3 is another one I asked a question about, again,
4 by email with a copy to the Public File.

5 This is to Leo Ellebracht for
6 \$6,188.79, check number 40570.

7 And this was -- I had my question
8 here about the detail, but I don't have the
9 answers.

10 Again, is this various loose
11 equipment?

12 CHIEF SPIEGEL: To Leo Ellebracht?

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. I wonder why
14 --

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah, because --

16 DIRECTOR GANS: -- I'm not seeing
17 the answers.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yeah, that was
19 nozzles, appliances, hose. It was -- it was an
20 assortment of hand tools and loose equipment to
21 resource the reserve trucks, --

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- so that they can
24 do, -- in addition to our fleet.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank

1 you.

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Oh, by the way,
3 Rick, we've got Robin on the screen, if he wants
4 to do audio there, then he can vote.

5 Because he's on the screen here.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Let -- let the
8 screen audio be on the phone. It seems to be
9 working well.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. It's working
11 better for us here. So, let's stay -- let's stay
12 with audio. We're good.

13 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Thanks.

15 The next check over \$5,000.00 is not
16 one I asked about. It is to Schuhmacher Fire
17 Equipment for \$7,859.05.

18 And this is for a rescue saw, --

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: And for -- for hose.

21 And the next check is Four -- check
22 number 40583 to Sentinel Emergency Solutions for
23 \$5,474.00.

24 And, again, that one I asked about,
25 because it was on here.

1 This is for protective equipment.
2 I'm sorry. Protective clothing for several of
3 our firefighters, including our Mims.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: The next check is
6 check number 40590 to Worldwide Technology for
7 \$7,503.73.

8 And this is for computer, various
9 computer equipment and a monitor and software.

10 And, finally, check number 40587 is
11 a check to Tech Electronics for \$17,742.07 for
12 various equipment.

13 And I have a question about a cable,
14 on here. It was a very expensive cable for AB
15 Systems and the question about the cable was
16 answered.

17 So, -- hold on one second. I have
18 to get back to the treasurer part of it.

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

22 I -- I should have asked. Are there
23 any other questions besides the questions I asked
24 by email?

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Robin?

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: None?

4 (No response.)

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: So, again, Chief
7 Spiegel, were these checks prepared per your
8 recommendation?

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they
10 were.

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

14 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm
15 aware of.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: I therefore make a
17 motion that we accept the disbursements as
18 prepared.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second
20 that motion.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
2 Motion passes two to nothing.
3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.
4 DIRECTOR GANS: That was him voting.
5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I --
6 DIRECTOR GANS: Is he on the screen?
7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm sorry. He's
8 on the screen.
9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: He's on the screen.
10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yes. I --
11 Lc: He's on the screen.
12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: My apologies.
13 DIRECTOR GANS: Point it so I can
14 see him.
15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I -- three to
16 nothing.
17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I see you.
18 So, --
19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Opp, he's gone
20 again.
21 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, he is.
22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: There he is,
23 back.
24 DIRECTOR GANS: So, what is your
25 vote, Director Harris?

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Motion passes
3 three to nothing.

4 Do you have anything else for the
5 Treasurer's Report?

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I do not.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

8 On to the Chief's Report.

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have nothing.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.
11 Attorney's Report?

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

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Any New
15 Business?

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none,
17 thank you.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Any Unfinished
19 Business?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have nothing.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: The tentative
22 agenda, for tonight's meeting, includes a Closed
23 session.

24 The Closed session tonight will be
25 very brief and we will come out, afterwards, with

1 announcement of any votes.

2 I make a motion to go into Closed
3 session, pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute
4 610.021, Legal Actions and Advice; Three,
5 Personnel Matters; Nine, Employee Groups
6 Negotiations and Thirteen, Personnel Records.

7 Do I hear a second?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye. Motion passes
15 three to nothing.

16 We are recessed and off the record
17 from Open session.

18 (Whereupon, at 7:26 P.M., the Board elected
19 to enter into a Closed Meeting, followed by
20 returning to the Open Meeting at 7:50 P.M.)

21 Upon returning to the Open Meeting,
22 Director Gans stated that one vote was taken
23 during the Closed Meeting and that vote will be
24 announced in accordance with the Missouri
25 Sunshine Law.

1 There was no other District business
2 discussed and at 7:51 P.M., the Board voted
3 three-to-nothing to adjourn.

4 (The Open Minutes, transcribed by
5 Attorney Matthew E. Hoffman, are attached to the
6 Meeting Minutes taken by Court Reporter Virginia
7 L. Long and may be seen at the Headquarters of
8 the Monarch 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 3rd day of January, 2018.

My commission expires June 23, 2020.

Notary Public within and
for the State of Missouri