



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY & STORMWATER BOARD
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2024 REGULAR MEETING
Convened in the Goshen Police & Court Building, 111 East Jefferson St., Goshen, Indiana

Present: Mayor Gina Leichty, Orv Myers and Mary Nichols
Absent: Mike Landis and Barb Swartley

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Leichty called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Leichty presented the minutes of the Aug. 8, 2024 Regular Meeting as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Richard R. Aguirre. Board member Mary Nichols moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Orv Myers. The motion passed 3-0.

REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Leichty presented the agenda with the suggested addition of agenda #23, *Request for subordinate sewer tap and water tap for 2614 South Main Street*. Board member Nichols moved to approve the agenda as amended. Board member Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

1) Open sealed bids: For the purchase and installation of a diesel generator for the Hilltop Booster Station overseen by the Goshen Water and Sewer Department

On behalf of the Goshen Water & Sewer Department, the City solicited sealed quotes for the purchase and installation of a diesel generator for the Hilltop Booster Station in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-22-8-3. Sealed quotes were due today by 3:45 p.m. to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office or by 4 p.m. at the City Court Room/Council Chamber. The Legal Department asked that the Board open any and all sealed quotes submitted for consideration and forward all bid packages for review. Mayor Leichty announced the four bids received:

- Buckeye Power Sales, Blacklick, Ohio: \$57,717
- Elevated Power LLC, Mishawaka, Indiana: \$132,859.91
- L&M Electric, Inc., Goshen, Indiana: \$103,167, with a trade-in of \$1,500 for the old generator
- Michiana Contracting, Inc., Plymouth, Indiana: \$169,910, with a trade-in of \$1,500 for the old generator

Nichols/Myers made a motion to forward all bids received for the purchase and installation of a diesel generator for the Hilltop Booster Station to the Legal Department for review. Motion passed 3-0.

2) Open sealed bids: For the purchase of two service bodies for the single axle chassis trucks for the Goshen Water and Sewer Department

On behalf of the Goshen Water & Sewer Department, the City solicited sealed quotes for the purchase of two service bodies for the single axle trucks on order in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-22-8-3.

Sealed quotes were due today by 3:45pm. to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office or by 4 p.m. at the City Court Room/Council Chamber. The Legal Department asked that the Board open any and all sealed quotes submitted for consideration and forward all bid packages for review. Mayor Leichty announced the three bids received:

- Meyer Truck Equipment, Evansville, Indiana: \$168,049
- Viking Cives, Merrillville, Indiana: \$121,416
- W.A. Jones Truck Bodies & Equipment, Columbia City, Indiana: \$173,480

Nichols/Myers made a motion to forward all bids received for the purchase of two service bodies for the single axle chassis trucks to the Legal Department for review. Motion passed 3-0.



3) Fire Department swearing in: Kevin A. Mann as Private First Class

On July 11, 2024, the Board of Public Works and Safety approved the promotion of **Kevin A. Mann as Private First Class for the Goshen Fire Department, retroactive to April 10, 2024.**

City Fire Chief Dan Sink told the Board that Kevin A. Mann completed his probationary year at the Goshen Fire Department on April 10, 2024. Based on his performance and recommendations from his shift Battalion Chief and Training Officer, Chief Sink asked the Board to approve Mann's promotion.

Because he was unavailable on July 11, Kevin A. Mann's swearing in by Mayor Leichty was delayed until Aug. 29. Accompanied by family members, he was sworn into office.

4) Fire Department request: Approve the promotion of Daniel Kurtz to EMS Sergeant

City Fire Chief Dan Sink told the Board that **Daniel Kurtz** has passed all the required tests and standards required for promotion at the Goshen Fire Department.

Chief Sink requested the Board's approval for the promotion of Kurtz to the rank of EMS Sergeant for the Goshen Fire Department, retroactive to Aug.17, 2024.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the promotion of Daniel Kurtz to the rank of EMS Sergeant for the Goshen Fire Department, retroactive to Aug.17, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

After approval, Mayor Leichty swore Daniel Kurtz into office as an EMS Sergeant for the Fire Department.

5) Fire Department request: Approve the resignation of Megan Berry

City Fire Chief Dan Sink told the Board that after serving the Goshen Fire Department and Goshen community since November 22, 2021, **Firefighter/Paramedic Megan Berry** submitted her resignation, effective Sept. 22, 2024. **Chief Sink** added, "We have enjoyed working with Megan during her time at GFD and appreciate her service to our community. Our GFD family would like to wish Megan the very best in her new endeavors."

Mayor Leichty asked the Chief to pass along the City's gratitude and thanks to Megan Berry for her service.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the resignation of Firefighter/Paramedic Megan Berry, retroactive to Aug.17, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

6) Police Department request: Approve promotion of Officer Diego Murillo #226 from the position of Probationary Patrol Officer to the rank of Patrol Officer, retroactive to Aug.14, 2024

Assistant Police Chief Shawn Turner asked the Board to approve the promotion of **Officer Diego Murillo #226** from the position of Probationary Patrol Officer to the rank of Patrol Officer, retroactive to Aug.14, 2024.

Chief Turner said on Aug. 14, 2024, Officer Murillo completed his 12-month probationary period. He added, "Officer Murillo has demonstrated he will be a great addition to the Goshen Police Department and to this community."

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the promotion of Officer Diego Murillo #226 from the position of Probationary Patrol Officer to the rank of Patrol Officer, retroactive to Aug.14, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

After approval, Mayor Leichty swore Diego Murillo into office as a Patrol Officer for the Police Department.

7) Police Department request: Approve the hiring of Jared Ellison as a reserve police officer, effective Sept. 2, 2024

Assistant Police Chief Shawn Turner asked the Board to approve the hiring of **Jared Ellison** as a reserve police officer, effective Monday, Sept. 2, 2024.

Chief Turner said Ellison resigned from the Goshen Police Department on Dec. 22, 2023 to work full-time in the private sector. He resigned in good standing with the department as a Lieutenant assigned to midnight shift, and as a member on the Elkhart County S.W.A.T. team.



Chief Turner said recently Ellison contacted the Police Department and expressed his desire to return to the department as a reserve police officer. Chief Turner added, "The Goshen Police Department is honored to have the opportunity to hire Jared as a reserve officer to once again serve our community."

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the hiring of Jared Ellison as a reserve police officer, effective Monday, Sept. 2, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

After approval, Mayor Leichty swore Jared Ellison into office as a Reserve Officer for the Police Department.

8) Arts on the Millrace request: Approve "No Parking" on the two closest parking spots on the north side of the powerhouse at Powerhouse Park on Sept. 7, 2024

Adrienne Nesbitt, Festival Director of Arts on the Millrace, asked the Board for the designation of "no parking" on the two closest parking spaces on the north side of the powerhouse at Powerhouse Park on Sept. 7, 2024.

Nesbitt said the spot will be used to load-in and load-out bands throughout the day, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to designate "no parking" on the two closest parking spaces on the north side of the powerhouse at Powerhouse Park on Sept. 7, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

9) Goshen High School Band Boosters request: Street closures, barricades and parking for the Goshen High School Marching Band Invitational, Sept. 7, 2024

Jason Kauffman, a representative of the Goshen High School Band Boosters, asked the Board to approve the closure of several public streets for the upcoming Goshen Marching Band Invitational, which will be held at Goshen High School on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024.

Boosters were making the request for the safety of the students and volunteers attending this event. Since the high school utilizes the entire campus for this Invitational, students' movement across these streets was necessary.

Kauffman said 25 marching bands from around the region will begin performing. Preparations for the Invitational and the arrival of each participating school will begin in the morning, so the Boosters requested street closures no later than 10 a.m. and the event will conclude shortly after 9:30 p.m., with all participants leaving no later than 11 p.m. and clean-up completed no later than midnight. Boosters also were hoping to have a police officer present at the event.

The streets the Boosters requested for closure were as follows: East Purl Street from 9th Street east to the school campus and 10th Street from the intersection of 10th and Madison Street to Plymouth Avenue, which would include the closure of the intersection with East Reynolds Street.

The Boosters also requested permission to utilize the areas yet to be developed at the Ariel Cycleworks site between Douglas Street and Plymouth Avenue on the west side of 10th Street for spectator parking. This request was approved by the City Engineering Department, the Street Department, and Niblock Excavating.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the requested street closures. The motion passed 3-0.

10) Bill's Heating requests: For its new facility, waive the Design Standards and Specifications for Parking and Driveway Surfaces for an expanded parking area and allow for the new pole barn to use sanitary and water services from the main building

On behalf of property owner SKR Investments, Abonmarche forwarded requests for a new Bill's Heating facility located at the corner of Dierdorff Road and Kercher Road. The existing building is to be expanded, and a new free-standing pole barn is planned to be constructed on the northeast side of the property.

Crystal Welch, a Senior Urban Planner for Abonmarche, asked the Board to allow for the new pole barn to use sanitary and water services from the main building. Welch also requested that the Board waive the Design Standards and Specifications for Parking and Driveway Surfaces.



The existing stone area will be expanded to the northeast between the new pole barn and property line as shown on the attached Site Development Plan that is currently being reviewed by the City's Technical Review Committee. The additional stone will provide a surface for trucks to utilize when maneuvering into the new loading dock on the east side of the main building addition.

City Project Manager Andrew Lund said **City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor** prepared a memo (**EXHIBIT #1**) in response to the request by Bill's Heating.

In his memorandum to the Board, **City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor** wrote that during the City site plan review, the following review comments were issued:

1. Utilities to the Detached Structure – The detached structure requires a separate utility connection that will be connected to the primary structure's utility service. By Ordinance, this will require the Board of Works and Safety's approval.
2. Board of Works Hard Surface Policy – Due to the expansion of the building and the site's change of use, the Board of Work's hard surface policy requires the gravel area to be upgraded to a durable hard surface. Items to note in connection with the site improvement are:
 - The proposed detached structure will enter and exit out onto the gravel that is proposed to remain gravel.
 - The existing access drive onto Kercher Road is currently gated. As part of the site's redevelopment, the access gate will be removed, and the drive will be open for access to all vehicles.
 - As part of the emergency vehicle and semi-truck turning movement plan, semi-trucks will need to utilize most of the defined gravel area for maneuvering into and out of the loading dock.

Sailor wrote that with regard to Plan Review Comment No. 1 – Goshen Engineering supports the petitioner's request to connect the second building on the site (a subordinate structure) to the primary structure's water and sewer connections in accordance with Ordinances 4333, Section 3.03(M) and Ordinance 4290, Section 1(F).

With regard to Plan Review Comment No. 2, **Sailor** wrote that the Board of Works will need to review the Hard Surface Policy and the petitioner's evidence to make a determination as to whether relief of the hard surface policy is warranted. Per Goshen Engineering's review, the following improvements would trigger the installation of hard surface improvements:

The 2010 Hard Surface Policy states:

1. All new or expanded parking areas, driving aisles and driveways serving residential, commercial, and industrial real estate within the developmental jurisdictional limits of the city of Goshen shall be constructed with a durable, hard surface.
2. If a commercial or industrial parking area is expanded by fifty percent (50% or more,) whether such increase occurs at one time or in successive stages, all existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways must be improved to a durable, hard surface in addition to the new construction. Any residential driveway or parking improvements which increase the overall area of the driveway and/or parking outside the City's right-of-way must be improved to a durable, hard surface.
3. If a commercial or industrial primary building is expanded by more than thirty-three percent (33%), whether such increase occurs at one time or in successive stages, all proposed and existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways serving the building must be improved to a durable, hard surface. If any residential building, including a garage, is expanded by more than thirty-percent (33%), all proposed and existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways must be improved to a durable, hard surface.
4. Areas used for outside storage or inventory storage in commercial or industrial zoned areas are not considered parking areas for the purpose of these standards and specifications.



5. Durable, hard surface for residential use shall be all-weather paving materials such as asphalt, concrete or paving brick capable of carrying a wheel load of four thousand (4,000) pounds without damaging the surface.

