

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 Thursday, September 28, 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 Nick Harper
 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 and Tax Hearing 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: So we will open the meeting tonight with the Public Tax Hearing, pursue -- pursuant to Statute.

This Tax Hearing was publicized pursuant to Statute and a Notice was given for the public to be able to be present.

And unless the doors are locked, we have the public present, so we are going to begin the Public Tax Hearing now.

So, I'm going to address both the tax rate and the budget, sort of in the same general overview, which will be short.

The Board began meeting to review the requested budget from the staff.

We began meeting in August and we

1 had two formal meetings, during which -- and they
2 were long, during which time we reviewed the
3 budget requests.

4 We discussed the items that were
5 requested, both expenses and capital items, honed
6 them down, asked questions, attempted to make
7 sure that all of the expenditures were properly
8 justified and I don't mean down to the penny, or
9 down to the pencil and pen.

10 But, in general categories, com-
11 paring the expenditures to the past, looking for
12 justification for increases.

13 And, in some cases, justifications
14 for decreases.

15 It was productive.

16 It was lively.

17 We had -- it was open to the public,
18 since it was a work session, but we didn't have
19 much of a public attending, but we did have some,
20 who also happen to be employees of the District.

21 And that was helpful, because
22 they're using the money in their job and they're
23 also taxpayers and that counts.

24 We, also, welcomed and received
25 comments from the shop steward, representing the

1 views, we understood, of the rank and file
2 employees.

3 And his -- Brent Coleman's contri-
4 bution was also valuable in the process.

5 And, in the end, we came up with a
6 budget and in accordance with the way these
7 things should be done, as opposed to the way they
8 were actually done for a few years, we set the
9 tax rate based on the budget, instead of setting
10 the tax rate and then setting the budget months
11 later, which I have never understood.

12 But, I've commented on that, before.

13 So, in accordance with Statute, at
14 this time, I will read Resolution -- parts of
15 Resolution Number 9-17-01.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We just had
17 someone coming in, but I've understood they -- we
18 can go ahead.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Feel free. Okay?

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Welcome.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Welcome.

23 Okay. Okay. That's fine.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Again, "Resolution
25 9-17-01, of the Board of Directors, Monarch Fire

1 Protection District, St. Louis County, Missouri,"
2 which authorizes the "Tax Rate Levies for the
3 Year 2018."

4 This is a seven page document that
5 will be attached to the Minutes for tonight's
6 meeting.

7 I'm going to read several of the
8 highlights here, but especially the tax rate
9 highlights.

10 "WHEREAS, the Chesterfield Fire
11 Protection District, a political subdivision
12 located in St. Louis County, Missouri, was duly
13 incorporated as such by the Circuit Court of St.
14 Louis County, Missouri by its final Decree of
15 Incorporation dated July 22, 1957;" that would
16 make this an important year just a couple of
17 months ago.

18 Continuing to read from the
19 Resolution, "and a Certified Copy of the same,
20 together with a plate showing the boundaries of
21 said District, is now on file with the Clerk of
22 the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri;"

23 "Whereas, on November 6, 2003, the
24 Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri upon
25 the request of the District, issued its judgment

1 changing the name of the District from the
2 'Chesterfield Fire Protection District of St.
3 Louis Count, Missouri' to the" -- to the 'Monarch
4 Fire Protection District of St. Louis County,
5 Missouri,' for all purposes; and

6 "WHEREAS, Rick Gans, Robin Harris
7 and Jean Millner are the duly qualified and
8 acting Directors of said Monarch Fire Protection
9 District and are now" their -- and are now
10 "providing the necessary equipment and personnel
11 for the prevention of and protection against fire
12 and medical emergencies within" the "District;"

13 A now I will continue on past some
14 of the Resolution, which, again, will available
15 for anyone who'd like to read the entire
16 Resolution and you're invited to do so.

17 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by
18 the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire
19 Protection District, that in order to make
20 provision for payment of the necessary expenses
21 of said District, the following tax rate levies
22 are hereby authorized:

23 "a. General Fund: To provide for the
24 payment of expenses of operations
25 and the costs of acquiring,

1 constructing, supplying and maintaining the
2 property, works and equipment of the
3 District and its personnel, tax rate levies on
4 the \$100 assessed valuation on all tax- a b l e
5 properties (sic) are as follows:

6 "Real Estate:
7 Residential \$0.3980
8 Commercial \$0.4790
9 Agricultural \$0.3060
10 Personal Property\$0.5300 even.

