

BOARD OF WARSAW-WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY

February 2, 2021

4:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Protection Territory met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Fire Chief Michael Wilson and Recording Secretary Shirley Fetrow. Board Members Mike Klondaris, Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash and Fire Territory Attorney Andrew Grossnickle were in attendance virtually.

ABSENT: Board Member Jeanie Stackhouse

Mayor Thallemer called the meeting to order. A Moment of Silence followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thallemer noted a quorum.

MINUTES –

After no additions or corrections were noted, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the January 5, 2021 Minutes. Board Member Nash made a motion to approve as written; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt and Gordon Nash as well as Mayor Joe Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 3-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

REPORTS / ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT – DECEMBER 2020 – Chief Wilson summarized the monthly Fire Territory response report for December 2020. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

YEARLY RESPONSE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2020 – Chief Wilson summarized the yearly Fire Territory response report for 2020. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS – DECEMBER 2020 – After a brief discussion, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the Operating Fund (Fund 103) December expenses. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

After a brief discussion, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the Equipment Replacement Fund (410) December expenses. Board Member Klondaris made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

2020 STREET DEPARTMENT HOURS – Chief Wilson provided to the Board Members information from Damian Pass, Maintenance staff at the Public Works Department, a breakdown of hours and dollars saved to the Fire Territory, and other city departments, by using the Public Works Department for truck repairs and preventative maintenance. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

ISO AUTOMATIC AID – Chief Wilson indicated that when Warsaw-Wayne Fire is dispatched for a confirmed structure fire in the City of Warsaw or Wayne Township, the Dispatch Center will automatically dispatch the Winona Lake Volunteer Fire Department and/or the Leesburg Plain Township Volunteer Fire Department. These departments respond as part of the Automatic Aid Agreement. Chief Wilson noted that Leesburg Plain Township responds north of US 30 and Winona Lake responds south of US 30. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –

DIVE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL / DIVE TRAINING – APPROVAL TO HOST CLASSES – Chief Wilson is asking for approval to host dive training through Dive Rescue International, a certified water rescue company for fire and police. Dive Rescue International will do all of the advertising and paperwork. With Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory providing the classrooms and water locations, discounts are provided for our department members based on the number of attendees. Mayor Thallemer requested that Chief Wilson provides information on the dates, locations of classrooms and COVID restriction plans prior to presenting it to the Board of Works for approval. Chief Wilson indicated he will provide the requested information to the Board of Works on March 5, 2021. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve hosting the Dive Rescue International training August 4 through August 16, 2021 with the understanding that the Board of Works will receive the requested information and will make the final approval. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further comments or questions. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

FY20 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE – Chief Wilson stated the Kosciusko County Firefighters Association is making application for radio communications equipment to go along with the county's communication upgrades. This grant is being applied for by the North Webster Fire Department for the Kosciusko County Firefighters Association. If the grant is awarded, Chief Wilson indicated the Fire Territory's portion would be \$14,461, a 10% match of \$144,614. A line item will be included in the 2022 budget. This grant would allow the Fire Territory to purchase 800 frequency mobile radios for each apparatus. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion for approval to participate in the grant. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM – APPROVAL FOR TEAM SUPPORT – Chief Wilson stated there is currently a Critical Incident Stress Management Team that assists first responders that are dealing with stress due to their job. Members of the team include Warsaw Police Department, Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory, Parkview Samaritan and the DNR. All play an important role as part of the team. The Team is now at an educational level where they can apply as a recognized team under the ICISF Foundation. Chief Wilson is asking for team recognition which requires support from the City of Warsaw/Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion for support. Board Member Klondaris made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

IDHS GRANT – AIR-CARE MAX FOGGER – APPROVAL TO ACCEPT GRANT – Mayor Thallemer noted this is a disinfectant unit that the Department of Homeland Security is providing to certified agencies through a grant upon their request. The Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory has been awarded one of the units and Chief Wilson is asking for permission to receive the grant. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to accept the grant. Board Member Klondaris made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. By roll call vote, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris and Mayor Thallemer were in favor. The motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

TRAVEL REQUESTS –

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD –

MEETING REVIEW –

NO ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

A list of today’s guests is attached.

ADJOURNMENT –

Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to adjourn. Board Member Klondaris made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Board Member Nash.

ATTEST:

Shirley Fetrow, Recording Secretary

Jeanie Stackhouse, Board Member

Mike Klondaris, Board Member

Gordon Nash, Board Member

Brandon Schmitt, Board Member

Dr. Joseph Thallemer, Board Member