

BOARD OF WARSAW-WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY

April 5, 2022

4:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Protection Territory met on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4:00 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Board Members Brandon Schmitt, Mike Klondaris, Gordon Nash, Fire Chief Garrett Holderman, Fire Territory Attorney Andrew Grossnickle and Recording Secretary Shirley Fetrow

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, Board Member Nash made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 Minutes as written; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. Mayor Thallemer, Board Members Brandon Schmitt and Gordon Nash were in favor; Board Member Klondaris did not attend the March 1, 2022 meeting and abstained from voting. Motion passed 3-0 with one abstention. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –** Mayor Thallemer recognized and welcomed the visitors in attendance.

**REPORTS / ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –**

**MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2022**

Alicia Elder, Lutheran EMS, summarized Lutheran's February 2022 response report. Chief Holderman summarized the fire department's February 2022 response report. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

**MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2022 –** After no questions were raised in regards to Operating Fund (Fund 2243), Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve the February expenditures; seconded by Board Member Klondaris. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

After a brief discussion on the Equipment Replacement Fund (Fund 4410) expenses, Board Member Klondaris made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

Mayor Thallemer asked Chief Holderman to give an update on the tornado sirens. Chief Holderman indicated that for the past 2 weeks there have been issues with the tornado sirens; however, the issues have been addressed and corrected as of yesterday (April 4<sup>th</sup>). Chief Holderman thanked Kosciusko County Dispatch and J & K Communications for their assistance in resolving the issues.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - No unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

**DIVE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL CLASS SERIES – PERMISSION TO HOST** – Lieutenant Drew Shilling presented information in regards to the Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory and City of Warsaw hosting Dive Rescue International’s summer class series. The classes will be held from August 13 – August 20, 2022. If approved, this would be the second year the Fire Territory and City of Warsaw hosted a class series. Lieutenant Shilling indicated the three classes this year would be Humminbird Sonar Technician, Light Salvage and Recovery, and HazMat Diving. There is no cost to the department to host the classes. Dive Rescue International provides the instructors and covers hotel and air fare costs. In addition, for each class of 10 enrolled students, Warsaw receives 5 free spots in the class. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve hosting the Dive Rescue International classes. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

**TRAVEL REQUESTS** – After no questions were raised regarding the submitted travel requests, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve as presented. Board Member Nash made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

## **OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD –**

Mayor Thallemer asked EMS Division Chief Chris Fancil to update the Board on the CARES Program. Chief Fancil indicated there is an initial start-up cost in addition to the hiring of a new employee. Chief Fancil noted the importance of protecting our people and being safe when going out on mental health crisis situations as well as protecting our liability. Means to accomplish these goals would be to purchase body cameras, possible vehicle cameras, medical equipment such as a stair chair, and protective under-clothing vests. The estimated cost would be \$15,000 - \$20,000. Chief Fancil asked the Board for approval to apply for a grant through the K-21 Foundation to cover the start-up costs. The application deadline is May 1, 2022. Mayor Thallemer entertained the motion to approve the application for the K21 Grant. Board Member Schmitt made the motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Klondaris. No further discussion. All members present were in favor.

Chief Fancil noted CARES responses are increasing. Responses have been all over the area in the territory as well as assisting the county in certain situations. Chief Fancil explained a scanable QR code for Smart phones has been developed, and in partnership with Fellowship Missions, is getting it out in the community. It is a resource webpage to help with addiction, home repair, food, etc. In addition, K21 will be streamlining their process and partnering with CARES in the future as well. Other organizations, such as the Bowen Center, are also partnering with CARES to help assist with mental health situations. Chief Fancil noted the program is not a “We” for the fire department; it’s a “We” as a community that is making it work. We just need to keep moving forward.

## **MEETING REVIEW –**

NO ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

A list of today’s guests is attached.

## **ADJOURNMENT –**

Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to adjourn. Board Member Schmitt a motion; seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present were in favor.

**ATTEST:**

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Shirley Fetrow, Recording Secretary

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Jeanie Stackhouse, Board Member

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Mike Klondaris, Board Member

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Gordon Nash, Board Member

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Brandon Schmitt, Board Member

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Dr. Joseph Thallemer, Board Member