

Centre Township Advisory Board Minutes

DATE January 13, 2026

TIME 5:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Tom Lindenman

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustee Judie Galloway, Chairman Tom Lindenman, Member Gail Figg, Chief Zach Mark, Clerk Keith Winger.

Firefighters: Jacob Ruthowski, Kendall Pfost, Andy Lawrence, Enrieve Gaccirazo, Braxton Jones, Dave Sommers and John Zwickl

Residents: Tom Hertel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 9, 2025, meeting were approved. The motion was made to approve minutes by Tom Lindenman and seconded by seconded by Gail Figg.

NEW BUSINESS

1. We welcomed the new Chief, Zach Mark.
2. The Centre Township Board members are Tom Lindenman- Chairman, Dave Vandewalle- Financial Officer and Gail Figg- Secretary.
3. The December Month Ending Reports reviewed including the December Tax Distribution. A resident, present at the meeting, expressed gratitude to the board for being fiscally responsible.
4. Roof leaks were repaired. An inspection will be done to see if any additional repairs need to be made.
5. A gas smell was reported from the truck bay heaters. We have gotten two quotes and are in the process of deciding which would be the best to go with. A motion was made by Gail Figg and seconded by Tom Lindenman that once we have a few more questions concerning which heaters would best serve us, we will go ahead and have them replaced.
6. The #4 door operator will need to be replaced. There's another door that the bottom panel will need to be replaced and possibly a breaker for another of the doors. More information will be needed before a final decision is made concerning this.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nothing further is being pursued currently concerning the Feasibility Study and the surface water issue.
2. We are completely settled with Portage including Engine 41.
3. No changes will be made with the Firefighters work schedules until a decision is made concerning the new Fire Territory.
4. We are no longer considering joining with the Clay/Penn Territory.
5. Public meetings discussing the possibility of joining with the North Liberty/Greene Territory will be held on 1/22/26, 2/24/26 and 3/17/26 at the Community Center in North Liberty.
6. As far as the Capital Needs List, we are still waiting on hose. The list will be updated by next meeting.

7. The new generator is in place, and the gas service has been upgraded. Once we have final approval from Nipsco, it will be online for use.
8. We are waiting for a few items ordered for training and also discuss the possibility of working with other departments to get our training done.
9. The 2011 Ford F-550 truck is paid for, and it will be discussed how to best use it.
10. There will be discussions on possibly upgrading the exercise equipment and if there's a better space than the current exercise room.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

1. We are under contract with First Due for another year, so we will finish our contract with them and look for the possibility of a better fit.
2. In December we had 86 Runs with 1,044 YTD.
3. We are continuing to work on the Fire Law Best Practices System.
4. The work on Squad 42 is completed. The tires on the Tahoe were rotated. All 55 SCVA's were hydro tested and are back in use.
5. Captain Andy Lawrence has been promoted to BC, which opens a spot for Captain. Letters on intent will be taken till this Friday. BC Denny Stump submitted his letter of retirement, which takes effect April 11, 2026. Bobby Litteral is officially the BC replacing Chris Haggerty. We are taking applications currently, as needs are being determined.
6. Chris Haggerty has a continuance till 2/3/26. The "No Contact" order remains in place.
7. Chief Mark is working with Steve Dalton concerning moving forward to be able to apply for grants.

OTHER REPORTS

1. The Union rep requests to be updated on decisions concerning the formation of a new Fire Territory.
2. IT is still in the process of updating the system, including a locution computer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/10/26, at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:20 PM by Gail Figg and seconded by Tom Lindenman and carried.