6. Durable, hard surface for commercial or industrial use for employee and customer parking shall be all-weather paving materials such as asphalt, concrete or paving brick capable of carrying a wheel load of four thousand (4,000) pounds without damaging the surface. Durable, hard surface for commercial and industrial vehicle use shall be constructed with a hard surface adequate to support the weight of the vehicle and maneuvering of the vehicles without damaging the surface.

7. All parking areas, driving aisles and driveways shall be properly maintained including immediate repair of any damaged area.

Sailor wrote that various sections, including 2, 3 and 6, would apply to Bill's Heating's site, per Goshen Engineering's review. **Sailor** wrote that any modification of the standards and specifications by the Board of Public Works and Safety may grant the relief only if the Board finds that:

a. The parking area is overflow parking or infrequently used and exceeds the minimum parking standards of the Goshen Zoning Ordinance;

b. The area is residential, and the surrounding driveways are not durable, hard surface.

c. The land is zoned Agricultural A-1 and used principally for agricultural or another use for which required parking area of a durable, hard surface is not reasonable or practical; or

d. Requiring parking area of a durable, hard surface for all or some of the parking areas would be unrealistic, excessive and inconsistent with the aesthetic appeal of the development.

Sailor concluded that in Goshen Engineering's review of the available findings, Item d. would be the only section the Board could cite to offer the applicant relief.

City Project Manager Andrew Lund summarized **Sailor's** memorandum, concluding that the Engineering Department would not recommend approval of the gravel parking area, primarily because of the size of the building's expansion and because the area will be used for maneuvering truck and not just storage. In response to a question from the **Mayor**, **Lund** said City staff would recommend that the entire area be upgraded to a hard surface.

City Assistant Planning & Zoning Administrator Rossa Deegan told the Board that earlier in the week the City Board of Zoning Appeals also considered this matter. He said the Board approved a reduced setback for the new area on the east property line of three feet with access from and to Kercher Road and an area that used to be for storage. He added his department didn't have an opinion about the appropriate driveway surface type.

Welch said the driveway surface requirement wasn't raised during an early pre-development meeting with City staff. She said a gravel driveway was requested because there will be only about two large trucks per month using the new area of the building, which will mostly be used for storage and access by smaller delivery trucks.

Mayor Leichty asked about the urgency of a Board decision, adding that perhaps a resolution could be reached by the applicant in further conversation with City staff. **Welch** responded that there was a desire to move forward soon.

After further discussion with the Mayor, the applicant and City staff, it was decided that it would be best to table to matter until next week's Board meeting.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to table the requests from Bill's Heating to the Board's next meeting on Sept. 5, 2024. The motion passed 3-0.

11) **Sunnybrook Excavating request: Approve closure of Johnston Street, from Sept. 3-7, for a sewer line repair**

Devon Yoder of Sunnybrook Excavating of Middlebury asked the Board to approve the closure of Johnston Street, from Sept. 3-Sept. 7, 2024, for a sewer line repair.



Yoder said his company has been in touch with the Street Department about the repair. **Street Commissioner David Gibbs** asked if Yoder needed barricades from the City or would be providing them. Yoder said his company would provide the barricades.

Nichols/Myers then made a motion to approve the closure of Johnston Street, from Sept. 3-Sept. 7, 2024, for a sewer line repair. The motion passed 3-0.

12) Planning & Zoning Department request: Accept the replat of East College Avenue Industrial Park subdivision plat with dedications and easements

City Planning & Zoning Administrator Rhonda Yoder told the Board that the Replat of East College Avenue Industrial Park is a four-lot industrial subdivision, to replat the existing four-lot East College Avenue Industrial Park subdivision to add land, add new easements and modify existing easements. The subject property contains ±331.52 acres, and is generally located east of Lincolnway East and east of the railroad, on both sides of College Avenue (CR 36), zoned Industrial M-1.

Yoder said the subdivision meets the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance requirements, and is consistent with the primary subdivision approved by the Plan Commission on May 21, 2024. The subdivision drainage plan accepted by the Board of Works on July 11, 2022, included the land that is being added by the replat, so no new subdivision drainage plan is required. Public infrastructure is being constructed through a development agreement, and a bond purchased by the developer is in place.

Yoder said the plat includes dedication of additional right of way along College Avenue, and also includes a number of easements. She asked the Board to accept the Replat of East College Avenue Industrial Park subdivision plat with dedications and easements, and sign the plat.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to accept the Replat of East College Avenue Industrial Park subdivision plat with dedications and easements. The motion passed 3-0.

13) Planning & Zoning Department request: Accept the subdivision plat for Lincoln Avenue Subdivision with dedications and easements

City Planning & Zoning Administrator Rhonda Yoder told the Board that the secondary subdivision has been submitted for Lincoln Avenue Subdivision, a three-lot major subdivision.

The subject property is generally located on the south side of Lincoln Avenue, extending east from Rock Run to property across from Steury Avenue, approximately 7.35 acres, with common addresses of 622, 624, 700, 702, 704, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 800, 828, 922 ½ and 922 E Lincoln Avenue, zoned Residential R-1, Industrial M-1 and Industrial M-2.

Yoder said the subdivision meets the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance requirements, and is consistent with the primary subdivision approved by the Plan Commission on July 21, 2020. The overall subdivision drainage plan is part of an area drainage plan that has already been implemented, with detention constructed on Lot 2, and with Lots 1 and 3 allowed stormwater drainage access to the existing detention on Lot 2, subject to review and approval by Goshen Engineering, so no new subdivision drainage plan is required.

Yoder said public infrastructure is being constructed by the City of Goshen, part of the Steury Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction & Drainage Improvements project. The plat includes dedication of additional right of way along East Lincoln Avenue, and also includes a number of easements.

Yoder asked the Board to accept the subdivision plat for Lincoln Avenue Subdivision with dedications and easements, and sign the plat.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to accept the subdivision plat for Lincoln Avenue Subdivision with dedications and easements. The motion passed 3-0.



14) Environmental Resilience Department request: Authorize Mayor Leichty to sign the contract with Aquatic Weed Control for phragmites removal for \$9,750

Aaron Sawatsky Kingsley, Director of the City Department of Environmental Resilience, told the Board this proposed contract was for the removal of the invasive species "phragmites" on five City properties, including three Parks properties and two Stormwater retention basins.

Sawatsky Kingsley said this contract was being funded through a grant from the Great Lakes Commission for the City of Goshen to participate in phragmites removal research. The grant will pay \$8,276 and the Department will pay the remaining \$1,474.

This research is intended to develop best management standards for phragmites removal. The information from the outcomes will give Goshen managers the tools to keep phragmites in check on City properties and provide information and public education for landowners in our area. The properties included in this project are: Fidler Pond, Abshire Park, and stormwater retention basins at 828 East Lincoln Avenue and 2427 Kercher Road.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to authorize Mayor Leichty to sign the contract with Aquatic Weed Control for phragmites removal for \$9,750. The motion passed 3-0.

15) Legal Department request: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with Cumins, Inc. for inspections and diagnostic testing on 29 City of Goshen generators for a total contract cost of \$38,484

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann told the Board that City staff wants to contract with Cummins, Inc to provide inspections and diagnostic testing on 29 City of Goshen generators.

Stegelmann said the contract term is for two years beginning Sept. 1, 2024 and ending Aug. 31, 2026. The cost per year is \$19,242 for a contract price of \$38,484. Any additional service requested by the City will be at these rates:

- \$169.50 per Hour – Normal Business Hours (M-F/8-5)
- \$182.25 per Hour-Overtime
- \$182.25 per Hour-Sundays/Holidays
- \$146.96 per round trip
- Parts have a 15% markup

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve and authorize Mayor Leichty to execute the agreement with Cumins, Inc. for inspections and diagnostic testing on 29 City of Goshen generators for a total contract cost of \$38,484 and subject to additional costs for any additional services requested. The motion passed 3-0.

16) Legal Department request: Approve and authorize the Mayor Leichty to execute Amendment Agreement 2 with Peerless Midwest, Inc for additional testing needed for a potential new well field just north of Goshen Airport at a cost of \$61,880

City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann told the Board that attached for the Board's agenda packet was an Amendment Agreement with Peerless Midwest, Inc. for additional testing for a potential new well field just north of Goshen Airport. **Stegelmann** said the cost of this additional necessary testing is not to exceed \$61,880 with an understanding that additional expense may incur if the well equipment should become difficult to move in or out as a result of weather conditions due to the remote locations of the test sites and seasonal conditions at the time of drilling.

Marvin Shepherd, Superintendent of the City Water Treatment and Sewer Department, said the City purchased about 90 acres near the airport and tested for four wells. However, the City was not getting the yield out of those four wells, which were about 150 feet deep. So, he said the City plans to drill six more wells in hopes of a finding a higher yield and a location for an eventual 16-inch well.



Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve and authorize Mayor Leichty to execute Amendment Agreement 2 with Peerless Midwest, Inc for additional testing needed for a potential new well field just north of Goshen Airport at a cost of \$61,880. The motion passed 3-0.

17) Legal Department request: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and scope appendix with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP for financial services related to the Shanklin Pool Project Bond Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler told the Board that attached for the Board's agenda packet was an Engagement Letter Agreement Related to Services and Scope Appendix with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP. Shuler said the agreement is for Baker Tilly's services related to the Shanklin Pool Project bond and associated financing. The expenses incurred under the Agreement will be paid at bond closing; any expenses incurred prior to closing for Baker Tilly's services related to the Shanklin Pool Project may be reimbursed from Bond proceeds. Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve and authorize Mayor Leichty to execute the Agreement and Scope Appendix with Baker Tilly Advisory Group, LP for financial services related to the Shanklin Pool Project Bond. The motion passed 3-0.

18) Legal Department request: Approve Resolution 2024-22, Approving Revisions to City of Goshen Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy. Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler told the Board that on Oct. 2, 2023, the Board of Public Works and Safety approved the City of Goshen Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy, governing the use of small unmanned aircraft by the City's Public Works and Utilities Departments. In May 2024, Shuler said the City received waivers from the Federal Aviation Administration to permit operations over moving vehicles and operations over human beings. City staff has revised and updated the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy to reflect these waivers and providing standards for the use of small unmanned aircraft in those situations. City staff proposed the adoption of the revised policy provided with this memorandum. Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22, Approving Revisions to City of Goshen Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Policy. The motion passed 3-0.

19) Legal Department request: Authorize the Police Chief or the Police Chief's designee and the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee to extend a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for employment with the Police Department or Fire Department on behalf of the Board of Public Works and Safety, and to execute a Conditional Offer of Employment Agreement with the individual City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann said that for several years the Board of Public Works and Safety has extended conditional offers of employment to candidates for employment with the Police Department or Fire Department, as well as approved and authorized the Mayor to execute Conditional Offer of Employment Agreements with individuals. The agreement includes the prerequisites to beginning employment and contains other provisions related to training requirements, reimbursement requirements, and a hiring bonus to the individual, if eligible. After the conditional offer of employment has been extended and the agreement is fully executed, the Police or Fire Department will have the individual begin the application process for membership to the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS)'s 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund (1977 Fund). As part of this process, Stegelmann said the application for membership requires the individual to authorize the release of medical information, the completion of comprehensive medical history, and the completion of required physical and mental examinations. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, an employer may not ask an individual disability-related questions and may not conduct medical examinations until after the employer makes a conditional offer of employment to the individual.



To maintain the confidentiality of individuals in the pre-employment process, **Stegelmann** recommended that the Board authorize the Police Chief or the Police Chief's designee, and the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee, to extend a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for employment with the Police Department or Fire Department on behalf of the Board, and to execute a Conditional Offer of Employment Agreement with individuals. Once the INPRS Board of Trustees has approved the individual's application for membership to the 1977 Fund, or if the individual is an active 1977 Fund member and separating from another participating 1977 Fund employer and transferring to the City within 180 days (and therefore not required to complete the physical and mental examinations), then the Police or Fire Department will present the fully executed agreement to the Board for ratification at the time the hiring of the individual as an employee of the Police or Fire Department is approved.

Assistant Chief of Police Shawn Turner spoke in favor of the change in procedures, which the Police Department proposed to the Legal Department. He said the current procedure of the application becoming a public record – through Board action – could be problematic for an applicant already employed by another police department.

Mayor Leichty, City Attorney Stegelmann and Assistant Chief Turner clarified the procedure to be used going forward, emphasizing that the Board would still approve hirings before officers or firefighters began drawing salaries. **Nichols/Myers made a motion to authorize the Police Chief or the Police Chief's designee, and the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee, to extend a conditional offer of employment to a candidate for employment with the Police Department or Fire Department on behalf of the Board of Public Works and Safety, and to execute a Conditional Offer of Employment Agreement with the individual. The motion passed 3-0.**

20) Engineering Department request: Approve the re-establishment of the "No Truck" designation on Blackport Drive, effective immediately.

City Project Manager Andrew Lund told the Board that due to existing utility conflicts, work on the Steury Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction project will be delayed until April 2025.

In order to ease the burden of the traffic control on local drivers and businesses, **Lund** said the Engineering Department had previously requested that the "No Truck" designation on Blackport Drive be temporarily removed. In light of the delay, it was requested that "No Truck" designation be re-established.

Upon notice of the Contractor's intended road closure, **Lund** said Engineering will again request the temporary removal of the "No Truck" designation on Blackport Drive, tentatively in April 2025.

Mayor Leichty asked if those affected had been notified of the project delay. **Lund** said there had been an initial notification but there will be a wider notification of the delay until spring.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the re-establishment of the "No Truck" designation on Blackport Drive, effective immediately. The motion passed 3-0.

21) Engineering Department request: Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Steury Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction Project for an addition of 308 days to the contract

City Project Manager Andrew Lund told the Board that Niblock Excavating had planned to begin work on the Steury and Lincoln project in June of this year. However, he said in May, it was discovered that Frontier fiber utilities were still in conflict with the proposed alignment of the new water main.

Although the fiber utilities had been previously relocated for the project, **Lund** said they were not moved according to the relocation plan provided by the project design engineer.

Lund said new conduit was installed by the fiber utility this summer, and Niblock Excavating was able to mobilize on Aug. 12. However, it was then discovered that the fiber cable still needed to be transferred to the new conduit. In addition, a stop work order was made by NIPSCO gas due to an untenable gas service.



On account of ongoing utility delays, **Lund** said it was decided with Niblock Excavating to shift the start of this project to April 2025. In the meantime, Niblock crews will focus efforts on expediting the reconstruction of Reliance Road, which is needed for the new Elkhart County Consolidated Courts campus.

As a result of this delay, **Lund** said 308 calendar days are being added to the contract, extending the date of substantial completion for Phase 1 and Phase 2 from Oct. 4, 2024, until Aug. 8, 2025. The date of final completion for the entire project will be extended from Sept. 30, 2025, to Aug. 4, 2026. Niblock Excavating will receive and store materials on-site, so as to avoid material cost increases during the delay.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Steury Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction Project for an addition of 308 days to the contract. The motion passed 3-0.

22) Engineering Department request: Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Arcadis for \$590,000 to provide design and bid support services for the North Goshen Neighborhoods Service Line Replacement and Utility Upgrades project

City Project Manager Andrew Lund requested approval for an expenditure of \$590,000 for Design Services, and the creation of Bid Documents for the North Goshen Neighborhoods Service Line Replacement Project.

Lund said the project will replace aging galvanized service lines and lead gooseneck connectors in the Riverside, Dickerson Landing, Northside, and Wilden Avenue neighborhoods.

While replacing service lines in the Northside Neighborhood, the project will also replace 1930s-era water mains, distressed sewer mains, and provide separation of the sanitary and storm sewer mains. Due to the extent of excavation required for this work, the project will also re-build portions of Oakridge Avenue and Queen Street with new roadway, curb and gutter, and sidewalks. Several cross streets disrupted by the utility work will also be rebuilt.

Lund said the design fee requested will implement a much-needed upgrade of the infrastructure in the neighborhoods of North Goshen. The estimated \$9.1 million project will begin in the Spring 2025 and be completed by late in 2026. **Lund** said Goshen has been fortunate to receive a \$2.5 million grant and \$2.5 million 0% interest loan from the Indiana Finance Authority for the project with the remainder of the funding shared by the Water and Sewer Utilities and Civil City.

Mayor Leichty said she appreciated that City staff was diligent in pursuing the lead abatement project and believed **Councilor Matt Schrock** would be very happy to know about these proposed improvements in his district.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached agreement with Arcadis for \$590,000 to provide design and bid support services for the North Goshen Neighborhoods Service Line Replacement and Utility Upgrades project. The motion passed 3-0.

23) Len & Marcia Morris request: Approve subordinate sewer tap and water tap for 2614 South Main Street City Redevelopment Director Becky Hutsell said City staff have been working for several years with Len and Marcia Morris on their property at 2614 South Main Street.

After purchasing the property, **Hutsell** said the couple acquired additional parcels to the east and have invested a lot of time and effort into that property. She said they were requesting a subordinate utility connection to their gardener's cottage from their main residence to install a bathroom.

Hutsell said Len and Marcia Morris have worked with the City Engineering Department, which support the request. In response to a question from the **Mayor**, **City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann** said it appeared that the request would fit within the requirements of the ordinance.

Nichols/Myers made a motion to approve the request for a subordinate sewer tap and a water tap in accordance with Sewer Ordinance 4333 Section 3.03(M and Water Ordinance 4290 Section 1(F) & 1(H)(1). The motion passed 3-0.



Privilege of the Floor (opportunity for public comment for matters not on the agenda):

Mayor Leichty opened Privilege of the Floor at 5:04 p.m. There were no public comments.

Mayor Leichty recessed the Board of Public Works meeting at 5:04 p.m. and opened a public hearing for an unsafe building order for 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner).

CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY PUBLIC HEARING:

4:00 p.m., August 29, 2024

Members present: Mayor Leichty, Orv Myers and Mary Nichols

24) Review of the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner for 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner)

At 5:04 p.m., Mayor Leichty convened a hearing to review the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner).

BACKGROUND:

In an Aug. 23, 2024 memo to the Board, Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler wrote that an unsafe building review hearing was scheduled Aug. 29 for the property located at 215 Crescent Street, Goshen, Indiana. Attached to his memo was the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner and the Certificate of Service establishing service of the Order and the scheduled hearing.

Shuler wrote that the Board needed to conduct the hearing by receiving evidence and arguments from the Building Department, the property owner, and any other individual who wished to speak to the property.

After receiving the evidence, Shuler wrote that the Board was tasked with determining whether to affirm, rescind, or modify the Order of the Building Commissioner, both as to the finding of code violations that made the building unsafe, and as to the required action to take.

If the Board found the evidence supported the Order of the Building Commissioner and wished to affirm, Shuler wrote it should adopt the findings in the Building Commissioner's Order as its findings on the condition of the building and the appropriateness of demolition, and, based on those findings, affirm the Order for demolition.

The Aug. 29 hearing was prompted by an Aug. 1, 2024 Order by City of Goshen Building Commissioner Myron Grise. In the order, Grise notified Cecil J. Bontreger that his property at 215 Crescent Street was in violation of the City of Goshen Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance, codified in Goshen City Code § 6.3.1. Grise wrote that the violation was "the existence of a vacant residential structure that has been vacant with no water usage for approximately twenty (20) years, which recently sustained a fire, causing significant damage. The residential structure had no roof due to the fire."

Grise further wrote, "There are burnt, charred members throughout the structure that are beyond repair. All fire-resistant qualities are gone. The damage sustained by the fire renders the building in danger of collapse. The condition of the vacant residential structure at the real estate is in violation of Goshen City Code §§ 6.3 .1.1 (q), (r), (v), (w), and (x). The overall state of the structure as a result of its extended vacancy and recent fire has resulted in the vacant structure becoming unfit for human habitation, occupancy, or use under the City of Goshen's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance.



"Therefore, the residential structure located at the real estate is unsafe within the meaning of Indiana Code § 36-7-9-4(a)(2), (4), (5), and (6). The loss of all fire-resistant qualities renders the structure a fire hazard. The deteriorated and otherwise fire damaged condition of the building, including the lack of roof and loss of structural members, renders it a public nuisance and dangerous to persons due to violations of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance; and the structure is vacant or blighted and not maintained in a manner that would permit human habitation, occupancy, or use under the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance."

Based on these findings concerning the condition of the vacant residential structure, Grise wrote that "the significant damage caused by a recent fire, the loss of roof that will continue to lead to deterioration, demolition of the vacant residential structure is warranted."

Grise ordered the property owner to demolish the unsafe building identified in Section 2 of this Order at the property identified in Section 1 of this Order and remove all demolition remains, trash, and debris on the unsafe premises and return the site to natural grade, all of said work to be completed within forty-five (45) days.

Grise also notified the property owner that failure to comply with this Order may result in the City of Goshen taking action to complete the required demolition and bill him for the costs of such work, including, the actual costs of the work performed and an amount equal to the average processing expense the City will incur in pursuing this matter. Such amounts could become a lien upon the real estate and can ultimately be enforced in the same manner as any other judgment. He further notified Bontreger that a hearing would be held before the Goshen Board of Public Works and Safety on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024 to review the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner.

DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY HEARING ON AUG. 29, 2024:

At 5:04 p.m., Mayor Leichty opened the hearing to review the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner for 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner).

Present for the hearing were: Board members Leichty, Myers and Nichols; City Attorney Bodie Stegelmann; Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler, Building Commissioner Myron Grise and City Building Inspector Travis Eash. Cecil J. Bontreger, the property owner, was not present despite receiving notice of the hearing.

Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler discussed the background of the property and explained the reason for today's hearing. He said a representative of the City Building Department would report on the building's condition, which sustained a fire on June 13, 2024. Shuler submitted a copy of the Goshen Fire Department's inspection and report from the fire that day (**EXHIBIT #3**). He also noted that the property had been vacant and not used City water for 20 years and that the property owner was served notice of today's hearing.

Mayor Leichty swore in **City Building Inspector Eash** to give truthful and complete testimony.

City Building Inspector Eash distributed to the Board a one-page memorandum, dated Aug. 29, 2024, about the condition of 215 Crescent Street. The memo included three pages of color photos of the home (**EXHIBIT #4**). Reading from the memo, **Eash** said, "Due to the Building Commissioner's order and this hearing, I conducted a brief visual inspection of the residential structure at 215 Crescent yesterday. I have attached photos from that inspection in this packet which clearly show the extent of the damage from the fire that occurred in June.

Eash continued, "The roof has been significantly compromised, providing little to no protection from weather elements. Throughout the house there are burnt and charred structural members that are beyond repair. Due to the extensive damage to the structure, it is likely to collapse and it is the Building Department's recommendation that the Board affirms the Building Commissioner's order for demolition."

In response to a question from **Board member Myers**, **Eash** said he didn't believe the property owner was disputing the demolition order, but perhaps the timing.



Nichols/Myers then made a motion to affirm the Building Commissioner's order for demolition of the property at 215 Crescent Street. The motion passed 3-0.

At 5:09 p.m., Mayor Leichty adjourned the hearing and reopened the meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Approval of Civil City and Utility Claims

As all matters before the Board of Public Works & Safety were concluded, Mayor Leichty/Board member Nichols moved to approve Civil City and Utility claims and adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Mayor Leichty adjourned the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting at 5:09 p.m.

