ACW Fire Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2026, 6:00 PM
At the Columbia Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson, Steve Linzner

Present:
Akron Twp.: Steve Linzner, Carrie Hines
Columbia Twp.: Chris Creguer, Christina Parmenter-Thompson
Wisner Twp.: Tracy Freed, Lisa Valentine
Member at Large: Leila Rish
Clerk: Kathy Trischler
Absent: Wade MacFarlane

Others present: Pam Shook, John Katnik, Bill Owens, Brooklyn Kuhl, Carly Creguer, , Tom Reese, Jason Haag, Robin Linzner, Llyod Scharf, Jim Levalley, Jim Millerwise, Dave Scharich, Heather Tibbits, Karen Sakon, Elizabeth Shook, Justin Wolf, Nick Magurie

Communications and Announcements

A motion to add Angel to the agenda above Justin by Hines 2nd by Freed
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to add Training under New Business by Hines 2nd by Freed
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to add Grant under Old Business by Creguer 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to add Access to programing under old Business by Creguer 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to add Reappointment Fire Board Clerk under New Business by Creguer 2nd by Parmenter
6 Yeas, 2 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to add discuss billing Clerk under New Business by Parmenter 2nd by Creguer
5 Yeas, 1 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to approve April 9th, 2026, Agenda with by Hines 2nd by Creguer
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 5th,2026 with the corrections by Valentine, supported by Creguer.
6 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion was made to accept the Budget Meeting Minutes from February 5th,2026 by Creguer, supported by Valentine.
6 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion was made to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from March 31st ,2026, with corrections by Valentine, supported by Rish.
6 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Nick Magurie- Fire Chief in Fairgrove

Karen Sakon

Jim Levalley

Jim Millerwise

Elizabeth Shook

Tom Reese

Old Business

Fire Chief:

A motion was made to extend the ad for Fire Chief until position is filled by Creguer 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Tanker:

Gauge was fixed to show the water level in the tanker

Grass Rig:

Springs were replaced and exhaust was replaced

EPR Software update:

A motion was made to remove Kathy Trischler from Administrative position on the EPR software and to have access to the Clerk position by Parmenter 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion to have Rish work with Kish to get everything back to the original in EPR program, by Parmenter 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion was made so that no one on the Board or Clerk can change permissions or reports in the EPR program by Parmenter 2nd by Creguer
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Angel:

Justin Wolf:

Justin Wolf requested to go into close session

A motion to go into closed session was made by Hines 2nd by Rish
Roll Call Vote: Rish: Yes, Hines: Yes, Linzner: Yes, Freed: Yes, Creguer: Yes, Valentine: Yes, Parmenter: Yes
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Left Regular Meeting @ 7:08

A motion to reopen the regular meeting @ 7:34 was made by Hines 2nd by Creguer
Roll Call Vote: Rish: Yes, Hines: Yes, Linzner: Yes, Freed: Yes, Creguer: Yes, Valentine: Yes, Parmenter: Yes

A motion was made by Hines to reinstate Justin Wolf to Active Roster for ACW Fire Dept. by Hines 2nd by Valentine

Roll Call Vote: Rish: Yes, Hines: Yes, Linzner: Yes, Freed: No, Creguer: Yes, Valentine: Yes, Parmenter: Yes

Grant:

A motion to make an escrow account to put Akron, Columbia & Wisner funds that would be needed for our part of grant and that the funds be in the account by the end of the year by Creguer

No support Motion fails

Fire Report

There have been 38 calls for 2026

Medical: Child who had fallen

Shed Fire

Grain Rescue Tube was donated from Star of the West

Financial Statements –

A motion was made to pay presented Fire Bills by Valentine 2nd by Hines
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion was made to pay Michigan State Fireman Association past due bill that just arrived by Rish 2nd by Hines
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

New Business

Training Bill received

Elect Secretary, Vice Chair & Chairperson:

Carrie Hines resigned as ACW Authority Secretary

A motion to open nominations for Chairperson was made by Creguer 2nd by Rish
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Freed nominated Linzner for Chairperson
Linzner accepted
Rish nominated Valentine for Chairperson
Valentine accepted

A motion was made to close nominations by Creguer 2nd by Hines
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote Hines: Linzner, Rish: Valentine, Linzner: Linzner, Freed: Linzner, Creguer: Valentine, Valentine: Valentine, Parmenter: Valentine
Valentine: 4 Linzner: 3
A motion to open nominations for Vice Chairperson was made by Creguer 2nd by Valentine

7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Valentine Nominated Creguer for Vice Chair
Creguer Accepted

A motion to close nominations for Vice Chairperson was made by Valentine 2nd by Rish
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote Hines: Creguer, Rish: Creguer, Linzer: Creguer, Freed: Creguer, Creguer: Creguer, Valentine: Creguer, Parmenter: Creguer
Creguer 7 Votes

A motion to open nominations for Secretary was made by Creguer 2nd by Valentine
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Valentine Nominated Rish
Rish accepted

A motion to close nominations for Secretary was made by Linzner 2nd by Hines
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Clerk Position

A motion was made to keep Trischler to the clerk position by Linzner 2nd by Freed
Discussion took place
~~Hines: Yes, Linzner: Yes, Freed: Yes, Creguer: No, Valentine: No, Parmenter: No~~
~~Yes: 3 No: 3 Rish abstained because she works with Trischler~~ Hines: Yes, Linzner: Yes, Freed: Yes, Crueguer: No, Valentine: No, Parmenter: No, Rish: Abstained because she works with Trischler
3 Yeas, 3 Neys, 1 abstained, Motion fails

A motion was made to remove Trischler from the clerk ~~and interim Columbia Twp. Clerk to pay bills till replacement is hired~~ by Parmenter 2nd by Creguer
Roll Call Vote Rish: Yes, Hines: No, Linzner: No, Freed: No, Creguer Yes, Valentine: Yes, Parmenter: Yes
Yes: 4 No: 3 Motion Carried

A motion to put ad out on the paper for the ACW Fire Authority Clerk with bookkeeping experience required and good communication skills by Linzner 2nd by Creguer
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Billing Clerk Position

A motion was made to remove our billing clerk and hire a third-party Co. to take care of Fire Runs with Parmenter and Justin Wolf to research Third Party Co. by Parmenter 2nd by Creguer
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Chairperson - Valentine
Vice Chairperson - Creguer
Secretary - Rish

Public Comment:
Pam Shook

Next Regular Meeting is June 4th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting
A motion was made to adjourn Meeting by Hines, supported by Freed to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.
7 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by Hines.