11 "Ambulance Fund: To provide funds
12 for ambulance and emergency medical
13 services, tax rates levies on the
14 \$100 assessed valuation on all tax-
15 able property are as follows:

16 "Real Estate:
17 Residential \$0.2500
18 Commercial \$0.2880
19 Agricultural \$0.1910
20 Personal Property \$0.3300

21 "Dispatch Fund: To provide funds
22 for joint, central" -- central
23 "fire and emergency dispatching
24 service, tax rate levies on the
25 \$100 assessed valuation on all

1 taxable property are as follows:

2 "Real Estate:

3 Residential \$0.0400

4 Commercial \$0.0440

5 Agricultural \$0.0280

6 Personal Property \$0.0480

7 "Pension Fund; To provide funds for
8 the pensioning of members of the

9 District, tax" "levies on the \$100

10 assessed valuation on all taxable

11 property are as follows:

12 "Real Estate:"

13 "\$0.075 (sic)

14 "Commercial \$0.0880

15 Agricultural \$0.0580

16 Personal Property \$0.1000

17 "Debt Service:" which I will read,
18 even though we don't currently have any debt,

19 we're going to read it, since it's part of the

20 Resolution; "To provide funds for the purpose of

21 paying maturing indebtedness of outstanding bonds

22 of the District for the ensuing year and accrued

23 interest thereon, tax rate levies on the \$100

24 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as

25 follows:"

1 And all tax rates are zero.

2 At this time, I make a motion to
3 pass Resolution 9-17-01 of the Board of
4 Directors, Monarch Fire Protection District, St.
5 Louis County, Missouri to authorize tax rate
6 levies for the Year 2018.

7 Do I hear a second?

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Is there any
10 discussion?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Call for the
13 question. All in favor?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

17 The motion passes three to nothing.

18 Those are the tax rates for 2018.

19 I will now move on to -- well, let
20 me ask that, that was actually in the President's
21 Report, so I'm gonna continue on with the budget,
22 as this point.

23 This will make up the President's
24 Report.

25 The -- as I described, earlier, the

1 budget process was the waiver intensive process
2 and was the result of all the work I described.

3 So, at this time, I will make a
4 motion to pass the following Resolution 09-17-02
5 to adopt for the 2018 annual budget for the
6 Monarch Fire Protection District of St. Louis
7 County, Missouri.

8 "WHEREAS, the Monarch Fire
9 Protection District, as required by the Revised
10 Statutes of Missouri, must establish an annual
11 budget for each year of operation; and

12 "WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of
13 the Monarch Fire Protection District has reviewed
14 the proposed annual budget for the Monarch Fire
15 Protection District for the Year 2018; and

16 "WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of
17 the Monarch Fire Protection District has caused
18 to be prepared such 2018 annual budget to reflect
19 the estimated revenues" of \$22,373,465.59 "and
20 proposed expenditures" of \$22,348,522.80 "of the
21 District as required by the Revised Statutes of
22 Missouri.

23 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by
24 the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire
25 Protection District that the Annual Budget for

1 2018 for the Monarch Fire Protection District, as
2 attached hereto and incorporated herein by
3 reference, be and is hereby adopted as the Budget
4 dated the 28th day of September, 2017."

5 That is my motion.

6 Do I hear a second?

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: None.

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 So we have set the budget.

16 We previously set the tax rate.

17 And, at this time, unless there are
18 any comments, further comments from the public;
19 there's still an opportunity to comment, that
20 we're at the end and it is now ended and we will
21 continue with the Open Meeting of the Monarch
22 Fire Protection District.

23 There'll actually be another time to
24 comment.

25 So, we've had the Pledge of

1 Allegiance.

2 At this time I'll ask, are there
3 are changes to the Agenda?

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have nothing.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

6 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have noth-
7 ing.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Moving on to
9 Citizen Comments, for the Open session.

