

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
Union Township Trustee Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

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Public Present: Several members of the public were present.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Trisha Carrico, Advisory Board President.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Trisha made motion to approve the minutes from September 10, 2024 and Ryan seconded.

Motion
passed unanimously.

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New Business

Resolution 2024-08 Additional appropriation to transfer money for a Bond payment that was not paid in 2023 by the former Trustee.
Trisha made a motion to approve the resolution, Ryan Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-09 Reduction of Appropriation. Resolution to re appropriate \$60000 from the Township General Fund to the Fire Territory Fund.
Ryan made a motion to approve the resolution, Trisha Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-10 Additional appropriation to transfer money to the Fire Territory for wages.
Ryan made a motion to approve the resolution, Trisha Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-11 Additional appropriation to transfer money for a Bond payment that was not paid in 2023 by the former Trustee.
Trisha made a motion to approve the resolution, Ryan Seconded, motion passed unanimously.
Petition to Appeal the maximum Tax Levy.
Ryan made a motion to approve the Petition, Trisha Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-12 Disposal of Personal Property. Resolution to dispose of firetruck that was replaced with new unit.
Trisha made a motion to approve the resolution, Ryan Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2024-13 Fund Transfer. Resolution to transfer 5% of the maximum tax levy and transfer it into the Fire Equipment Fund. The amount is \$9547.35
Trisha made a motion to approve the resolution, Ryan Seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Request for Town of Lakevilles Petition to Appeal for Increase of maximum Levy.
The Town Board President, Lori Kelly addressed the Township Board with the following statement:

"The appeal for the maximum tax levy was filed by the Township for fire protection. I have prayed about it, pondered it, and I have over thought it. I still do not know if this is the correct decision, but what I do know is that our Town Board has been left no choice but to agree to this. When asked what would happen if we didn't agree and/or cooperate in this appeal, we, the board, were given a "non-ultimatum-ultimatum". We either can agree or the Township will have no choice but to dissolve the Territory in January. By dissolving the territory, the tax levy would more than triple what is being requested now and ultimately cost tax payers even more money. The town would also be required to pay for fire protection from the Township apart from just the taxes.

*In my heart, I am saddened that we no longer have the family of volunteers like we had 18 months ago. I personally question the way many things have been handled, But sitting here tonight, I can not be personal, I am here to do my due diligence for this Town and its citizens. We will NEVER get back what we had, so we have to figure out a way to go forward. So with that being said,
I feel as if we have been left with no choice but to agree with this appeal.*

So with the town voting on this do we need to open our own meeting to vote on this?"

Marcell Lebbin stated that there needs to be a meeting of the Town Board to approve an ordinance.

Trisha requested a motion to request an ordinance from the Town of Lakeville to request from the State Appeal for Increase in Maximum Levy. Ryan Seconded, Motion Passed.

Old Business.

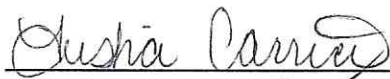
None was had.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

With no other business Trisha made a motion to adjourn, Ryan seconded. Motion passed at 18:08.

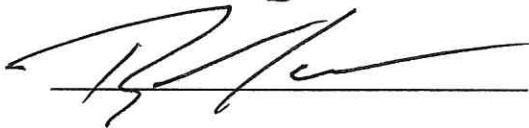
Minutes approved 11 Day of December 2024



Board Chairman



Board Member



Board Secretary



Trustee