

OHIO TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

4333 Epworth Road. Newburgh, IN 47630
Township Board Meeting, February 21, 2023

The Ohio Township Board Meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by President, Michael Wilson.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Wilson, President
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Deborah Reid, Board Member
Chad Bennett, Ohio Township Trustee

PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the January 3, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Chad reviewed each page of the annual report with the Board members. It was explained to the board the page that displays that none of our funds are grant related. Deb made a motion to accept the Annual Report for 2022 as presented. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIO TOWNSHIP AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Lease agreement was presented for Warrick EMS to house in the Libbert Road Station beginning March 1st, 2023. Nancy made the motion to approve the lease agreement. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OHIO TOWNSHIP AND WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The agreement for the \$265,532.00 for the Commissioners to provide funding for finishing out the space in the new building for EMS was discussed. Nancy made the motion to approve the agreement. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OHIO TOWNSHIP AND WARRICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This amendment extends the payment for reimbursement of certain supplies, equipment and services relating to the Disaster Storage Facility and other Covid-related response and intervention costs incurred by Ohio Township to May 1, 2023. Nancy made the motion to approve the Amendment to the interlocal agreement. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

FIRE CONTRACT BETWEEN OHIO TOWNSHIP AND CAMPBELL TOWNSHIP

The contract to provide fire service to Campbell Township was presented to the board. There was some discussion about the dollar amount of the contract. Nancy made a motion to accept the contract. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CANDIDATE SEARCH FOR A PAID FIRE CHIEF

Roughly 50 candidates applied for the position. Salary range was advertised between \$85,000 and \$105,000 based on similar salary ranges in similar area and community. Chad is asking for a salary resolution for \$105,000 for the top Fire Chief candidate. The candidate list was reviewed by the search committee. Then they phone interviewed over a dozen and face to face interviewed four candidates. The goal is to work with the existing departments to review all the processes and procedures by the end of the year. Deb made a motion to approve the salary resolution. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-Ayes and 0-Nays.

OHIO TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF APPROVAL

Chad reported that he has met with the fire chief that the Volunteer fire department has presented - Charlie Kirsch and recommends that we approve this appointment. There was a lot of discussion about the leadership needed to make this fire protection service work with the future transition. Deb made a motion to accept Charlie Kirsch as the chief. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3- Ayes and 0- Nays.

SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Surplus items will be reviewed at the next meeting. We will try to offer some of the items to other fire stations. Chad will put together the list and present it at the next meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ANNUAL DISCLOSURES

Statements were presented to the Board for the following individuals for calendar year 2023
Chad Bennett – 5 Star Security Systems & 5 Star Sprinkler Services
Mike Wilson – Kitchen Traditions
David Shipley – Mid West Telecom & D & L Enterprises
Maury Nichols – Nichols Fire & Fleet
Brad Nichols – Nichols Fire & Fleet

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Ohio Township Board is TBD.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy seconded the motion.
The motion passed 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM



Michael Wilson, President of the Board



Nancy Bennett, Secretary



Deborah Reid, Board Member



Chad Bennett, Ohio Township Trustee