10 This is an opportunity for Citizen
11 Comments about anything, including the budget.

12 And we have no Comment Sheets turned
13 in, so I move to the President's Report.

14 And my report was actually the tax
15 rate setting and the budget. So my report is
16 concluded.

17 And I now move to the Secretary's
18 Report.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I have two
20 things.

21 I move for the approval of the Open
22 Meeting Minutes for September 14th, 2017 and
23 September 21st, 2017.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
25 motion.

1 Any 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 three to nothing.

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I have two
9 things.

10 I also move for the approval of the
11 Closed Meeting Minutes for September 14th, 2017
12 as well as September 21st, 2017.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
14 motion.

15 Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

21 Motion passes three to nothing.

22 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Uh-huh.

24 Now, I have bids for media
25 construction to the north multi-purpose room.

1 I have three bids for the media
2 addition to the north side multi-purpose room.

3 Chief, were these bids received
4 sealed and on time?

5 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. The first
7 vendor I have is TSI Global Company. This -- it
8 has arrived sealed.

9 I will open it and see what's
10 inside.

11 I'm going to tear this open. Okay?

12 Ooo, it takes it fine with the
13 letter opener, of course.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: That's the official
15 bid-opening --

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's the bid
17 opener. Okay.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: -- instrument.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: This is like
20 circa 1952.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That's why it
23 still works.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's why it
25 still works.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Remember, --
2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I know.
3 DIRECTOR GANS: -- we talked about
4 1957? That is the first thing that they bought.
5 (General chuckles.)
6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It's got a
7 serrated edge. You could filet fish with this
8 thing.
9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I believe we have.
10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Lovely.
11 (General chuckles.)
12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Are we
13 reading this in its entirety?
14 DIRECTOR GANS: I didn't read the
15 tax rates in its entirety, so, no.
16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, no, no. No.
17 I guaranty you, I am only going to just read the
18 amounts, which requires me to find them.
19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: They can be quite
20 difficult to find.
21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. So this is
22 section one.
23 And where is the part I need to find
24 here, Chief? Why don't they just put the whole
25 amount up-front?

1 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: This -- this
2 bid was -- this RFP was very specific and had
3 several options.

4 Is it necessary to read the price
5 and all these options?

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Is there not one
7 price on there?

8 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I don't
9 believe so.

10

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, that's --

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I believe --

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- what I'm --

14 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- it's a --

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- finding --

16 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- menu-

17 driven --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- from --

19 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- bid.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- here out.

21 So, --

22 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: It could be
23 very difficult to sort through that.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: So, this is the
25 audio visual system. So here's the narrative of

1 the system offering.

2 And when I get to the end of that,
3 there's Exhibit A, which is the bid form.

4 So I think that's what we're looking
5 for.

6 This is dated September 22nd, 2017.
7 Audio visual system price,
8 \$51,391.18.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Now, --

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Does that appear to
12 be a total of everything in there?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It does, because
14 everything after that is schematics.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And --

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Cary, --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- the --

19 DIRECTOR GANS: -- does that --

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- system.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: -- sound okay?

22 Does that sound right?

23 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: We're going
24 to have to review the bids --

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

1 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- against
2 the specks.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. Now,
4 this is --

5 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: There's four
6 copies in here.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah. These are
8 identical. Right?

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes. They --

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

11 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- they
12 requested --

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: These are --

14 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- four
15 copies.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- identical.
17 Okay. Got it.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thank goodness.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah. Well, that
20 was the only -- only dollar amount that I could
21 see on that one.

22 All right. The next one is TPI.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And if you are
24 injured with that letter opener, we do have
25 paramedics present.

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And we have a
2 doctor in the house.

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And a doctor.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: So now is the time.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Audio
6 visual system for Monarch Fire Protection
7 District.

8 So we have four copies of each one.
9 Right?

10 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Great.
12 Okay, there's the narrative on this
13 one.

14 Now, come on.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Cary, --

16 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes?

17 DIRECTOR GANS: -- if anyone comes
18 in the back of the building, the bay doors are
19 open.

20 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Not that I
21 know of. I'll take care of that.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: I think you're going
23 to be working the hardest tonight of anyone.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I think it is me,
25 at this moment, but -- oh, I found it. Okay.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: I'm not saying
2 you're doing it wrong. Finding it is a
3 challenge.

