

BOARD OF WARSAW-WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY

August 2, 2022

4:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Warsaw-Wayne Township Fire Protection Territory met on Tuesday, August 2, 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, Gordon Nash and Mike Klondaris, 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 Klondaris made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 Minutes; seconded by Board Member Schmitt. No further discussion. All Members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – Mayor Thallemer welcomed the visitors.

REPORTS / ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORTS – JUNE 2022 - Chief Holderman summarized the Fire Territory's June, 2022 response report. EMS Chief Fencil provided updated information on the C.A.R.E.S. Program. Alicia Mediano, Lutheran EMS, provided their monthly response report for June, 2022. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS – JUNE 2022 – Chief Holderman summarized the Operating Fund (Fund 2243) report for June 2022. After no questions were raised, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the expenditures. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

Chief Holderman summarized the Equipment Replacement Fund (Fund 4410) report for June, 2022. After no questions were raised, Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the report. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Klondaris. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS –

IDHS LOCAL TRAINING SUPPORT GRANT – PERMISSION TO ACCEPT – Chief Holderman noted that back in May, permission was granted to apply for a grant for window simulators for the training center. The grant was recently awarded in the amount of \$5,360.00. This will allow for the purchase of two window simulators and a supply of replacement glass. The deadline to accept the grant was August 1, 2022; therefore, verbal permission was given by Mayor Thallemer to accept. Chief Holderman asked for Fire Territory Board approval to accept the grant and approval to accept the grant will also be on the August 5, 2022 Board of Works agenda. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the acceptance of the grant. Board

Member Schmitt made a motion; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. Motion passed 4-0. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

2023 PROPOSED BUDGETS –

OPERATING FUND (2243) – Chief Holderman reviewed the Budget Explanatory Sheet provided to the Fire Territory Board Members. An explanation of costs and percentage increases were noted. The overall percentage increase from the 2022 Budget to the 2023 Budget is 11.04%. Mayor Thallemer noted the increase includes an employee 4% wage increase coming on the heels of the mid-year adjustment as well. The City is addressing the critical importance of paying employees what they are worth and trying to keep them in a spiraling inflationary environment.

Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the budget reminding Board Members it is not binding but will let City Council know the Fire Territory Board supports the budget. Mayor Thallemer noted if there is anything in the budget Board Members specifically do not feel is representative or should be supported, take it into consideration prior to voting. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to recommend the 2023 Operating Fund budget to City Council. Board Member Schmitt made the recommendation; seconded by Board Member Nash. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND (4410) – Chief Holderman reviewed the Budget Explanatory Sheet provided to the Fire Territory Board Members. An explanation of costs and percentage increases or decreases were noted. Mayor Thallemer indicated he supports the structural repairs, remodels and maintenance upkeep. No questions were raised. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the Equipment Replacement Fund budget recommendation to City Council. 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).

FIRE PENSION FUND (8801) – Chief Holderman noted the majority of the budget is determined by the State; however, additional items such as office supplies, legal services and transportation have been included. No questions were raised. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the Fire Pension Fund budget recommendation to City Council. Board Member Schmitt made a motion to approve; seconded by Board Member Klondaris. No further discussion. All members present were in favor. (Documentation attached to Minutes).

FIRE TERRITORY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE FUND (2238) – Chief Holderman indicated the fund is a reimbursement fund for supplies used at hazardous materials responses. No questions were raised. Mayor Thallemer entertained a motion to approve the Fire Territory Hazardous materials Response Fund budget recommendation to City Council. 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).

TRAVEL REQUESTS –

No 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 Schmitt a motion; seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present were in favor.

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