

RESOLUTION 2020-04

A Resolution of Outlining Remonstrations Requirements for the Expansion of the Monroe Fire Protection District.

WHEREAS, the Monroe Fire Protection District, with the Benton Township Trustee have presented a plan for expansion of the Fire Protection District to include fire protection territory that is currently serviced by Benton Township Volunteer Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, due to the high costs of mailings and the support from the inclusion of Indian Creek to the district, the Monroe County Commissioners find it acceptable to allow for the District to use an alternative method for determination of support in the those currently served by the district; and,

WHEREAS, Plan proposed by the Fire Protection District and Benton Township Trustee would require the signatures, from twenty percent (20%) freeholders owning property in Benton Township, approving the proposal of adding Benton Township to the Monroe Fire Protection District; and,

WHEREAS, in Benton Township and the present territory served or in the territory approved to be served by the Fire Protection District (all or portions of Perry Township, Bloomington Township, Van Buren Township, Clear Creek Township, and Indian Creek Township) to advertise and have public engagement meetings describing the addition, including costs, and allow for a remonstrations process; and,

WHEREAS, Notice shall be published for the expansion, the notice must include where the public may review the projected financial information regarding the expansion. The notice shall also include that if fifty (50) residents currently being served by the Fire Protection District may file a petition with the Monroe County Auditor, not later than noon thirty (30) days after the publication of the Notice setting forth their objections to the proposed expansion, then the County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing regarding the objections. Such hearing shall be separate from the statutorily required public hearing.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Commissioners shall consider the inclusion of the unincorporated portions of Benton Township into the Current Monroe Fire Protection District after the following has occurred:

1. Presentation of the required petitions from twenty percent (20%) freeholders owning property in Benton Township, as described in Indiana Code, within the affected areas of Benton Township.
2. Completion of public engagement meetings.
3. Publish Notice, twice at least one week apart, such notice shall state:
 - a. Time and location of the public engagement meetings;
 - b. Where information, including financial impact, can be obtained by concerned residents;
 - c. That if fifty (50) residents file a petition within thirty (30) days following the public engagement meetings with the Monroe County Auditor than the Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing will be set to hear objections.
 - d. Both the physical address of the Auditor and an email address where objections will be accepted.

Adopted this 12 day of February, 2020.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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ATTEST:



Catherine Smith, Monroe County Auditor