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Some of these bids
5 can be very obscure.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Uh-huh. Yes.

7 Okay. So, the TPI bid is \$41,850.00
8 and is that 60 cents? No, it's zero.

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Zero.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes, it's zero.
11 Okay.

12 And we have four copies of that.

13 All right. The last one comes from
14 Tech Electronics.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: There's a
16 requirement your company has to start with a "T"?

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah, it's
18 required.

19 (General chuckles.)

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Right?

21 DIRECTOR GANS: It seems like it.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It's required
23 that all companies start with the letter "T."

24 (General laughter.)

25 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: (inaudible

1 due to sound of packages being opened.)

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah. Okay.

3 Oh, good. I'm gonna -- I'm gonna
4 figure this one out faster, I think.

5 Okay. No, I'm not.

6 It wasn't in the same places as
7 before.

8 Oh, got it. Okay.

9 All right. Tech Electronics bid is
10 in the amount of \$44,957.00.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: What should we do
12 with those?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Well, I think
14 you're supposed to tell the chief that he and his
15 committee are to review them.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: You can.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I'm sorry.
18 Okay.

19 I shall instruct you to, you and
20 your committee review the bids and return a
21 recommendation to the Board of Directors.

22 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Tomorrow, by
24 nine.

25 (General laughter.)

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Just kidding.

2 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I can do it
3 now, if you'd like.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, because --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, we'll sit here
6 while we review those bids.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yeah. Right.

8 No, I believe that is all I have.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. We'll move on
10 to the Treasurer's report.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We have disburse-
12 ments in the amount of \$286,500.82 for the
13 period.

14 We have eight checks over \$5,000.00.

15 Check number 40103 to Boundtree
16 Medical, LLC, for \$5,486.70 for EMS supplies.

17 Check number 40111 to EKON bena --
18 pardon me, Benefits, if I can say that, for -- in
19 the amount of \$6,354.00 and no cents.

20 It was (one word not clear) the
21 statements.

22 Check number 40113 to ESO Solutions
23 in the amount of \$8,995.00 and no cents for soft
24 ware yearly support.

25 Check number 40128, Mediclaims

1 Incorporated, in the amount of \$9,166.45 for
2 August billing.

3 Check number 40147 to SSM Executive
4 Health in the amount of -- pardon me, --
5 \$33,775.00 and no cents.

6 That was bi-annual physicals for 95
7 people.

8 Check number 40151 to United Health
9 Care in the amount of \$176,317.92 for the October
10 premium.

11 Check number 40152 to UNUM in the
12 amount of \$5,974.35 and that was for life,
13 disability; it's October billing.

14 And, lastly, check number 40132 to
15 Montgomery Bank in the amount of \$9,426.45 for a
16 myriad of charges.

17 Are there any questions?

18 DIRECTOR GANS: I reviewed the check
19 register and I want to first comment that I like
20 the format.

21 Is that permanent?

22 MS. DEPEW: It can be, if you like
23 that better.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I do. There's more
25 room for descriptions and there's more room for

1 me to write things down.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's what you
3 like.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I like it.

5 MS. DEPEW: It's a normal standard
6 report that we make a new report, if you would
7 like.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

9 MS. DEPEW: Absolutely.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: So, in the past,
11 right now, I comment that I had questions,
12 although -- although I will comment that I had
13 more questions than ever before and they were
14 detailed questions.

15 I did get responses.

16 I understand the responses.

17 Well, all of this information will
18 be in the public file, if anybody would care to
19 read the e-mail.

20 The questions and the e-mail and the
21 answers.

22 But, I -- I did actually follow-up
23 at the meeting tonight with a couple of more
24 questions about a couple of printers that we
25 bought.

1 They were expensive. What were they
2 used for? Printers have come down in price.

3 That question was answered to my
4 satisfaction.

5 Some of the other questions were
6 actually read as checks over 5,000.

7 But there were a couple of things on
8 here that catch my attention that -- that I want
9 to comment, especially just having passed a
10 budget that is tight and is in keeping with our
11 wanting to keep expenses down; buy what's
12 necessary.