EXHIBIT #1: *A four-page memorandum to the Board, dated Aug. 28, 2024 from City Director of Public Works & Utilities Dustin Sailor in response to Bill's Heating requests for its new facility – waiver of the Design Standards and Specifications for Parking and Driveway Surfaces for an expanded parking area and allow for the new pole barn to use sanitary and water services from the main building.*

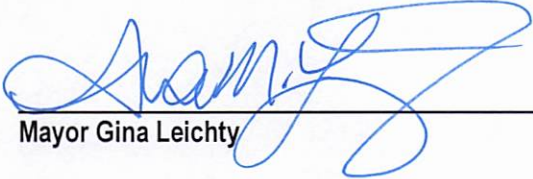
EXHIBIT #2: *A two-page memorandum to the Board, dated Aug. 29, 2024, from Len and Marcia Morris requesting a subordinate sewer tap and water tap at 2614 South Main Street in accordance with Sewer Ordinance 4333 Section 3.03(M and Water Ordinance 4290 Section 1(F) & 1(H)(1). Their request was added to agenda as item #23.*

EXHIBIT #3: *A copy of the Goshen Fire Department's 42-page inspection and report from the June 13, 2024. fire at 215 Crescent Street, which was submitted by Assistant City Attorney Don Shuler during consideration of agenda item #24, Review of the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner for 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner)*


EXHIBIT #4: *A one-page memorandum to the Board, dated Aug. 29, 2024, from City Building Inspector Travis Eash about the condition of 215 Crescent Street. The memo included three pages of color photos of the home and was submitted during consideration of agenda item #24, Review of the Order of the City of Goshen Building Commissioner for 215 Crescent Street (Cecil J. Bontreger, property owner).*




APPROVED:



Mayor Gina Leichty




Mike Landis, Member



Orv Myers, Member

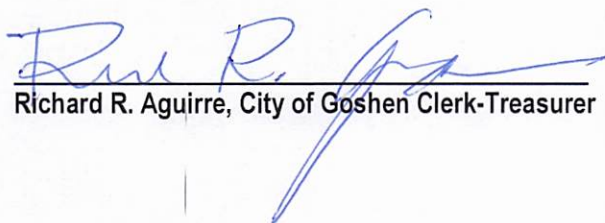


Mary Nichols, Member



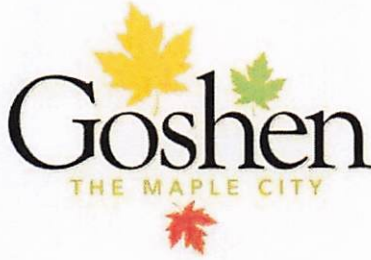
Barb Swartley, Member

ATTEST:



Richard R. Aguirre, City of Goshen Clerk-Treasurer

Exhibit #1



**Engineering Department
CITY OF GOSHEN**

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Memorandum

To: Board of Work's & Safety & Stormwater Board

From: Dustin K. Sailor, Director of Public Works

RE: **STAFF REPORT - BILL'S HEATING – 2526 DIERDORFF ROAD
BOARD OF WORKS UTILITY CONNECTION & HARD SURFACE POLICY REQUEST
(JN: 2024-2018)**

Date: August 28, 2024

Bill's Heating submitted a site plan to relocate their business to 2526 Dierdorff Road. As part of the site plan, the primary structure will be added onto, and a detached structure will be added. The current site is covered in grass (lawn), and a paved surface off Dierdorff Road to a paved surface around the structure. To the east of the paved surface, there is a gravel storage area.

During the site plan review, the following review comments were issued:

1. Utilities to the Detached Structure – The detached structure requires a separate utility connection that will be connected to the primary structure's utility service. By Ordinance, this will require the Board of Works and Safety's approval.
2. Board of Works Hard Surface Policy – Due to the expansion of the building and the site's change of use, the Board of Work's hard surface policy requires the gravel area to be upgraded to a durable hard surface. Items to note in connection with the site improvement are:
 - The proposed detached structure will enter and exit out onto the gravel that is proposed to remain gravel.
 - The existing access drive onto Kercher Road is currently gated. As part of the site's redevelopment, the access gate will be removed, and the drive will be open for access to all vehicles.
 - As part of the emergency vehicle and semi-truck turning movement plan, semi-trucks will need to utilize most of the defined gravel area for maneuvering into and out of the loading dock.



Figure 1 - Existing Site, 2024

Site Stats:

- 1.) Current structure size: 6,678 sft
- 2.) Proposed addition size: 11,900 sft
- 3.) Proposed detached structure size: 7,680 sft

Percent change in building square footage: 293%

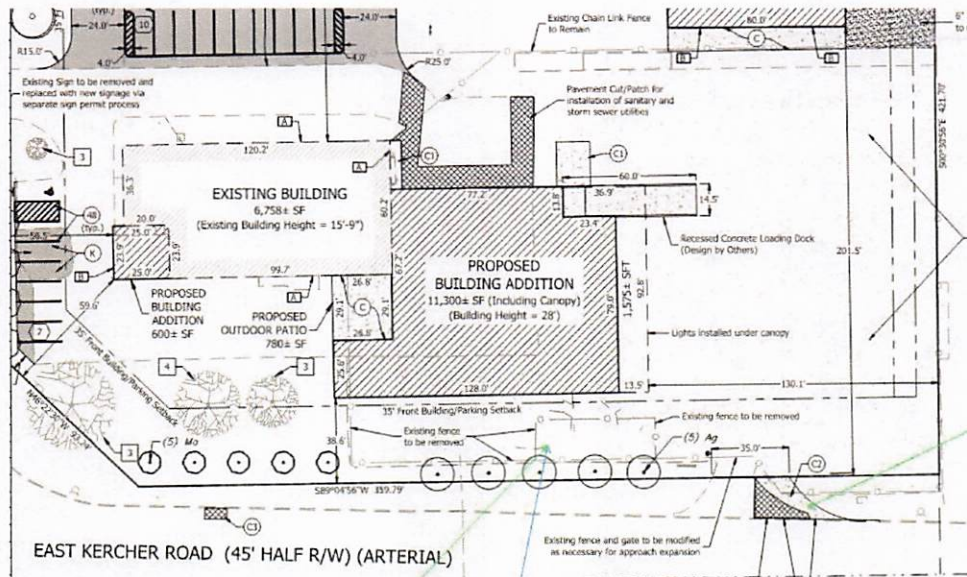


Figure 2 - Proposed Site Layout

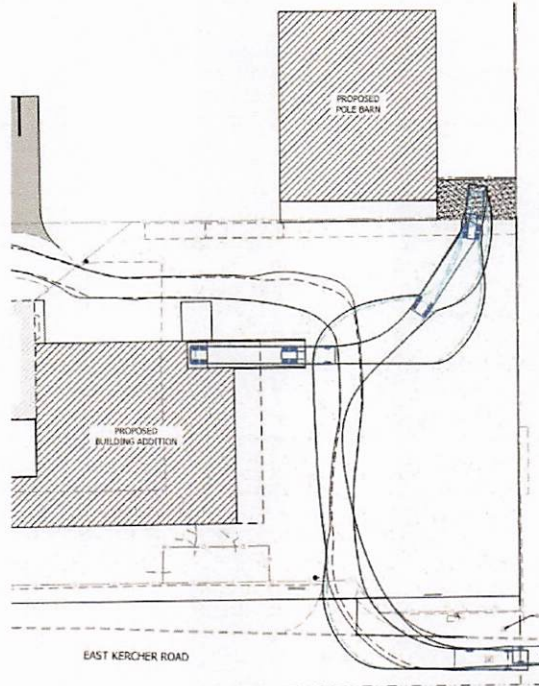


Figure 3 - Proposed Truck and Emergency Vehicle Movement

With regard to Plan Review Comment No. 1 – Goshen Engineering supports the petitioner’s request to connect the second building on the site (a subordinate structure) to the primary structure’s water and sewer connections in accordance with Ordinances 4333, Section 3.03(M) and Ordinance 4290, Section 1(F).

With regard to Plan Review Comment No. 2 – The Board of Works will need to review the Hard Surface Policy and the petitioner’s evidence to make a determination as to whether relief of the hard surface policy is warranted. Per Goshen Engineering’s review, the following improvements would trigger the installation of hard surface improvements:

The 2010 Hard Surface Policy states:

1. All new or expanded parking areas, driving aisles and driveways serving residential, commercial, and industrial real estate within the developmental jurisdictional limits of the city of Goshen shall be constructed with a durable, hard surface.
2. If a commercial or industrial parking area is expanded by fifty percent (50% or more, whether such increase occurs at one time or in successive stages, all existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways must be improved to a durable, hard surface in addition to the new construction. Any residential driveway or parking improvements which increase the overall area of the driveway and/or parking outside the City’s right-of-way must be improved to a durable, hard surface.
3. If a commercial or industrial primary building is expanded by more than thirty-three percent (33%), whether such increase occurs at one time or in successive stages, all proposed and existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways serving the building must be improved to a durable, hard surface. If any residential building, including a garage, is expanded by more than thirty-percent (33%), all proposed and existing parking areas, driving aisles and driveways must be improved to a durable, hard surface.
4. Areas used for outside storage or inventory storage in commercial or industrial zoned areas are not considered parking areas for the purpose of these standards and specifications.

5. Durable, hard surface for residential use shall be all-weather paving materials such as asphalt, concrete or paving brick capable of carrying a wheel load of four thousand (4,000) pounds without damaging the surface.
6. Durable, hard surface for commercial or industrial use for employee and customer parking shall be all-weather paving materials such as asphalt, concrete or paving brick capable of carrying a wheel load of four thousand (4,000) pounds without damaging the surface. Durable, hard surface for commercial and industrial vehicle use shall be constructed with a hard surface adequate to support the weight of the vehicle and maneuvering of the vehicles without damaging the surface.
7. All parking areas, driving aisles and driveways shall be properly maintained including immediate repair of any damaged area.

The sections in yellow would apply to Bill's Heating's site, per Goshen Engineering's review.

Any modification of the standards and specifications by the Board of Public Works and Safety may grant the relief only if the Board finds that:

- a. The parking area is overflow parking or infrequently used and exceeds the minimum parking standards of the Goshen Zoning Ordinance;
- b. The area is residential, and the surrounding driveways are not durable, hard surface.
- c. The land is zoned Agricultural A-1 and used principally for agricultural or another use for which required parking area of a durable, hard surface is not reasonable or practical; or
- d. Requiring parking area of a durable, hard surface for all or some of the parking areas would be unrealistic, excessive and inconsistent with the aesthetic appeal of the development.

In Goshen Engineering's review of the available findings, Item d. would be the only section the Board could site to offer relief.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Thursday, August 29, 2024, but Andrew Lund will be present to answer questions if they arise.

Exhibit #2

August 29, 2024

City of Goshen
Board of Works and Safety and Stormwater Board
202 S. Fifth Street
Goshen, IN 46528

Attention: Board of Works Members

**RE: LEN & MARCIA MORRIS – 2614 S. MAIN STREET
REQUEST FOR SUBORDINATE SEWER TAP & WATER TAP IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SEWER ORDINANCE 4333 SECTION 3.03(M) &
WATER ORDINANCE 4290 SECTION 1(F) & 1(H)(1)**

Dear Board Members:

As the property owner of 2614 S. Main Street, I am looking to renovate a second structure on the noted property. The structure will be used for a Gardener's Cottage. With this use, a sewer and water connection from the primary structure is proposed to allow for installation of a restroom within the structure.

I understand City Ordinance 4333, Section 3.03(M) and Ordinance 4290, Section 1(F) covers the requirements associated with the utility connections to a subordinate structure, and as a utility customer I and my successors agree to comply with the current and future water and sewer ordinances. I am requesting the Board's permission to connect my accessory structure to the primary structure's public sewer and water services.

As a condition of approval, I understand that all our structures served with public water and sewer utilities will be required to make separate connections the public utilities should either structure be sold off from the other.

