

Town of Pierceton
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
November 9, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Purpose of Meeting

To discuss a fire contract with the Township Trustee.

Present

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

Approvals

- Minutes for the Adoption Hearing on October 26, 2022 at 4:00 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved with a 3-0 vote.

Discussion – Dean Rhodes and Matt Brubaker

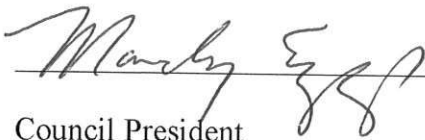
- By forming Washington Township Volunteer Fire Dept
 - Three entities will be one.
 - No confusion over insurance policy.
 - The Township Board will appoint the fire chief annually.
 - The current volunteer fire department cannot apply and receive grants.
- Town of Pierceton contracting with the Township
 - Township assumes all costs that the Town has expended.
 - Township will continue to pay the rental for the building
 - Township will provide insurance fuel for the Town owned equipment.
- Dean stated Monroe Township paid Washington Township \$10,000 for emergency services.
- Matt and Dean stated the town receives tax money for emergency services. Clerk Myra Mast stated that no taxes are received and designated especially for emergency services and that the fire appropriations are paid from the general budget. She will look into this to verify.
- Mandy Espinoza mentioned that water for fires has not been tracked and is showing as water loss on the audit report. It was suggested Matt get with town superintendent Casey Boggs to see what he needs from the fire department going forward.
- Tom Barker states he was okay with the Township taking over the fire services but wants more time for consideration in all factors of this change. Suggested a possible decision at the November 14th Council Meeting.

Other Discussion

- Town Attorney, Tammy Keirn, advised Council that the notice for the sale of 2.5 acres near the Dollar General Store will be ready for the November 14th meeting if the Council votes to proceed with the sale.
- Chet Richmond would like to give the town the triangular piece of property. He would not clean it up but the town would be responsible for that clean up. No decision was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer