

WABASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 15, 2020

Minutes

Attendees: Chair Michelle Wietbrock, Secretary Brendan Betz, Board Member Angel Valentin, Chief Ed Ward, Deputy Chief Lewis, Tricia Fultz, Travis Merkel, David Hedden, Mike Dwyer, Kathy Franklin

Chair opened the meeting at 6:06 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Secretary Betz reviewed the minutes. Asked for corrections, with none he moved to adopt the minutes. Member Valentin seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.
3. Sand Ridge Beautification Initiative 2021
 - a. We are looking for more public feedback on Sand Ridge, besides the grass height, from our constituents. We discussed benches, planters to showcase the native plants, long-term investment in fencing.
 - b. Jim Lewis- Part of the concern was that it looked like it was overgrown. Better signage would probably help as it would explain the efforts.
 - c. We will post this on our social media/put out a form seeking input
 - d. Tricia Fultz (in the township office) notes that most folks were concerned with grass height and the ease in visiting loved ones.
4. Board Recommendation - Feasibility Study
 - a. Per our discussion with our senior municipal advisor, we walked us through the timeline needs for each option (a Fire District or Fire Territory) and made some recommendations.
5. Board Recommendation - Fire Protection Committee
 - a. We would like to have a committee that has representative stakeholders involved.
 - b. Each Board member spoke to the need to find sustainable funding and sufficient resources.

- c. Sourcing this funding helps our ability to gain grants like the SAFER Grant as the township would have to pick up the payroll after three years.
6. Jim Lewis- they firefighters did receive a questionnaire about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.
7. Public Comments
 - a. Seeing None, Secretary Betz moves to a close meeting. Angel Seconds. Our meeting closed at 6:36PM
8. Close of Meeting