Bud Walterhouse, who is assisting us with this project, will be present at the board meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

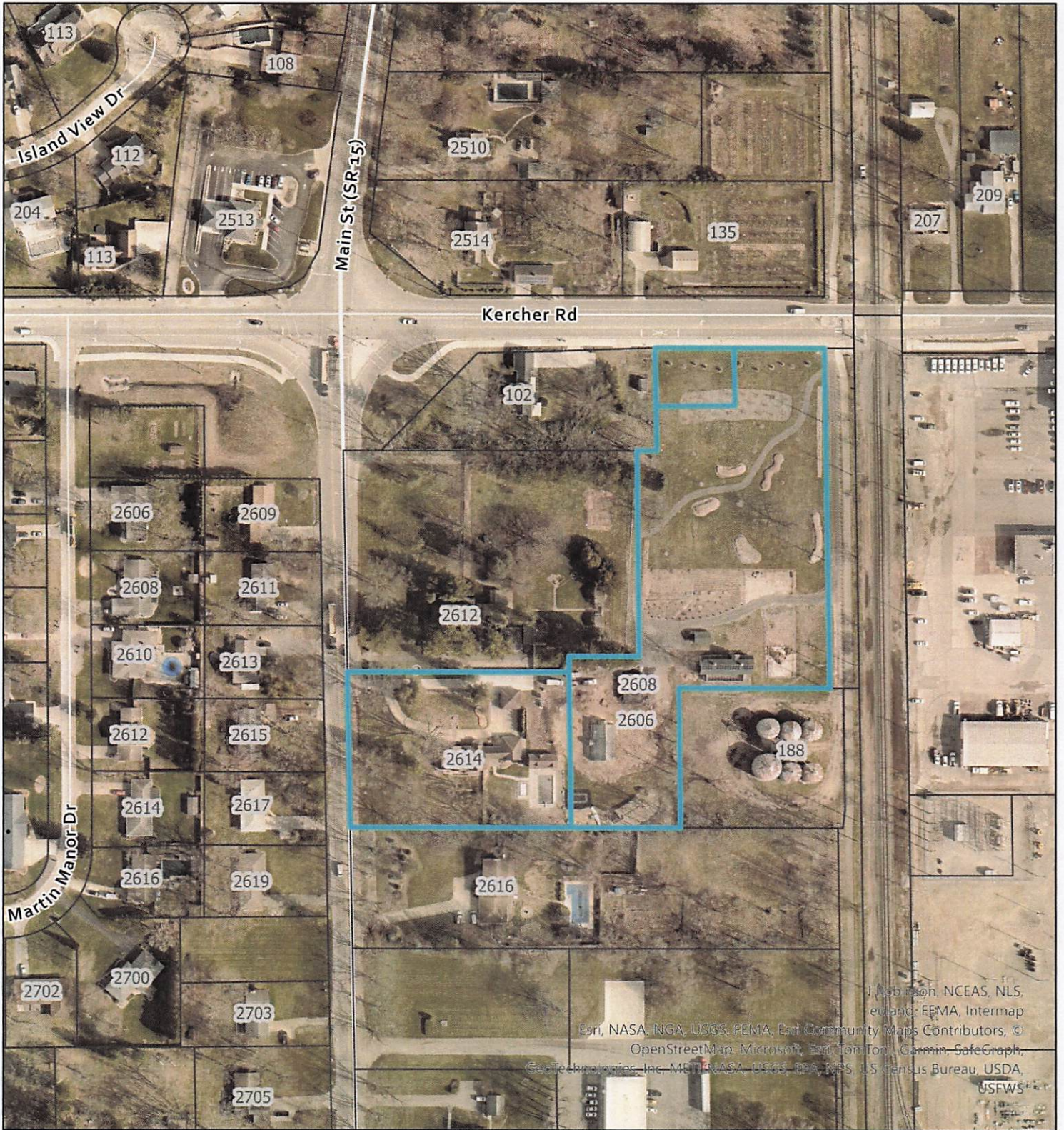
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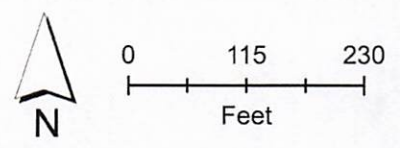
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City of Goshen
 2614 S. Main Street



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The City of Goshen
 Department of Public Works &
 Safety Office of Engineering
 204 East Jefferson Street, Goshen, Indiana 46528
 Phone: 574-534-2201 Fax: 574-533-8626

Exhibit #3



Goshen Fire Department

Pride, Honor, Integrity
SEMPER PARATUS

INCIDENT

Incident Number <u>242448</u>	Incident Date <u>06/13/2024</u>	NFIRS Number <u>0003690</u>	Incident Type <u>(111) - Building fire</u>
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FDID <u>20009</u>	Station <u>Central Station</u>	Shift <u>C-Shift</u>	District <u>Central</u>
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Initial Dispatch Code

Alarms _____	Working Fire? <u>Yes</u>	COVID-19 was a factor _____	Critical Incident _____	Critical Incident Team _____
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Temporary Resident Involvement

Hazardous Materials Released

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

AID

Aid Given/Received
(1) - Mutual aid received

Aided Agency _____	Their Incident Number _____
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Aiding Agencies
Jefferson TWP. EMS, Jackson TWP. EMS, Concord TWP. Fire Dept.

LOCATION

Location Type
(1) - Street address

Address
213 CRESCENT Street, GOSHEN, Indiana, 46528

Cross Street, USNG, or Directions _____	Latitude <u>0.00000000</u>	Longitude <u>0.00000000</u>	Census Tract _____
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Detector Alerted Occupant
(U) - Unknown

Property Use <u>(419) - 1 or 2 family dwelling</u>	Mixed Use _____
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TIMES

PSAP Received <u>15:08:41, 06/13/2024</u>	Dispatch Notified Time <u>15:08:41, 06/13/2024</u>	Alarm Time <u>15:08:41, 06/13/2024</u>
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TIMES

Arrival Time <u>15:12:11, 06/13/2024</u>	Water on Fire Time <u>15:15:15, 06/13/2024</u>	At Patient Time _____
Loss Stop Time _____	Controlled Time <u>18:00:00, 06/13/2024</u>	Last Unit Cleared Time <u>23:55:36, 06/13/2024</u>
Total On Scene Time <u>8 hrs 43 mins 25 sec</u>	Total Incident Time <u>8 hrs 46 mins 55 sec</u>	

COUNTS

Counts Include Aid Received?
No

Suppression:		EMS:		Other:	
Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel
<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

LOSS

Property:	Content:
Estimated Property Losses <u>\$100000</u>	Estimated Content Losses <u>\$50000</u>
Estimated Property Value <u>\$100000</u>	Estimated Content Value <u>\$50000</u>

PERSON/OWNER

Person:

Name <u>MAST, DENNIS</u>	Business Name _____	Phone <u>(260) 585-7666</u>
Address <u>701 STACI Lane, Middlebury, Indiana, 46540</u>		

AUTHORIZATION

Report Writer:

Name <u>HEETER, SHANE</u>	Employee Number <u>70</u>	Assignment <u>B9</u>	Authorization Date <u>06/13/2024</u>
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Officer in Charge:

Name <u>HEETER, SHANE</u>	Employee Number <u>70</u>	Assignment <u>B9</u>	Authorization Date <u>06/13/2024</u>
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Quality Control:

Name _____	Authorization Date _____
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INCIDENT NARRATIVE

All stations dispatched to 213 Crescent St. for a structure fire. Additional dispatch information advised that 2 houses beside each other are on fire. Enroute Battalion 9 requested a fireground frequency. Fireground 2 was assigned by dispatch.

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

Enroute Battalion 9 advised all units of heavy black smoke in the distance towards Crescent St. Moderate wind conditions noted via flags traveling Northwest in direction.

Battalion arrived on scene at 213 Crescent St. of a small/medium, 2 story residential house, heavily involved on the 1st and 2nd floor. Fire extension noted into 215 Crescent St. with heavy fire noted between the two residences. Battalion 9 assumed Crescent Command, with defensive strategy on 213 Crescent St. and offensive on 215 Crescent St.

213 ½ Crescent St. which is located on the Charlie side of 213 Crescent St. noted to have melted vinyl siding with no visual fire extension.

961 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling attack line for a quick hit. They deployed a 1 ¾" line along the Bravo side of 213 Crescent and water was applied.

921 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling a 2nd 1 ¾" attack line off 961 to apply water to 215 Crescent St.

951 arrived in level 1 staging. 951 assigned to establish water supply from a nearby hydrant to 961 and then turn off utilities at both houses. 902 arrived on scene and reported to Command to be a F.I.T.

944 arrived in level 1 staging. 944 was tasked with spotting behind Battalion 9 and pulling an attack line off their engine for fire control.

923 & 924 arrived in level 1 staging. Both units are assigned to go on deck on the Alpha side.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Concord Twp. Fire Department respond to that call.

993 arrived in level 1 staging and tasked with spotting 993 out of the way and reporting on deck on the Alpha side. 961 pump advised Command that water supply was established.

961 reported to Command that they found searchable space in the basement at 213 Crescent St. and was able to obtain an all clear in that basement.

Central Station received a burning complaint call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. Fire respond to that call.

Due to low visibility with smoke conditions from Command's position, 902 completed a 360 and reported we could possibly make interior attack at 215 Crescent St. from the alpha side. 902 was made Delta sector in charge of 215 Crescent St. He was assigned 993 & 921.

951 reported working fire on the back porch at 215 Crescent St.

944 OIC reported to conditions looked safe enough to make entry at 215 Crescent. 944 & 923 making entry on the Alpha side 1st floor.

951 reported that 2 gas meters were shut-off on the Bravo side of 213 Crescent St. No gas meter was found at 215 Crescent. 944 established water supply via 2 ½" to the same hydrant that 961 is utilizing.

Command put out a request via IaR for 6 off-duty staff to report to Central Station and staff reserve apparatus. 944 reported that they could not find an interior staircase to the 2nd floor, and we would need to find an exterior staircase to use.


Delta sector requested another crew. 944, 923, 924 reported they were going to relocate to the Charlie side. Delta sector informed Command that they started to get fire knocked down at 215 Crescent but the wind flares everything back up. They are starting to run low on SCBA bottles as well.

944 reports they are going to access the 2nd story with a ground ladder via the Alpha side front porch. 901 reported that the Delta sector is going to use 993's aerial device to do a quick hit on 215 Crescent. Fire on the structure is already through the roof. 951 is going to supply 993's water.

Jefferson Fire Department cleared burning complaint call and requested by Command to respond to Crescent St. for further manpower. 901 joined Command to be F.I.T.

944 reported crews made entry 2nd floor window. 901 contacted off-duty investigator, Chief McDowell who was going to respond to the scene. Command informed Delta sector that Jefferson Fire units would report to him upon their arrival. 921 is recycling.

Fire conditions changed drastically at 213 Crescent. Fire can be seen traveling quickly via the first floor towards the Alpha side and smoke conditions and velocity changing from Alpha side 2nd floor window. Command announced to all units to evacuate the Bravo structure. 961 tasked with getting water to the Alpha side urgently as fire was coming out first floor window extending towards the 2nd floor where 923 & 944 were located. 944 M. Stamm pulled a 1 ¾" bumper attack line to apply water.

 **INCIDENT NARRATIVE**

944 reported all units are out with a PAR. 1205 arrived on scene and tasked with reporting to Chief Powell, Delta sector. Delta sector reported they were defensive on 215 Crescent St. structure. All units on the fireground advised by Command that we were now defensive in both structures. 904 assigned to Delta sector. 907 arrived on scene and requested to report to Command.

951 reports that we need to establish water supply to 993 as 951 can't keep up.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. EMS respond to that call.

907 assigned to coordinate getting a water supply to 993. Chaplain reported refreshments and rehab were on the way to the scene. Command contacted Marv Shepard with Goshen Water Dept. and requested more water pressure if available.

