Township Board Meeting Minutes September 8th 1900hrs

Tom Carter
Mark Sichting
Dan Eberle
Matt Davidson
Tom Carter calls meeting to order at 1900
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Reading of the minutes from July read and adopted without any corrections

Old Business

Trustee provided update about township mergers and the ongoing meetings that have and will happen in regard to voluntary mergers with neighboring townships. ITA provides suggestions if asked to assist
Trustee update on the Brush truck. $105,710 is the cost so far with construction ongoing

New Business

Trustee explained House bill 1048 and how it could affect smaller fire departments by enforcing volunteer compensation $250 unless they make over $20,000
Trustee introduces the Pay 2027 Budget proposal. Mr Eberle sites IC 36-6-6-10D about salaries. Trustee acknowledged the need to review. Eberle proposed Fire Territory budget should be decreased before the board should accept less salary. Mark Sichting suggest amending back to 2026 salaries.
Trustee explained that the Fire Territory during budget proposals and meeting about the Territory it was suggested to keep the 0.03 cents for Equipment repair and replace. Joe Blevins (from the audience) explains an option to use 0.03 cents and move to General.
Alan Olsen interrupts the meeting of the board by starting a presentation with hand outs and initiates an argument with Mark Sichting. Mr Olsen and Mr Sichting get into a heated discussion and Board member Sichting resigns his board position and leaves the building
Joe Blevins suggests that Alan Olsen address budget concerns with the Fire Territory instead of the Fire Department.
Trustee stated the CIP is nearing completion. Few changes
Jewel Blevins explained Park Project in the Town of Morgantown and asked if the Township would have interest in pledging funds to assist. This discussion was tabled
Alan Olsen makes more public commentary about the Fire Department and their financials
Dan Eberle disagreed with who is the taxing unit in the Interlocal agreement and explains his position
Tom Carter calls for meeting to adjourn
Meeting Adjourned 2006