

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

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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, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., in an Open Board Meeting. At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

Robin Harris - President and Director
Jean Millner - Secretary and Director (via video)
Rick Gans - 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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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 7:05 P.M.

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're on the
4 record.

5 I call to order the Open Meeting of
6 the Monarch Fire Protection District for January
7 7th and while your packet might say "2019" we're
8 going to make it "2020."

9 And, once again, I want you to rise
10 and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

11 (At this time, all persons joined in
12 reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the following
13 proceedings were had.)

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And that was tough.

15 (General chuckles.)

16 (Referring to Director Millner not
17 being in sync with the others during the Pledge
18 of Allegiance via video.)

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: For I minute I
20 thought it was -- it was projecting one of us up
21 here and that voice was of concern.

22 I thought someone was getting a
23 cold.

24 Sorry.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Jean, you're out of

1 sync with us.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I was, yeah.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Sorry.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And that's okay.

6 Approval of Agenda.

7 Does anyone have any changes to the

8 agenda?

9 DIRECTOR GANS: I have none.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

13 Moving along to Citizen Comments.

14 I see none.

15 That takes us to the President's

16 Report and there is none, this evening.

17 So, moving along to the Secretary's

18 Report.

19 Do you --

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I think we

21 have Meeting Minutes from both Open and Closed

22 and (not audible).

23 Yes. There they are. Okay.

24 I'd like to get approval for the

25 Open Meeting Minutes for December 23rd, 2019.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.
2 Any discussion?
3 (No response.)
4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?
5 DIRECTOR GANS: Whoa, whoa, whoa.
6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye. Aye.
7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
8 DIRECTOR GANS: Let's -- what date do
9 you have?
10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: December the 23rd,
11 2019.
12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Oh, you have that.
13 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I have these.
14 (Indicating.)
15 DIRECTOR GANS: Right here.
16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay.
17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We need to sign
18 those.
19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (not audible)
20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Those are --
21 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're good. He's
23 behind.
24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.
25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: In that case, any

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

7 Motion passes three-nothing.

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I also call for

9 the approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes from

10 December 23rd, 2019.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I think you moved

12 for that approval?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And I'll second

15 that.

16 Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

22 Motion passes three-nothing.

23 Do you have anything else?

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes the

25 Secretary's Report.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Excellent.

2 Moving along to the Treasurer's
3 Report.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

5 Tonight, we have disbursements in
6 the amount of \$377,939.62 for the period.

7 Included, we have eight checks over
8 the amount of \$5,000.00, which, excuse me,
9 include check number 44038 in the amount of
10 \$209,683.61 to Central County 911, which is
11 remitting taxes collected for dispatch, 911
12 Dispatch.

13 Check number 44042 in the amount of
14 \$46,552.00 to Don Brown, which would be Don Brown
15 Chevrolet, for the purchase of the vehicle to tow
16 the new safety trailer.

17 Check number 44055 to Leo Ellebracht
18 and Company in the amount of \$9,631.85.

19 And that is for -- I know I saw it,
20 but I forgot what it's for.

21 Turnout gear, I believe.

22 Is that correct?

23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Which one was that?

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Turnout gear, I
25 guess.

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Hmm, --
2 DIRECTOR GANS: (not clear) of
3 equipment here.
4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: What -- what check
5 was that, Rick?
6 MS. DEPEW: No, it's miscellaneous.
7 DIRECTOR GANS: Check number 44055.
8 MS. DEPEW: Miscellaneous tax credit,
9 for Assistant Chief Crews.
10 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, for -- for
11 rescue equipment. Is that correct?
12 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: That is a
13 correct answer.
14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I forgot about
15 that one in there.
16 Check number 44057 in the amount of
17 \$26,627.06.
18 And I'll bet that's the turnout
19 gear.
20 Making sure.
21 For additional (not clear) of
22 turnout gear.
23 Check number 44059 in the amount of
24 \$7,484.34 to Mediclaims, which is payment for
25 collecting EMS billing.

1 Check number 44060 in the amount of
2 \$19,035.00 even to Missouri American Water
3 Company.

4 This is to reimburse them for the
5 hard costs involved in the donation of the land
6 for the training tower.

7 Check number 44066 in the amount of
8 \$6,742.15 to Polsinelli P.C., which is legal fees
9 related to pension and VEBA.

10 And, finally, check 44070 in the
11 amount of six thousand nine -- I'm sorry;
12 \$6,393.00 even to Show Me Weights for exercise
13 equipment for various Houses.

14 Are there any questions about the
15 checks tonight?

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none that
18 were not addressed via the email that went out
19 earlier.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: And I sent out the
21 email earlier, so I have no additional questions.