961 requests a crew to check for fire extension at 213 ½ Crescent St. due to siding being melted. Command requests dispatch to have Jackson Twp. enroute with their mobile cascade system to fill SCBA bottles. 924 is reporting to 213 ½ Crescent to check for fire extension. Off duty staff at Central contacted to bring all SCBA's and spare bottles to the scene. Chief McDowell arrived on scene to start an investigation.

924 reports no extension noted at 213 ½ Crescent St. 907 reports water established to 993, aerial operations to restart. 925, 947, & Chief Kauffman running as Battalion out of Central. 1664 arrived on scene and was tasked with refilling SCBA bottles and sending a few members to 213 Crescent for exterior water operations.

Command requested NIPSCO gas and electric be enroute to the scene to secure utilities.

Delta sector reports that aerial master stream is being effective at 215 Crescent. After discussion the decision was made to re-position 993 in between the two structures so they can reach both with aerial master stream. NIPSCO gas arrived on scene and secured gas meters at 213 Crescent. NIPSCO advised that 215 Crescent's gas line was retired at the road over a year ago. Contacted Sgt. Krezel to be enroute with the drone.

Chaplains advised that refreshments are set up. Command requests Goshen Water Department be enroute to the scene to shut off water to 213 Crescent. Crews continued exterior and master stream operations, but strong winds made extinguishment difficult.

Command requested Concord Twp. be enroute with a medic for rehab. Elkhart County issued a severe storm warning, so all aerial operations were discontinued.

Concord medic arrived on scene and set up rehab. Firefighter Youngman was taken to rehab for heat exhaustion.

After the storm was over, aerial operations were continued. 993 requested fresh crew to be on the aerial. NIPSCO electric arrived on scene to secure utilities.

New Paris cleared the scene. Jefferson Twp. Fire assisted with reloading some equipment then cleared and returned.

Defensive operations continued for the next few hours rotating crews in and out of rehab/refreshment area. As progress was being made some GFD units cleared and returned to get back into service. Command contacted Marv Shepard that heavy water use was over, and he could return the system to normal.

947 requested to the scene to relieve on-duty staff. 993 on duty crew took 947 back to Station 4 leaving 947 crew on 993. Water application via hose lines and master stream continued. Command requested the next board up crew in rotation to the scene with an estimated 20 sheets of plywood. Command was transferred from Battalion 9 to 993 OIC. Battalion 9 cleared and returned. 993 remained on scene with board up crew and then secured the scene with fire line tape. Command was terminated and 993 cleared and returned.

Special Note:

GPD Incident #: 24GOS02054

End of Report

Battalion Chief Shane P. Heeter

Created By: HEETER, SHANE

 **Unit Reports**

921J

Use (2) - EMS Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:11:45, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:13:30, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 19:09:03, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken:

Person 1: COX, COLTEN

Action Taken 1 (11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2 (12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident Hood, Coat, Pant, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Decontamination Procedures Completed Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: FAIRFIELD, MICHAEL

Action Taken 1 (58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2 (11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3 (12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Coat, SCBA

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Decontamination Procedures Completed Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

924J

Use (2) - EMS	Responding From West	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:11:46, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:16:59, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 18:48:44, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Search

Person 1: LECHLITNER, WINSTON

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3
(21) - Search

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
SCBA, Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Pant

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: YODER, JOHN

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(21) - Search

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Coat, Mask, Boots, SCBA

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

944]

Use (1) - Suppression Responding From South Priority Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:20, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:15:53, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:55:54, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul, Search

Person 1: STAMM, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Pant, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Level A, Boots

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: SNYDER, COURTNEY

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(21) - Search

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Mask, SCBA, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, Coat, Hood

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Person 2: SNYDER, COURTNEY

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

951J

Use (1) - Suppression Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:11:45, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:14:47, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 18:48:46, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken:
Provide water, Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Person 1: YODER, JONATHAN

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(76) - Provide water

Action Taken 3
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
SCBA, Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Mask, Pant

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

9J

Use (1) - Suppression Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:10:50, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:12:11, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 22:17:18, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken:
Incident command

Person 1: HEETER, SHANE

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(81) - Incident command

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

None

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

923j

Use

(2) - EMS

Responding From

South

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:57, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:16:03, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:42:44, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: BURGGRAF, DOUGLAS

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Action Taken 4

(21) - Search

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Firefighting Gloves, Mask, SCBA, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Pant, Hood

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Person 1: BURGGRAF, DOUGLAS

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: WHITE, JAMES

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(21) - Search

Action Taken 3
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Boots, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Hood, Mask, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

961]

Use <u>(1) - Suppression</u>	Responding From <u>Central</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <u>15:09:29, 06/13/2024</u>	Enroute Time <u>15:11:00, 06/13/2024</u>	Arrival Time <u>15:13:09, 06/13/2024</u>
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At Patient Time <u></u>	Clear Time <u>20:10:32, 06/13/2024</u>	In District Time <u></u>
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: LINN, PATRICK

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Mask, Hood, Boots, Pant, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Person 1: LINN, PATRICK

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: MANN, KEVIN

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Boots, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Pant

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 3: PILLING, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Hood, Coat, Pant, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

901J

Use <u>(0) - Other</u>	Responding From <u>Elkhart City Fire Dept.</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
Distance

Dispatch Time <u>15:09:29, 06/13/2024</u>	Enroute Time <u>15:14:01, 06/13/2024</u>	Arrival Time <u>15:29:11, 06/13/2024</u>
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At Patient Time <u></u>	Clear Time <u>18:23:31, 06/13/2024</u>	In District Time <u></u>
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901]

Actions Taken:
Assistance, other

Person 1: SINK, DANNY

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(70) - Assistance, other

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
None

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Used wet wipes

993]

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From West	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:13:14, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:19:08, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 23:55:36, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: WHITFORD, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Pant, Mask, Boots

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: YOUNGMAN, NOAH

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around

Nose

No

Black Soot Around

Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

904]

Use

(0) - Other

Responding From

Central

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

Distance

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:29:05, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:36:29, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

22:33:26, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Assistance, other

Person 1: SCHROCK, STEFFEN

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(70) - Assistance, other

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Coat, Pant, SCBA, Boots, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around

Nose

No

Black Soot Around

Mouth

No

Person 1: SCHROCK, STEFFEN

Decontamination Procedures Completed
 Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

902J

Use (0) - Other	Responding From Central	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:11:00, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:13:00, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 19:13:14, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Incident command

Person 1: POWELL, ANTHONY

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(81) - Incident command

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
None

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Used wet wipes

947J

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From Central	Priority Non-Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 19:43:00, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 19:45:08, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 19:46:55, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 22:33:26, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: WORTINGER, COREY

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Hood, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: WINGARD, LYLE

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, Boots

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 3: MILLER, DAKODA

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Boots

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Person 3: MILLER, DAKODA

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 4: LOE, COLIN

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

 Fire Module

1 SITE INFO

Alarms 2	Acres Burned	Resident Units In Bldg 3	Buildings Involved
Hydrant Identifier	Estimated Water Usage 60000		

 IGNITION

Area of Origin
(94) - Open area, outside; included are farmland, field

Heat Source
(60) - Heat from other open flame or smoking materials, other

Item First Ignited
(99) - Multiple items first ignited

Fire Confined to Item?

Type of Material First Ignited
(UU) - Undetermined

Cause of Ignition
(2) - Unintentional

Factors Contributing to Ignition 1
(73) - Outside/open fire for debris or waste disposal

Human Factors Contributing to Ignition
(3) - Unattended or unsupervised person

Est. Age of Person Involved Gender of Person Involved

EQUIPMENT

Equipment Involved in Ignition
(NNN) - None

Equipment Power Source

Equipment Portability

Brand Model Serial Number Year

MOBILE PROPERTY

Mobile Property Involved
(N) - None

Type

Make Model Year

License Plate Number State VIN Car Stolen?

STRUCTURE

Structure Type
(1) - Enclosed building

Stories Above Grade Stories Below Grade Building Status
2 1 (2) - In normal use

Length Width Total Square Feet Story of Fire Origin
40 ft 40 ft 1600 sq ft 1

Fire Spread
(5) - Beyond building of origin

Item Contributing Most to Flame Spread Type of Material

Number of Stories with Damage

Minor Damage Significant Damage Heavy Damage Extreme Damage Total Stories

PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS

Presence of Detector Detector Type
(U) - Undetermined

Power Supply Detector Operations

Effectiveness (/Failure Reason)

Presence of Auto Extinguishing System System Type
(N) - None Present

System Operation # of Sprinklers Reason for System Failure

Investigation

AGENCY REFERRED TO

Agency				Phone Number
Case Number	ORI	FID	FDID	
Address				

CASE INFO

Case Status	Avail. of Material First Ignited	Property Ownership
Laboratories Used		
Initial Observations		
Other Investigative Info		

INVESTIGATION INFO

Entry Method	Extent of Fire Involvement on Arrival	
Incendiary Device Container	Incendiary Device Ignition Delay	Incendiary Device Fuel

INVESTIGATION REMARKS

Undetermined, at this time.

Exposure 1

INCIDENT

Incident Number 242448	Incident Date 06/13/2024	NFIRS Number 0003690	Incident Type (111) - Building fire
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FDID 20009	Station Central Station	Shift C-Shift	District Central
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Initial Dispatch Code

Alarms 2	Working Fire? Yes	COVID-19 was a factor No, COVID-19 was not a factor	Critical Incident	Critical Incident Team
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Temporary Resident Involvement

Hazardous Materials Released

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

AID

Aid Given/Received

(1) - Mutual aid received

Aided Agency

Their Incident Number

Aiding Agencies

Concord TWP. Fire Dept., Jefferson TWP. EMS, Jackson TWP. EMS

LOCATION

Location Type

(1) - Street address

Address

215 CRESCENT Street, Goshen, Indiana, 46528

Cross Street, USNG. or Directions

Latitude

Longitude

Census Tract

Detector Alerted Occupant

Property Use

(419) - 1 or 2 family dwelling

Mixed Use

TIMES

PSAP Received

Dispatch Notified Time

Alarm Time

15:08:41, 06/13/2024

TIMES

Arrival Time <u>15:12:11, 06/13/2024</u>	Water on Fire Time <u>15:15:15, 06/13/2024</u>	At Patient Time _____
Loss Stop Time _____	Controlled Time <u>18:00:00, 06/13/2024</u>	Last Unit Cleared Time <u>23:55:36, 06/13/2024</u>
Total On Scene Time <u>8 hrs 43 mins 25 sec</u>	Total Incident Time <u>8 hrs 46 mins 55 sec</u>	

COUNTS

Counts Include Aid Received?
No

Suppression:		EMS:		Other:	
Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel
<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

PERSON/OWNER

AUTHORIZATION

Report Writer:

Name <u>HEETER, SHANE</u>	Employee Number <u>70</u>	Assignment <u>OIC</u>	Authorization Date <u>06/13/2024</u>
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Officer in Charge:

Name <u>HEETER, SHANE</u>	Employee Number <u>70</u>	Assignment <u>OIC</u>	Authorization Date <u>06/13/2024</u>
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Quality Control:

Name _____	Authorization Date _____
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INCIDENT NARRATIVE

All stations dispatched to 213 Crescent St. for a structure fire. Additional dispatch information advised that 2 houses beside each other are on fire. Enroute Battalion 9 requested a fireground frequency. Fireground 2 was assigned by dispatch.

Enroute Battalion 9 advised all units of heavy black smoke in the distance towards Crescent St. Moderate wind conditions noted via flags traveling Northwest in direction.

Battalion arrived on scene at 213 Crescent St. of a small/medium, 2 story residential house, heavily involved on the 1st and 2nd floor. Fire extension noted into 215 Crescent St. with heavy fire noted between the two residences. Battalion 9 assumed Crescent Command, with defensive strategy on 213 Crescent St. and offensive on 215 Crescent St.

213 1/2 Crescent St. which is located on the Charlie side of 213 Crescent St. noted to have melted vinyl siding with no visual fire extension.

961 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling attack line for a quick hit. They deployed a 1 3/4" line along the Bravo side of 213 Crescent and water was applied.

