

Town of Pierceton
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
November 24, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Purpose of Meeting

To bring together entities that are interested in forming a local Fire Territory and discuss what is needed for a Baker Tilly study.

Present

Council members Tom Barker, Armando Espinoza, Matthew Brubaker. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Representatives from Washington Township and Monroe Township.

Discussion

- Fire Territory staff would consist of both paid and volunteer staff. Per Fire Chief Gordon Baker, the goal is to make all staff employees of the territory. The desired staff would consist of two employees scheduled per shift to cover twenty-four hours a day for seven days a week.
- The Pierceton Volunteer Station would be unincorporated and all volunteers would be under the territory.
- Whether or not the Town of Pierceton's fire department assets which includes a ladder truck, an engine and some miscellaneous equipment would be transferred to the territory or sold. Tammy Keirn read the state statutes regarding transfer of assets to a territory. The Town Council will look at their options when the time comes and decide the route to take regarding the possible transfer.
- The territory would lease the fire station from the Town of Pierceton and include a portion of the monthly utilities since there are not separate meters for the fire station.
- The territory would also assume the cost currently paid by the town for fire hydrant rentals which would be \$57,000 per year to be paid to the Pierceton Water Department.
- It was agreed that Stephanie Cloud would contact Attorney Andrew Grossnickle to ask if he would represent the fire territory.
- Washington Township will assume the role of the Providing Unit which will include collecting taxes and paying bills.
- A budget has been drafted and will be emailed to the town and township representatives.
- It was determined that five board members will be appointed. Each taxing unit in the territory would appoint a member and those members would then appoint the

remaining member(s). No more than two members from a particular taxing unit will sit on the board together. Terms will stagger in length as the board is initially established but will be set as a four-year term after the end of initial terms.

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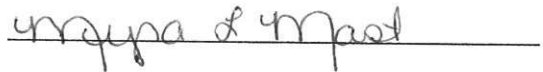
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