22 One second.

23 I know that there was -- I had
24 additional questions about the answers to the
25 questions and I just want to look, very quickly,

1 at that.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I reviewed it and

3 I was satisfied.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: You had asked when

6 you could see the (one word not clear) graphics.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah.

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And I --

9 DIRECTOR GANS: And you --

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- detailed --

11 DIRECTOR GANS: And you don't know

12 that. You don't know yet. And that's fine.

13 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Correct.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: And I understand the

15 reason that -- I understand that explanation.

16 And the other one was about the

17 touch screen in the medium sized ambulance.

18 How much longer are we going to have

19 that ambulance?

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That'll go into

21 reserve in 2021.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.

23 It can't be soon enough.

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I --

25 (General chuckles.)

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I was going to
2 say, that's probably a question he should've
3 asked you, or us.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: He -- he doesn't
5 even want us to talk about those ambulances.

6 (General chuckles.)

7 DIRECTOR GANS: He's wishing we
8 weren't talking about those.

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: What ambulance?

10 (General laughter.)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: One of those medium
12 sized ambulances.

13 All right.

14 So, back to the Treasurer's Report,
15 since there are no questions.

16 In reviewing these disbursements,
17 they appear to be reasonable and necessary in the
18 conduct of the District's business.

19 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
20 prepared per your recommendation?

21 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Do they violate any
23 state bidding statutes, or constitute installment
24 payments?

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware

1 of.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: I make a motion that
3 we accept the disbursements as prepared.

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

5 Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

11 Motion passes three-zero.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: And that concludes
13 the Treasurer's Report.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Moving along to the
15 Chief's Report.

16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

17 The only item I have is a Hydrant
18 Resolution that's going to (not clear) install
19 the two hydrants in the Krishna Estates
20 Subdivision.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And, I have here,
22 the Resolution to place two public fire hydrants
23 in the Krishna Estates as follows:

24 One on the south side of Wild Horse
25 Creek Road at the intersection of the west lot

1 line of Lot One.

2 And the second on the south side of
3 Wild Horse Creek Road at the intersection of lots
4 two and three.

5 And I move to adopt that Resolution
6 for the two fire hydrants.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second that
8 motion.

9 I do have a question.

10 I'll second.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Any discussion?

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes. Where are
13 those? Where is that in (not clear).

14 I just wanted to make him come up
15 here.

16 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Roger Herin,
17 fire marshal.

18 That subdivision, it's a three lot
19 subdivision on the south side of Wild Horse Creek
20 Road near the intersection of Khers Mill Road and
21 Wild Horse Creek.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

23 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: It's across
24 from the nursery. I don't know if it's Baxter
25 Nursery, or one --

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Got it.
2 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: -- of the --
3 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.
4 That was my only question.
5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Hearing no other
6 discussion, all in favor?
7 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
10 Motion passes three-zero.
11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's all I have.
12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're going to
13 take a brief recess awaiting the Attorney's
14 Report.
15 So, we are off the record.
16 (Whereupon, a brief recess was declared at
17 7:14 P.M., returning to the Open Meeting at 7:20
18 P.M. with the following proceedings)
19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I call back to
20 order the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire
21 Protection District.
22 There is no Attorney's Report
23 tonight.
24 Is there any New Business?
25 (No response.)

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Any Unfinished
2 Business?

3 (No response.)

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: At this time, I
5 move to go into a Closed Meeting in accordance
6 with Revised Statutes, Missouri, Chapter 610.021,
7 Sub-Section One, Legal Actions and Advice; Two,
8 Purchase of Real Estate; Three, Personnel
9 Matters; Nine, Employee Groups Negotiations and
10 Nineteen, Security.

11 Do I hear a second?

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Second.

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All in favor?

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

19 Motion passes three-zero.

20 We are off the record in Open and
21 we'll resume in Closed, shortly.

22 Thank you, everyone, who came
23 tonight.

24 (Whereupon, at 7:21 P.M., the Board entered
25 a Closed Meeting as described above, with Minutes

1 taken by Attorney Hoffman.

2 Please note that the foregoing Minutes were
3 recorded by the Monarch Fire Protection District
4 and transcribed by Virginia L. Long.)

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6 Attorney Hoffman reported that the
7 Open Meeting reconvened at 8:47 P.M., following
8 the Closed Meeting.

9 Director Harris announced that no
10 votes were taken during the Closed Meeting and
11 hearing no further business he made a motion to
12 adjourn the Open Meeting.

13 Director Gans seconded the motion
14 and voted Aye, as did Director Gans and Director
15 Harris.

16 At 8:49 P.M., the Open Meeting was
17 adjourned.

18 (Note that the Original Meeting Minutes
19 taken by Attorney Hoffman are attached to today's
20 Minutes and may be seen at Headquarters.)

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