921 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling a 2nd 1 3/4" attack line off 961 to apply water to 215 Crescent St.

951 arrived in level 1 staging. 951 assigned to establish water supply from a nearby hydrant to 961 and then turn off utilities at both houses. 902 arrived on scene and reported to Command to be a F.I.T.

944 arrived in level 1 staging. 944 was tasked with spotting behind Battalion 9 and pulling an attack line off their engine for fire control.

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

923 & 924 arrived in level 1 staging. Both units are assigned to go on deck on the Alpha side.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Concord Twp. Fire Department respond to that call.

993 arrived in level 1 staging and tasked with spotting 993 out of the way and reporting on deck on the Alpha side. 961 pump advised Command that water supply was established.

961 reported to Command that they found searchable space in the basement at 213 Crescent St. and was able to obtain an all clear in that basement.

Central Station received a burning complaint call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. Fire respond to that call.

Due to low visibility with smoke conditions from Command's position, 902 completed a 360 and reported we could possibly make interior attack at 215 Crescent St. from the alpha side. 902 was made Delta sector in charge of 215 Crescent St. He was assigned 993 & 921.

951 reported working fire on the back porch at 215 Crescent St.

944 OIC reported to conditions looked safe enough to make entry at 215 Crescent. 944 & 923 making entry on the Alpha side 1st floor.

951 reported that 2 gas meters were shut-off on the Bravo side of 213 Crescent St. No gas meter was found at 215 Crescent. 944 established water supply via 2 ½" to the same hydrant that 961 is utilizing.

Command put out a request via laR for 6 off-duty staff to report to Central Station and staff reserve apparatus. 944 reported that they could not find an interior staircase to the 2nd floor, and we would need to find an exterior staircase to use.

Delta sector requested another crew. 944, 923, 924 reported they were going to relocate to the Charlie side. Delta sector informed Command that they started to get fire knocked down at 215 Crescent but the wind flares everything back up. They are starting to run low on SCBA bottles as well.

944 reports they are going to access the 2nd story with a ground ladder via the Alpha side front porch. 901 reported that the Delta sector is going to use 993's aerial device to do a quick hit on 215 Crescent. Fire on the structure is already through the roof. 951 is going to supply 993's water.

Jefferson Fire Department cleared burning complaint call and requested by Command to respond to Crescent St. for further manpower. 901 joined Command to be F.I.T.

944 reported crews made entry 2nd floor window. 901 contacted off-duty investigator, Chief McDowell who was going to respond to the scene. Command informed Delta sector that Jefferson Fire units would report to him upon their arrival. 921 is recycling.

Fire conditions changed drastically at 213 Crescent. Fire can be seen traveling quickly via the first floor towards the Alpha side and smoke conditions and velocity changing from Alpha side 2nd floor window. Command announced to all units to evacuate the Bravo structure. 961 tasked with getting water to the Alpha side urgently as fire was coming out first floor window extending towards the 2nd floor where 923 & 944 were located. 944 M. Stamm pulled a 1 ¾" bumper attack line to apply water.

944 reported all units are out with a PAR. 1205 arrived on scene and tasked with reporting to Chief Powell, Delta sector. Delta sector reported they were defensive on 215 Crescent St. structure. All units on the fireground advised by Command that we were now defensive in both structures. 904 assigned to Delta sector. 907 arrived on scene and requested to report to Command.

951 reports that we need to establish water supply to 993 as 951 can't keep up.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. EMS respond to that call.

907 assigned to coordinate getting a water supply to 993. Chaplain reported refreshments and rehab were on the way to the scene. Command contacted Marv Shepard with Goshen Water Dept. and requested more water pressure if available.

961 requests a crew to check for fire extension at 213 ½ Crescent St. due to siding being melted. Command requests dispatch to have Jackson Twp. enroute with their mobile cascade system to fill SCBA bottles. 924 is reporting to 213 ½ Crescent to check for fire extension. Off duty staff at Central contacted to bring all SCBA's and spare bottles to the scene. Chief McDowell arrived on scene to start an investigation.

924 reports no extension noted at 213 ½ Crescent St. 907 reports water established to 993, aerial operations to restart. 925, 947, & Chief Kauffman running as Battalion out of Central. 1664 arrived on scene and was tasked with refilling SCBA bottles and sending a few members to 213 Crescent for exterior water operations.

Command requested NIPSCO gas and electric be enroute to the scene to secure utilities.

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

Delta sector reports that aerial master stream is being effective at 215 Crescent. After discussion the decision was made to re-position 993 in between the two structures so they can reach both with aerial master stream. NIPSCO gas arrived on scene and secured gas meters at 213 Crescent. NIPSCO advised that 215 Crescent's gas line was retired at the road over a year ago. Contacted Sgt. Krezel to be enroute with the drone.

Chaplains advised that refreshments are set up. Command requests Goshen Water Department be enroute to the scene to shut off water to 213 Crescent. Crews continued exterior and master stream operations, but strong winds made extinguishment difficult.

Command requested Concord Twp. be enroute with a medic for rehab. Elkhart County issued a severe storm warning, so all aerial operations were discontinued.

Concord medic arrived on scene and set up rehab. Firefighter Youngman was taken to rehab for heat exhaustion.

After the storm was over, aerial operations were continued. 993 requested fresh crew to be on the aerial. NISPCO electric arrived on scene to secure utilities.

New Paris cleared the scene. Jefferson Twp. Fire assisted with reloading some equipment then cleared and returned.

Defensive operations continued for the next few hours rotating crews in and out of rehab/refreshment area. As progress was being made some GFD units cleared and returned to get back into service. Command contacted Marv Shepard that heavy water use was over, and he could return the system to normal.

947 requested to the scene to relieve on-duty staff. 993 on duty crew took 947 back to Station 4 leaving 947 crew on 993. Water application via hose lines and master stream continued. Command requested the next board up crew in rotation to the scene with an estimated 20 sheets of plywood. Command was transferred from Battalion 9 to 993 OIC. Battalion 9 cleared and returned. 993 remained on scene with board up crew and then secured the scene with fire line tape. Command was terminated and 993 cleared and returned.

Special Note:

GPD Incident #: 24GOS02054

End of Report

Battalion Chief Shane P. Heeter

Created By: HEETER, SHANE

Unit Reports

921J

Use	Responding From	Priority
(2) - EMS	Central	Emergent

Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:11:45, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:19:09, 06/13/2024
At Patient Time	Clear Time 19:09:03, 06/13/2024	In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: FAIRFIELD, MICHAEL

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Person 1: FAIRFIELD, MICHAEL

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots, Coat, Mask

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: COX, COLTEN

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

924J

Use

(2) - EMS

Responding From

West

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:46, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:16:59, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:48:44, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: LECHLITNER, WINSTON

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Person 1: LECHLITNER, WINSTON

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Mask, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots, Pant, Coat, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: YODER, JOHN

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, SCBA, Mask, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Hood, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

944J

Use

(1) - Suppression

Responding From

South

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:20, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:15:53, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:55:54, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: STAMM, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Person 1: STAMM, MATTHEW

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Mask, Boots, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: SNYDER, COURTNEY

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Pant, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Hood

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

951J

Use

(1) - Suppression

Responding From

Central

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:45, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:14:47, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:48:46, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Provide water, Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Person 1: YODER, JONATHAN

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Person 1: YODER, JONATHAN

Action Taken 2

(76) - Provide water

Action Taken 3

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Pant, Coat, Mask, SCBA, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

9J

Use

(1) - Suppression

Responding From

Central

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:10:50, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:12:11, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

22:17:18, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Incident command

Person 1: HEETER, SHANE

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(81) - Incident command

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

None

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

923J

Use

(2) - EMS

Responding From

South

Priority

Emergent

923J

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:57, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:16:03, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:42:44, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Search, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: BURGGRAF, DOUGLAS

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3

(21) - Search

Action Taken 4

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Mask, Coat, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: WHITE, JAMES

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(21) - Search

Action Taken 3

(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

SCBA, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Person 2: WHITE, JAMES

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

961J

Use (1) - Suppression Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:11:00, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:13:09, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 20:10:32, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: MANN, KEVIN

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Coat, SCBA, Boots, Mask, Hood, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: LINN, PATRICK

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Pant, Boots

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Person 2: LINN, PATRICK

Decontamination Procedures Completed
 Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 3: PILLING, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1
 (11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
 (12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
 Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
 Hood, Coat, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Pant

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
 Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

901J

Use <u>(0) - Other</u>	Responding From <u>Elkhart City Fire Dept.</u>	Priority <u>Emergent</u>
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Response Delays
 Distance

Dispatch Time <u>15:09:29, 06/13/2024</u>	Enroute Time <u>15:14:01, 06/13/2024</u>	Arrival Time <u>15:29:11, 06/13/2024</u>
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At Patient Time _____	Clear Time <u>18:23:31, 06/13/2024</u>	In District Time _____
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Actions Taken:
 Assistance, other

Person 1: SINK, DANNY

Action Taken 1
 (58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
 (70) - Assistance, other

Fire Products Exposed To
 Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
 None

PPE Malfunction? <u>No</u>	Barrier Breach <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Nose <u>No</u>	Black Soot Around Mouth <u>No</u>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
 Used wet wipes

993J

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From West	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:13:14, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:19:08, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 23:55:36, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: YOUNGMAN, NOAH

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident
Hood, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Boots

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: WHITFORD, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Heat, Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Coat, SCBA, Pant, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Mask

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

904J

Use (0) - Other Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays Other (Not Listed)

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:29:05, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:36:29, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 22:33:26, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken: Assistance, other

Person 1: SCHROCK, STEFFEN

Action Taken 1 (58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2 (70) - Assistance, other

Fire Products Exposed To Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident Pant, SCBA, Boots, Mask, Coat, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? No Barrier Breach No Black Soot Around Nose No Black Soot Around Mouth No

Decontamination Procedures Completed Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

902J

Use (0) - Other Responding From Central Priority Emergent

Response Delays None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024 Enroute Time 15:11:00, 06/13/2024 Arrival Time 15:13:00, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time Clear Time 19:13:14, 06/13/2024 In District Time

Actions Taken: Incident command

Person 1: POWELL, ANTHONY

Action Taken 1 (58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2 (81) - Incident command

Person 1: POWELL, ANTHONY

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
None

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Used wet wipes

947J

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From Central	Priority Non-Emergent
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Response Delays
None/No Delay

Dispatch Time 19:43:00, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 19:45:08, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 19:46:55, 06/13/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 22:33:26, 06/13/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:
Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

Person 1: WORTINGER, COREY

Action Taken 1
(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 3
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Coat, Hood, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: WINGARD, LYLE

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Person 2: WINGARD, LYLE

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Hood, Mask, Pant, Coat

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 3: MILLER, DAKODA

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Mask, Pant, Hood

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 4: LOE, COLIN

Action Taken 1
(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2
(12) - Salvage & overhaul

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident
Coat, Hood, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

 Fire Module

① SITE INFO

Alarms	Acres Burned	Resident Units In Bldg	Buildings Involved
_____	_____	_____	_____

① SITE INFO

Hydrant Identifier

Estimated Water Usage

60000

🔥 IGNITION

Area of Origin

Heat Source

Item First Ignited

Fire Confined to Item?