13 I want us to re-double our effort to
14 make sure we buy the things we need.

15 We are in the emergency business, so
16 there are sometimes things we anticipate we'll
17 need that we don't.

18 There are things we put in the
19 budget in anticipation of having to replace
20 equipment that doesn't end up needing to be
21 replaced and it's our best effort to make those
22 judgment calls.

23 But, as I look at some of the things
24 that we bought, some of them are back-up supplies
25 and even stock supplies and I would ask that we

1 re-double our effort to buy what we need, buy
2 what we think we might need on the short term,
3 but try to avoid stock-piling anything, or
4 keeping inventory that we can readily get if we
5 need it.

6 And I don't have anything particular
7 in mind. As I look through the computer supplies
8 and I -- I said I don't have anything in mind and
9 now I'm naming them.

10 They look -- the computers supplies
11 and house supplies, I think that's in an area
12 that could be re-looked at.

13 I'm pleased to see, one of the
14 questions I asked, the chief had already caught
15 himself, which was simply a mistake that was
16 made.

17 And mistakes are sometimes made.
18 It's not in thousands or millions of dollars, but
19 it is for more than a few dollars, that something
20 had to be paid for, in accordance with how it was
21 spent and probably could have been handled
22 differently.

23 We're talking a hundred dollars.

24 That is important, but not the end
25 of the world.

1 And I also, of course, like I always
2 do, learned a few things about invasive air wave
3 management devices that I didn't know we were
4 buying and what they were.

5 So, anyway, I -- I -- I take more in
6 explaining this tonight, because I wanted to --
7 I want to make sure that everyone understands
8 that these questions are going out there, that
9 there is, sometimes, discussion back and forth.

10 And we are documenting, as the
11 auditors say that we should, the items that the
12 Board is reviewing as we approve and eventually
13 sign checks.

14 Those are all my questions.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Jean, any
16 questions?

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have nothing
18 further.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And, as is
20 typical, what's very nice is Director Gans has
21 hit every question I had and possibly a few I
22 didn't.

23 And so, although I have a discussion
24 with the chief on the one item, for clarity, for
25 my own purposes, it was described and reviewed.

1 It's the one you addressed that will
2 be handled differently in the future, not because
3 I directed it, but because the chief had already
4 had addressed the situation.

5

6 So, Chief Spiegel, were these checks
7 prepared per your recommendation?

8 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate
10 any state bidding statutes or constitute
11 installment payments?

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm
13 aware of.

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

16 DIRECTOR GANS: And I will second
17 the motion.

18 Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

24 Motion passes three to nothing.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I was, perhaps,

1 sounding a little tongue-in-cheek, when I said,
2 before the meeting that I did want to address
3 1781.

4 Today, in 1781, General Washington's
5 Continental and French Army, which he commanded,
6 completed the encirclement at Yorktown of General
7 Cornwallis with about half the number of troops
8 that General Washington had.

9 I've actually been to the site and
10 the mechanisms they used with the manpower
11 available were amazing, when you see how the
12 battle began and the English were unable to
13 retreat, because the seals at their back and the
14 French were there finally with their Navy.

15 But, just, today's significant
16 because by encircling General Cornwallis and his
17 troops, forcing their surrender on October 17th,
18 1781, it ended the Revolutionary War.

19 And that concludes the Secretary's;
20 I'm sorry. The -- I used to be the secretary.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm the
22 secretary.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It could be the
24 President's Report. I've been there, too.

25 But, tonight, I'm just the

1 Treasurer's Report.

2 (General chuckles.)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you, Mister --

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: -- Treasurer, or
6 Secretary, and President, all wrapped in one.

7 (General laughter.)

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Moving on to the
9 Chief's Report.

10 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have
11 nothing.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

13 Attorney's Report?

14 MISTER HOFFMAN: Sir, I don't have a
15 report, this evening.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

17 Does anyone have any New Business?

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: We've already set
20 the October Meeting Dates, previously, so we
21 don't have to do that again.

22 Any Unfinished Business?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: The tentative agenda
25 for tonight's meeting includes the possibility of

1 a Closed session.

