

Penn Township Advisory Board Meeting

11 November 2024 Minutes

Penn Township Fire Station #14

13960 Jackson Road

Mishawaka, IN 46544

In Attendance

- Kent Hizer, Board President
- Dave Schmidt
- Kris Verash
- Doris Portolese, Trustee
- Chief Keith Witt, Penn Township Fire Department
- Gary Deardurff

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Witt

2. Call to Order – Kent Hizer (5.42 PM)

3. New Business

A. Approval of the 07 October 2024 Township Board Meeting Minutes.

- Kent moved
- Kris seconded
- Approved 3-0

B. Resolution 2024-07 Merit System [A “yes” vote is a rejection of the proposed merit system.]

- Dave moved

Handwritten signatures in blue and black ink. The blue signature at the top is "Kris Verash". Below it are several black ink signatures, including one that appears to be "Kent Hizer" and another that is more stylized.

-Kris seconded

--Approved 3-0

C. 2025 Holiday Schedule distributed. No vote.

4. Old Business

A. None.

5. Fire Chief's Report

A. Chief Witt reported that the delivery of the new ambulance is 3.5 years out. We will realize a significant savings as a result of placing the order when we did.

B. Chief Witt discussed some potential new hires in light of recent resignations. Interdepartmental pay differential remains one of our challenges.

C. Chief Witt gave an update on our active shooter response training. Mike Gerndt attended a chiefs' meeting. The Standard Operating Guideline is written and ready for review.

6. Trustee's Report

A. Trustee Portolese discussed the decision we are required to make as a result of House Bill 1016: Police and fire merit systems. She will bring more information to the November meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

-Kent moved

-Dave seconded

- Approved 3-0

The next Board Meeting

2 December 2024

5:30 PM

Township Trustee Office

210 East Russ Ave Mishawaka, IN 46545