Type of Material First Ignited

Cause of Ignition

Human Factors Contributing to Ignition

Est. Age of Person Involved

Gender of Person Involved

🏠 STRUCTURE

Structure Type

Stories Above Grade

Stories Below Grade

Building Status

Length

Width

Total Square Feet

Story of Fire Origin

Fire Spread

Item Contributing Most to Flame Spread

Type of Material

Number of Stories with Damage

Minor Damage

Significant Damage

Heavy Damage

Extreme Damage

Total Stories

🛡️ PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS

Presence of Detector

Detector Type

Power Supply

Detector Operations

Effectiveness (/Failure Reason)

Presence of Auto Extinguishing System

System Type

 PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS

System Operation

of Sprinklers

Reason for System Failure

Exposure 2

INCIDENT

Incident Number 242448	Incident Date 06/13/2024	NFIRS Number 0003690	Incident Type (111) - Building fire
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FDID 20009	Station Central Station	Shift C-Shift	District Central
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Initial Dispatch Code

Alarms	Working Fire? Yes	COVID-19 was a factor	Critical Incident	Critical Incident Team
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Temporary Resident Involvement

Hazardous Materials Released

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

AID

Aid Given/Received

(1) - Mutual aid received

Aided Agency

Their Incident Number

Aiding Agencies

Jackson TWP. EMS, Jefferson TWP. EMS, Concord TWP. Fire Dept.

LOCATION

Location Type

(1) - Street address

Address

213 1/2 CRESCENT Street, Goshen, Indiana, 46528

Cross Street, USNG, or Directions

Latitude

Longitude

Census Tract

Detector Alerted Occupant

Property Use

(419) - 1 or 2 family dwelling

Mixed Use

TIMES

PSAP Received

Dispatch Notified Time

Alarm Time

15:08:41, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:12:11, 06/13/2024

Water on Fire Time

At Patient Time

⌚ TIMES

Loss Stop Time	Controlled Time	Last Unit Cleared Time
_____	15:30:00, 06/13/2024	22:17:18, 06/13/2024
Total On Scene Time	Total Incident Time	
7 hrs 5 mins 7 sec	7 hrs 8 mins 37 sec	

📊 COUNTS

Counts Include Aid Received?
No

Suppression:		EMS:		Other:	
Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel
2	4	1	2	0	0

👤 PERSON/OWNER

Owner:

Name	Business Name	Phone
MAST, DENNIS	_____	(260) 585-7666

Total Insurance Amount

Address
701 STACI Lane, Middlebury, Indiana, 46540

📄 AUTHORIZATION

Report Writer:

Name	Employee Number	Assignment	Authorization Date
HEETER, SHANE	70	B9	06/13/2024

Officer in Charge:

Name	Employee Number	Assignment	Authorization Date
HEETER, SHANE	70	B9	06/13/2024

Quality Control:

Name	Authorization Date
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📖 INCIDENT NARRATIVE

All stations dispatched to 213 Crescent St. for a structure fire. Additional dispatch information advised that 2 houses beside each other are on fire. Enroute Battalion 9 requested a fireground frequency. Fireground 2 was assigned by dispatch.

Enroute Battalion 9 advised all units of heavy black smoke in the distance towards Crescent St. Moderate wind conditions noted via flags travelling Northwest in direction.

Battalion arrived on scene at 213 Crescent St. of a small/medium, 2 story residential house, heavily involved on the 1st and 2nd floor. Fire extension noted into 215 Crescent St. with heavy fire noted between the two residences. Battalion 9 assumed Crescent Command, with defensive strategy on 213 Crescent St. and offensive on 215 Crescent St.

213 ½ Crescent St. which is located on the Charlie side of 213 Crescent St. noted to have melted vinyl siding with no visual fire extension.

961 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling attack line for a quick hit. They deployed a 1 ¾" line along the Bravo side of 213 Crescent and water was applied.

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

921 arrived on scene and was tasked with pulling a 2nd 1 3/4" attack line off 961 to apply water to 215 Crescent St.

951 arrived in level 1 staging. 951 assigned to establish water supply from a nearby hydrant to 961 and then turn off utilities at both houses. 902 arrived on scene and reported to Command to be a F.I.T.

944 arrived in level 1 staging. 944 was tasked with spotting behind Battalion 9 and pulling an attack line off their engine for fire control.

923 & 924 arrived in level 1 staging. Both units are assigned to go on deck on the Alpha side.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Concord Twp. Fire Department respond to that call.

993 arrived in level 1 staging and tasked with spotting 993 out of the way and reporting on deck on the Alpha side. 961 pump advised Command that water supply was established.

961 reported to Command that they found searchable space in the basement at 213 Crescent St. and was able to obtain an all clear in that basement.

Central Station received a burning complaint call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. Fire respond to that call.

Due to low visibility with smoke conditions from Command's position, 902 completed a 360 and reported we could possibly make interior attack at 215 Crescent St. from the alpha side. 902 was made Delta sector in charge of 215 Crescent St. He was assigned 993 & 921.

951 reported working fire on the back porch at 215 Crescent St.

944 OIC reported to conditions looked safe enough to make entry at 215 Crescent. 944 & 923 making entry on the Alpha side 1st floor.

951 reported that 2 gas meters were shut-off on the Bravo side of 213 Crescent St. No gas meter was found at 215 Crescent. 944 established water supply via 2 1/2" to the same hydrant that 961 is utilizing.

Command put out a request via IaR for 6 off-duty staff to report to Central Station and staff reserve apparatus. 944 reported that they could not find an interior staircase to the 2nd floor, and we would need to find an exterior staircase to use.

Delta sector requested another crew. 944, 923, 924 reported they were going to relocate to the Charlie side. Delta sector informed Command that they started to get fire knocked down at 215 Crescent but the wind flares everything back up. They are starting to run low on SCBA bottles as well.

944 reports they are going to access the 2nd story with a ground ladder via the Alpha side front porch. 901 reported that the Delta sector is going to use 993's aerial device to do a quick hit on 215 Crescent. Fire on the structure is already through the roof. 951 is going to supply 993's water.

Jefferson Fire Department cleared burning complaint call and requested by Command to respond to Crescent St. for further manpower. 901 joined Command to be F.I.T.

944 reported crews made entry 2nd floor window. 901 contacted off-duty investigator, Chief McDowell who was going to respond to the scene. Command informed Delta sector that Jefferson Fire units would report to him upon their arrival. 921 is recycling.

Fire conditions changed drastically at 213 Crescent. Fire can be seen traveling quickly via the first floor towards the Alpha side and smoke conditions and velocity changing from Alpha side 2nd floor window. Command announced to all units to evacuate the Bravo structure. 961 tasked with getting water to the Alpha side urgently as fire was coming out first floor window extending towards the 2nd floor where 923 & 944 were located. 944 M. Stamm pulled a 1 3/4" bumper attack line to apply water.

944 reported all units are out with a PAR. 1205 arrived on scene and tasked with reporting to Chief Powell, Delta sector. Delta sector reported they were defensive on 215 Crescent St. structure. All units on the fireground advised by Command that we were now defensive in both structures. 904 assigned to Delta sector. 907 arrived on scene and requested to report to Command.

951 reports that we need to establish water supply to 993 as 951 can't keep up.

Central Station received an EMS call. Command advised dispatch to have Jefferson Twp. EMS respond to that call.

907 assigned to coordinate getting a water supply to 993. Chaplain reported refreshments and rehab were on the way to the scene. Command contacted Marv Shepard with Goshen Water Dept. and requested more water pressure if available.

961 requests a crew to check for fire extension at 213 1/2 Crescent St. due to siding being melted. Command requests dispatch to have Jackson Twp. enroute with their mobile cascade system to fill SCBA bottles. 924 is reporting to 213 1/2 Crescent to check for fire extension. Off duty staff at Central contacted to bring all SCBA's and spare bottles to the scene. Chief McDowell arrived on scene to start an investigation.

INCIDENT NARRATIVE

924 reports no extension noted at 213 1/2 Crescent St. 907 reports water established to 993, aerial operations to restart. 925, 947, & Chief Kauffman running as Battalion out of Central. 1664 arrived on scene and was tasked with refilling SCBA bottles and sending a few members to 213 Crescent for exterior water operations.

Command requested NIPSCO gas and electric be enroute to the scene to secure utilities.

Delta sector reports that aerial master stream is being effective at 215 Crescent. After discussion the decision was made to re-position 993 in between the two structures so they can reach both with aerial master stream. NIPSCO gas arrived on scene and secured gas meters at 213 Crescent. NIPSCO advised that 215 Crescent's gas line was retired at the road over a year ago. Contacted Sgt. Krezel to be enroute with the drone.

Chaplains advised that refreshments are set up. Command requests Goshen Water Department be enroute to the scene to shut off water to 213 Crescent. Crews continued exterior and master stream operations, but strong winds made extinguishment difficult.

Command requested Concord Twp. be enroute with a medic for rehab. Elkhart County issued a severe storm warning, so all aerial operations were discontinued.

Concord medic arrived on scene and set up rehab. Firefighter Youngman was taken to rehab for heat exhaustion.

After the storm was over, aerial operations were continued. 993 requested fresh crew to be on the aerial. NISPCO electric arrived on scene to secure utilities.

New Paris cleared the scene. Jefferson Twp. Fire assisted with reloading some equipment then cleared and returned.

Defensive operations continued for the next few hours rotating crews in and out of rehab/refreshment area. As progress was being made some GFD units cleared and returned to get back into service. Command contacted Marv Shepard that heavy water use was over, and he could return the system to normal.

947 requested to the scene to relieve on-duty staff. 993 on duty crew took 947 back to Station 4 leaving 947 crew on 993. Water application via hose lines and master stream continued. Command requested the next board up crew in rotation to the scene with an estimated 20 sheets of plywood. Command was transferred from Battalion 9 to 993 OIC. Battalion 9 cleared and returned. 993 remained on scene with board up crew and then secured the scene with fire line tape. Command was terminated and 993 cleared and returned.

Special Note:

GPD Incident #: 24GOS02054

End of Report

Battalion Chief Shane P. Heeter

Created By: HEETER, SHANE

Unit Reports

9J

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From Central	Priority Emergent
Response Delays None/No Delay		
Dispatch Time 15:09:29, 06/13/2024	Enroute Time 15:10:50, 06/13/2024	Arrival Time 15:12:11, 06/13/2024
At Patient Time	Clear Time 22:17:18, 06/13/2024	In District Time
Actions Taken: Incident command		

Person 1: HEETER, SHANE

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(81) - Incident command

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

None

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

961J

Use

(1) - Suppression

Responding From

Central

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:00, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:13:09, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

20:10:32, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Investigate

Person 1: MANN, KEVIN

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: LINN, PATRICK

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Person 2: LINN, PATRICK

Action Taken 2

(86) - Investigate

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, SCBA, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Mask

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 3: PILLING, MATTHEW

Action Taken 1

(11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2

(86) - Investigate

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around
Nose

No

Black Soot Around
Mouth

No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

924]

Use

(2) - EMS

Responding From

West

Priority

Emergent

Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time

15:09:29, 06/13/2024

Enroute Time

15:11:46, 06/13/2024

Arrival Time

15:16:59, 06/13/2024

At Patient Time

Clear Time

18:48:44, 06/13/2024

In District Time

Actions Taken:

Investigate

Person 1: LECHLITNER, WINSTON

Action Taken 1

(58) - Operate apparatus or vehicle

Action Taken 2

(86) - Investigate

Person 1: LECHLITNER, WINSTON

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Mask, Hood, Boots, Pant, Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Person 2: YODER, JOHN

Action Taken 1
(86) - Investigate

Fire Products Exposed To
Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident

Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, SCBA, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Coat

PPE Malfunction? No	Barrier Breach No	Black Soot Around Nose No	Black Soot Around Mouth No
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Decontamination Procedures Completed
Gear bagged, placed outside of cab

Exhibit #4



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MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

From: GOSHEN BUILDING DEPARTMENT (TRAVIS EASH)

Date: AUGUST 29, 2024

Subject: 215 CRESCENT STREET

Due to the Building Commissioner's Order and this hearing, I conducted a brief visual inspection of the residential structure at 215 Crescent Street yesterday. I have attached photos from that inspection in this packet, which clearly show the extent of the damage from the fire in June. The roof has been significantly compromised, providing little to no protection from weather elements. Throughout the house there are burnt and charred structural members that are beyond repair. Due to the extensive damage to the structure, it is likely to collapse and it is the building departments recommendation that the Board affirms the Building Commissioner Order for demolition.

Thank you,

Travis Eash

