

Minutes
Penn Township Advisory Board
and
Penn Township Fire Territory Board Meeting
03 March 2025

Penn Township Office
210 East Russ Avenue
Mishawaka, IN 46545

In Attendance

- Kent Hizer, Board President
- Dave Schmidt
- Kris Verash
- Doris Portolese, Trustee
- Chief Michael Gerndt
- Division Chief John Snyder
- Gary Deardorff

Pledge of Allegiance

- Led by Chief Gerndt

Call to Order—Kent Hizer, Board President (5:27)

New Business

- A. Approval of the 04 February 2025 Township Board Meeting Minutes.

- Kent moved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Doris Portolese", is written diagonally across the right side of the page. Below the name, there is a large, stylized flourish or checkmark-like mark.

--Kris seconded

--Approved 3-0

B. Business conducted as Penn Fire Territory Board and Penn Township Board

--Discussion and approval of the purchase of the next ambulance

--Discussion of the possibility of consolidating with one or more other FDs to form a larger fire territory.

--Wide-ranging, detailed discussion of the various opportunities and obstacles.

--Major topic is the highly competitive salaries offered by neighboring departments.

--Decision: Have a called board meeting on 24 March 2025

--to our address our next step

--to consider an additional appropriation and

--to consider a revised salary resolution.

Old Business

A. None.

Fire Chief's Report

A. The Chief's Leadership Book Club is off to a quick start. He is encouraged by the interest shown in it.

B. The public safety leadership training course will be held on March 13-15 at the Ironworks in Mishawaka.

Trustee's Report

A. Trustee Portolese announced that the TA-7 and the Financials will be delivered by email.

7. The meeting was adjourned

--Kent moved

--Kris seconded

--Approved 3-0

The next Board Meeting

24 March 2025

Penn Township Fire Station #14

13960 Jackson Road

Mishawaka, IN 46544