

Centre Township Advisory Board Minutes

DATE May 13, 2025

TIME 5:00 pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Tom Lindenman

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustee Judie Galloway, Chairman Tom Lindenman, Member Dave Vandewalle, Member Gail Figg, Clerk Keith Winger, Chief Darrell Eiler.

Firefighters: Chris Bowman, Cody Price and Dave Summers.

Residents: Benjamin Horvath and David Frick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting were approved. The motion was made by Dave Vandewalle and seconded by Tom Lindenman.

NEW BUSINESS

1. April month ending reports were reviewed. At the end of April we are 33.3% through the year, Fund 0101 Township is at 23%, Fund 0840 Direct Poor Relief is at 5%, Fund 1111 Township Fire & EMS is at 35% and Fund 1190 Cumulative Fire is at 6%.
2. A copy of the Centre Fire Capital Needs was distributed and discussed.
3. Additional Appropriations are available as listed below:
 - a. Fund 0101 Township - \$70,000
 - b. Fund 1111 Township Fire & EMS - \$100,000
 - c. Fund 1190 Cumulative Fire Fund - \$300,000

OLD BUSINESS

1. The new BC vehicle is being checked for any maintenance needs. The new floor plate will be installed once that is done.
2. The Union Contract will be signed after a few more questions worked out.
3. A motion to proceed with the Feasibility Study was made by Gail Figg and seconded by Dave Vandewalle. The vote was unanimous.
4. A decision was made to keep the Chief's truck for continued use. We owe Portage \$7,975 for the Chief's truck. The price for the Engine 41 was lowered to \$175,000.
5. The Resolution of the Centre Civil Township about the intention to form a new Fire Territory was signed. Adjustments will be made if necessary.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

1. The new timekeeping system is in the process of moving from Vector to First Due. Classes will be given on usage.
2. There were 70 runs in April, 405 for year to date.
3. The new employee handbook, Fire Law Best Practices System, is being customized to fit our needs. We will continue to use Lexipol till then.
4. The new heating and air conditioning system on the old building is to be installed on Friday, May 16. The fence is to be replaced. The deductible is \$2,500. Quotes are being gotten to repair the sink hole in the parking lot and to have the lot resurfaced. New recliners are on order and should arrive in 6-8 weeks.
5. We have received applications for personnel and are in the process of going through those.
6. The hearing for Chris Haggerty is scheduled for May 14 at 9 AM
7. Some of the electrical has been done for the sign. McCormick's Electrical is scheduled to come May 19. Quotes are being requested for changing the logo on the sign.
8. Working on the Capital Needs list. When it is done it will be presented.
9. Received quote for doing the stairway treads and any necessary repairs.
10. At this point the National Fire Academy is not giving out any grants. Syncurrent will be investigated to see if that is another option.

OTHER REPORTS

1. Nothing from the Union rep
2. The requirements for the streaming and achieving of these meetings still need to be solidified, but we do have the equipment and this meeting was recorded. Will possibly use YouTube Live to stream the meetings.

NEXT MEETING

Chris Haggerty Hearing: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 9am, Centre Township Fire Department

Regular Monthly Meeting: Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Centre Township Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03. The motion was made by Dave Vandewalle and seconded by Gail Figg.