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

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

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.

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

17 (Whereupon, at 7:29 P.M., the Meeting was
18 recessed as described above, after which time,
19 the following Minutes were taken by Attorney
20 Hoffman.)

21 Attorney Hoffman reported that the
22 Board of Directors returned to the Open Meeting
23 at 8:31 P.M.

24 Director Gans stated that no votes
25 were taken during the Closed Meeting.

1 The Open Meeting was then adjourned
2 at 8:32 P.M.

3 (The Minutes taken by Attorney Hoffman are
4 attached to the Open Meeting Minutes and may be
5 seen at the Headquarters of the Monarch Fire
6 Protection District.)

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STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Julie M. Senoj, Notary Public and professional court reporter, within and for the State of Missouri, County of St. Louis, 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 by Virginia L. Long and is now herewith returned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of September, 2017.

My commission expires March 20, 2021.

Notary Public within and
for the State of Missouri

Virginia L. Long
Court Reporter
314.603.2287

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**RESOLUTION 09-17-01
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TO AUTHORIZE TAX RATE
LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

WHEREAS, the Chesterfield Fire Protection District, a political subdivision located in St. Louis County, Missouri, was duly incorporated as such by the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri by its final Decree of Incorporation dated July 22, 1957, and a Certified Copy of the same, together with a plate showing the boundaries of said District, is now on file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2003, the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri upon the request of the District, issued its judgment changing the name of the District from the "Chesterfield Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri" to the "Monarch Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri" for all purposes; and

WHEREAS, Rick Gans, Robin Harris and Jean Millner are the duly qualified and acting Directors of said Monarch Fire Protection District and are now providing the necessary equipment and personnel for the prevention of and protection against fire and medical emergencies within said District; and

WHEREAS, Section 321.250 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as determined by Section 67.110 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, provides that the said Board of Directors shall certify to the St. Louis County Council, on or before the 1st day of October of each year, a rate of levy fixed by the Board as provided by law to provide the revenues for the operation and expenses of the Monarch Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.240 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1967, by a vote of 372 for to 271 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District to increase the annual tax rate from thirty cents to forty cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.240 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, the 8th day of April, 1969, by a vote of 426 for to 170 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District to increase the annual tax rate from forty cents to forty-five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.241 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, April 4, 1978, by a vote of

1,139 for to 587 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District to levy an additional tax of not more than twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds for the support of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, the 3rd day of April, 1973, by a vote of 1,065 for to 456 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District to provide ambulance service within the District and to levy a tax not to exceed five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds for such service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, April 1, 1980, by a vote of 1,399 for to 611 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District, for the purpose of maintaining ambulance service within the District, to increase the annual tax levy from five cents to fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds for such services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 321.244 and 321.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, April 3, 1990, by a vote of 7,263 for to 4,524 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District, for the purpose of maintaining ambulance service within the District, to increase the annual tax rate from ten cents to twenty-two cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds for such services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a special election held in said District on Tuesday, November 8, 1994, by a vote of 11,232 for to 9,865 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District, for the purpose of supporting ambulance service or partial or complete support of an emergency medical technician defibrillator or paramedic first responder program, to levy an additional tax of not more than eleven cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation to provide funds for such services; and

WHEREAS, Section 321.243 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides an additional tax not to exceed three cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation which may be levied for the purpose of providing a joint central fire and emergency dispatching service and said funds to be used solely for the above purpose and to keep separate and apart from all other funds of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.243 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, by a vote of 6,925 for to 5,065 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District, for purpose of establishing and providing a joint central fire and emergency dispatching service, to levy an additional tax of not more than two cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation, the revenues from which shall be deposited in a special fund and used solely for the above purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 321.610 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the voters of the District, at a regular election held in said District on Tuesday, April 7, 1981, by a vote of 2,532 for to 1,171 against, approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Directors of the District, for the purpose of maintaining the pension program within the District, to increase the annual tax rate from five cents to ten cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation, the revenues from which shall be deposited in a special fund and used only for the pension program of the District; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Directors has determined that in order to provide revenue for paying the expenses of operations and the cost of acquiring, supplying and maintaining the property, works and equipment of the District, the following tax rates on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the following tangible property located within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District will be necessary to be levied:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.3980
Commercial	\$0.4790
Agricultural	\$0.3060
Personal Property	\$0.5300

WHEREAS, the said Board of Directors has determined that in order to provide revenue to enable the District to continue to provide ambulance and related emergency medical services, the following tax rates on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the following tangible property located within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District will be necessary to be levied:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.2500
Commercial	\$0.2880
Agricultural	\$0.1910
Personal Property	\$0.3300

WHEREAS, the said Board of Directors has determined that in order to provide revenue for the purpose of providing a joint, central fire and emergency dispatching service, the following tax rates on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the following tangible property located within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District will be necessary to be levied:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.0400
Commercial	\$0.0440
Agricultural	\$0.0280
Personal Property	\$0.0480

WHEREAS, the said Board of Directors has determined that in order to provide revenue for the pensioning of the members of the District, the following tax rates on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the following tangible property located within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District will be necessary to be levied:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.0750
Commercial	\$0.0880
Agricultural	\$0.0580
Personal Property	\$0.1000

WHEREAS, Section 321.260 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that the said Board of Directors, in certifying annual levies, shall take into account, in addition to the amounts necessary for the operation of the District, the maturing indebtedness for the ensuing year as provided in its bonds, and interest on bonds, and shall make ample provision for the payment thereof, and said Board has determined in fulfilling its duties that the following tax rates on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the following tangible property located within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District will be necessary to be levied:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.0000
Commercial	\$0.0000
Agricultural	\$0.0000
Personal Property	\$0.0000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District that in order to make provision for payment of the necessary expenses of said District the following tax rate levies are hereby authorized:

- a. General Fund: To provide funds for the payment of expenses of operations and the costs of acquiring, constructing, supplying and maintaining the property, works and equipment of the District and its personnel, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.3980
Commercial	\$0.4790
Agricultural	\$0.3060
Personal Property	\$0.5300

- b. Ambulance Fund: To provide funds for ambulance and emergency medical services, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.2500
Commercial	\$0.2880
Agricultural	\$0.1910
Personal Property	\$0.3300

- c. Dispatch Fund: To provide funds for joint, central fire and emergency dispatching service, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.0400
Commercial	\$0.0440
Agricultural	\$0.0280
Personal Property	\$0.0480

- d. Pension Fund: To provide funds for the pensioning of members of the District, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:	
Residential	\$0.0750
Commercial	\$0.0880
Agricultural	\$0.0580
Personal Property	\$0.1000

- e. Debt Service: To provide funds for the purpose of paying maturing indebtedness of outstanding bonds of the District for the ensuing year and accrued interest thereon, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate	
Residential	\$0.0000
Commercial	\$0.0000
Agricultural	\$0.0000

Personal Property \$0.0000

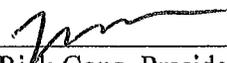
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Directors shall, on or before October 1, 2017, certify to the County Council of St. Louis County the tax rate levies set forth above on each one hundred dollars assessed valuation on all taxable, tangible property within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District, both real and personal. Upon receipt of such certification, it shall be the duty of the County Council of St. Louis County, at the time and in the manner required by law for the levy of political subdivision taxes, to collect and remit to the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District, a tax at the rates on the types of tangible, taxable property above fixed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief is authorized to adjust such tax rate levies (a) as required or as determined by the State Auditor of the State of Missouri to conform with Missouri Law and with the Missouri Constitution and (b) as required by the Missouri Constitution due to any change in the assessed valuation of tangible property within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District as adjusted by the St. Louis County Assessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Secretary of the Board of Directors be delivered to the County Clerk of St. Louis County, Missouri, on or before October 1, 2017.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2017.

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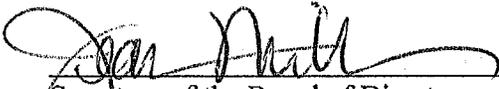
Rick Gans, President of the Board of Directors
Monarch Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Jean Millner - Board Secretary

I, Jean Milner, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District, hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District this 28th day of September, 2017.



Secretary of the Board of Directors
Monarch Fire Protection District