

PENN TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 15th, 2018
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: 210 East Russ Street

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

--Kent Hizer called the meeting to order at 6:30.
--Chief VanBrauene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance:

Kent Hizer
Matthew Lentsch
Dave Schmidt
Doris J. Portolese: Penn Township Trustee
Steve Dalton, Principal Cender & Company LLC, Municipal Finance Advisors
PTFD Chief John VanBrauene

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Kent
Second: Dave
Resolved: Approved without modifications
Vote: Ayes: 2 Nays: 0

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of resolution 2018- 01 Procedure (Fire Territory)
 - Kent and the other board members communicated that the new Fire Territory must not be punitive or cause any increase in taxes for the unincorporated areas of Penn Twp. The Penn Twp. Board Members also asked the question regarding what specific benefits are there for Penn Twp. To form a fire territory?
 - Steve Dalton Communicated the following:
 - Increase to Penn = \$138,942 in taxing authority that you would not have had without territory
 - Compare to current fire service contract and yes someone could try and that without the territory you would “make” \$100,000 more.

- And then lastly, all property taxes and miscellaneous revenues for the Fire Territory would come directly to Penn Township as the provider unit, all funds would be held by the provider unit as well.

The Penn Twp. Board, Steve Dalton and Doris all agreed that there would need to be a solid agreement up front that would protect Penn Twp. Fire assets when finalizing a fire territory agreement between Penn Twp. and the Town of Osceola.

Steve reiterated that Penn Twp. Board is in control of all assets it is bringing to the table as it relates to the Fire Territory agreement. He also explained that the purpose of the 3 public meetings: 1) January 2018– Meeting was to review the new fire territory; 2) February 2018 - Review of the numbers involved in the Fire Territory agreement; 3) March 2018 – Final adoption of the Fire Territory Agreement.

Kent requested that a meeting be held with him, all representative attorneys, a Osceola Town Board representative as well as Steve and Doris to further discuss the new Fire Territory agreement.

Steve communicated that July 1, 2018 if all goes according to plan the first day that the new Fire Territory would begin.

- Penn Township member Matt Lentsch voted and sign Aye to the certification of the 2017 nepotism policy and to the new 2018 nepotism policy.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- **New Fire Station**
 - The Trustee discussed issues related to potential property for the new fire station.

V. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Report was sent by email. Any further discussion was tabled.

VI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF BUDGET & TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE REPORTS

--Everything looks to be on track.

VII. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

- The Trustee reported on other items earlier in the meeting.
- The Trustee also commented on the switch from R and R to Blue Cross/Blue Shield

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

--None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

--Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

--Next meeting scheduled for 6:30 on February 5th 2018. The March meeting will take place March 12th, 2018 at the Penn Township Trustee's office. This will also be the third and final hearing for adoption of the Fire Territory.