

Jackson Township Trustee Advisory Board Meeting

January 29, 2026

Morgantown Fire Department

269 N Highland St

Morgantown, IN 46160

Present Matt Davidson

Tom Carter

Daniel Eberle

Mark Sighting

Called to order 7:00pm

Tom Carter opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Mark Sighting moved to adopt the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting, Daniel Eberle 2nd the motion, passed 3-0

Short discussion on SB270 and HB1315 moving through the Indiana legislature. HB1315 seems to have stalled. SB270 would rate each Township on a point system and townships would have to merge with a township that has a score of less than 4. Still questions on how the bill(s) will affect Jackson Township if passed.

Mark Sighting moved to adopt the Conflict of interest statement for Trustee Davidson, Daniel Eberly 2nd the motion, passed 3-0

Board approved and signed the Board of Finance report for Jackson Township

Tom Carter reviewed and signed off on bank statements and ledger book

Fire Territory reported that due to SB1 passed last legislative session there may be a \$60,000 shortfall in tax receipts on their budget. Still actively gathering information on costs of a possible new brush truck for the fire department

Daniel Eberle stated he intended to ask for adoption of Resolution 26-2 to establish the Jackson Township Fire Department. With the bills now moving through the Indiana Legislature, he has decided to hold off on that request.

Daniel Eberle read a prepared statement regarding the Fire Territory Equipment Replacement fund, see attached.

Mark Sichting stated he had a conversation May Flory, Jackson Township's representative on the Indiana Township Associations board. She advised that the township, as the provider unit is the final say on budgetary items for the Fire Territory. She also stated that there should be an annual meeting of all parties, (Jackson Township Trustee and advisory board, Morgantown Council, Fire Territory board), who participate in the Fire Territory. She said that the Fire Territory board should meet to plan and discuss budgetary needs in March and April of each year and submit their budget to the Participating units by the end of June each year. The Fire Territory budget should be sent to Jackson Township no later than mid-August each year.

Question was asked if the Trustee's bond amount needed to be increased due to the amount of tax dollars taken in. Trustee Davidson advised he would check.

Questions and discussions about the budget moving forward, township merger bills moving in the state legislature

Mark Sichting moved to adjourn the meeting, Daniel Eberle 2nd, passed 3-0

Adjourned 8:20pm