Jackson Township Trustee Advisory Board Meeting

July 21, 2026

Morgantown Fire Department

269 N Highland St

Morgantown, IN 46160

Present: Matt Davidson

Tom Carter

Daniel Eberle

Mark Sichting

Called to order 7:00pm

Opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the March 26, 2026 meeting were read and approved

Matt Davidson stated he has still not heard anything from the state on Township grading per SB270 or any information on Township mergers

Matt Davidson stated the fence repairs have been made at the Township Cemeteries that needed to be repaired.

Matt Davidson stated the new Brush truck for the fire department has arrived, but are still waiting on the bed and other equipment needed for it to be placed in service. Advised the fire department members will install the bed and equipment on the truck upon arrival as a cost savings measure. The needed parts and equipment should arrive by the end of August 2026.

Matt advised he will attend a 2027 budget workshop with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) on August 13, 2026. He also advised that DLGF is now using different budget software, at no cost to the Township.

Matt advised that the Grain Rescue Trailer has arrived and that the fire department have been training on this new equipment. The new brush truck, when completed, will pull the Grain Rescue Trailer.

Matt asked the board for approval to dispose of the retired Rescue 162, a 1996 Ford F350 with a 7.3 Power Stroke diesel engine. The vehicle is owned by Jackson Township. Chief Chapman advised that the Paragon Fire Department has expressed interest in the vehicle. Mark Sichting made a motion to allow the Trustee to dispose of the vehicle, Tom Carter 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Matt stated that one of the overhead doors at the Painted Hills station had a door spring break and needed repaired. The repair of the door was completed at a cost of $1,557.00.

Matt advised he received a letter from Morgan County Auditor, Linda Pruitt stating the Morgan County Council may make changes to the 2027 LIT (Local Income Tax) that could affect the monies received from the County. The letter states she will notify the Township within 15 days of any adopted change by the County. Advised that SB1 limits the draw for fire protection to 0.4% and the County may retain up to 75% of the adopted rate for County services. Under the new law units must petition the County for LIT distribution.

A discussion about the lack of Medic coverage at station 2. Matt stated the contract with Morgan County and the Township had not been updated since 2017. He stated he has reached out to the Commissioner for our district has not received any response back from him. Mark Sichting stated he checked and found that between June 21, 2026 and July 21, 2026 the Medic stationed there has been out of service 19 and ½ days. Mark felt that Matt and Daniel, as the new Trustee should talk and ask to be placed on the Morgan County Commissioners agenda to try to resolve the staffing issues at station 2.

A discussion and questions from the floor about the Fire Territory budget items was heard.

Mark Sichting made a motion to adjourn, Daniel Eberle 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm