

North Township - LaPaz Fire Protection Territory, Executive Committee, Public Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00pm
LaPaz-North Township Fire Station

Present:

Roger Ecker, Town of LaPaz, President
Cathy Welch, Town of LaPaz
Stephen Barber, North Township, Secretary
Judy Fisher, North Township, Vice President
Steven Davenport, North Township (appointed by Ms. Haskins)

Also present:

Emily Haskins, Trustee
Mathew Haskins, Fire Chief
Please refer to the sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

* The reader will note that meetings are now livestreamed. Please refer to our website for a schedule of our meetings, links for the live streams, and additional information: <https://northtownship.org> .

The meeting consisted of the following: Mr. Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1. Approval of 4/22/26 Meeting Minutes (attached): Mr. Ecker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barber, and passed 5-0.
2. Billing Service Update: Ms. Haskins reviewed the aging report (see attached).
3. Employee Update:
 - a. Mr. Haskins reported that the new employee started today.
 - b. Mr. Haskins reported that a clothing allowance is not addressed in the current employee policy manual or budget. He would like to be able to provide initial clothing for new hires and that a clothing allowance should be provided annually to full-time employees.
 - c. Mr. Haskins reported that he has received three new applications. He is hoping to be at full staff by July 1, 2026. Pursuant to considering the applicants, he requested that we identify our next meeting date in early June (see meeting times below).
 - d. Mr. Ecker requested pictures and bios for employees so that they can be put on the Facebook page. Mr. Haskins agreed to provide this.
4. Preliminary Budget Discussions for the Fire Territory: Mr. Haskins reviewed the proposed budget for the Fire Territory (see attached). A discussion ensued.
5. Trustee Update:
 - a. Regarding the Insurance line item, Ms. Haskins reported on an increase in Worker's Compensation from \$3,579.00 for 2025 to \$8,293.00 for 2026.
 - b. Ms. Haskins reviewed and explained the chart of expenses thus far for 2026 (see attached).
6. Good of the order announcements or updates from Fire Department.
 - a. Mr. Haskins reviewed the Fire Station Report (see attached). He added that as of today they are approaching 200 calls for January 1 to date for this year.
 - b. Mr. Haskins asked for clarification about billing for a dispatch to a full arrest and without transport. Mr. Ecker moved that this service shall not be billed, seconded by Mr. Davenport, and passed 5-0.

- c. Mr. Haskins discussed a response to a call recently that probably protected a house from another fire close by. The system is working.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Next Meetings:

- a. Fire Territory Executive Session: Monday, June 8 at 5:00pm.
- b. Fire Territory Meeting, Monday, June 8 at 6:00pm.
- c. Township Board Meeting, Monday, June 8 at 6:30pm or immediately following the Territory meeting.

9. Mr. Ecker moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davenport, and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

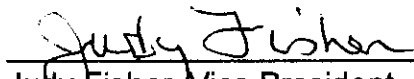
Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Barber, Secretary

Approved: ☒ As written ☐ As Amended ☐ As Corrected


Roger Ecker, President

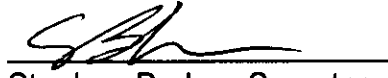
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Judy Fisher, Vice President

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Stephen Barber, Secretary

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Steven Davenport

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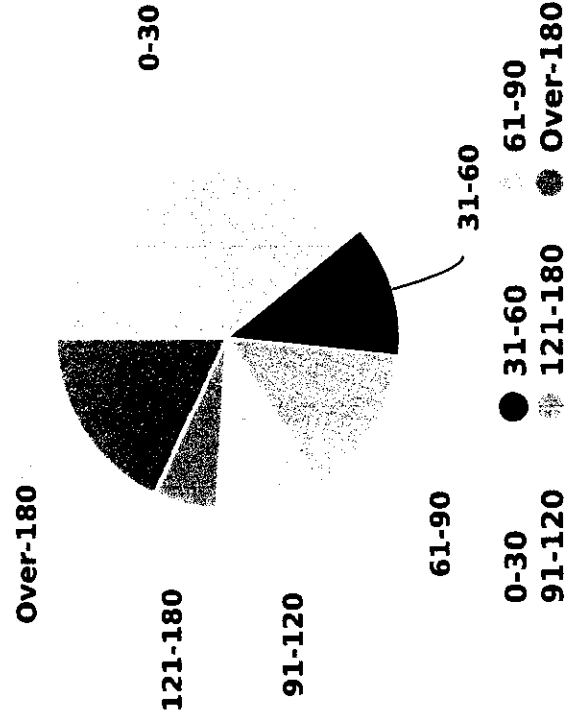
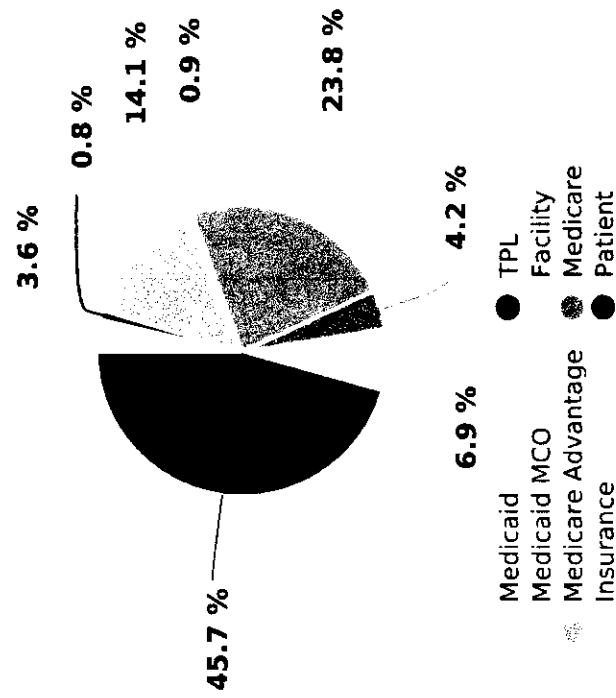
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Sign-In Sheet

1. Steve Barber
2. Ryan Ecker
3. Judy Fisher
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<u>Current Payor</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>31-60</u>	<u>61-90</u>	<u>91-120</u>	<u>121-180</u>	<u>Over 180</u>	<u>Total</u>
Medicaid	932.40	100.00	1,066.43	0.00	366.82	848.40	3,314.05
TPL	766.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	766.80
Medicaid MCO	4,240.07	2,618.74	2,684.00	1,591.70	0.00	1,749.20	12,883.71
Facility	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	787.60	787.60
Medicare Advantage	8,974.90	4,747.10	3,524.40	2,288.44	0.00	2,194.40	21,729.24
Medicare	1,898.40	0.00	0.00	1,944.80	0.00	0.00	3,843.20
Insurance	1,181.30	712.32	0.00	1,904.40	972.02	1,488.70	6,258.74
Patient	17,633.80	3,367.46	6,099.79	1,079.57	4,165.63	9,342.46	41,688.71
Total	35,627.67	11,545.62	13,374.62	8,808.91	5,504.47	16,410.76	91,272.05



2027 PROPOSED FIRE DEPT OPERATING BUDGET

Operating Budget

Personal Services

Full-Time Staff

Salary	\$62,500.00	increased \$7,500
Insurance	\$ 4,650.00	increased \$250
Employer Taxes	\$ 5,500.00	
<u>PERF</u>	<u>\$ 4,375.00</u>	increased \$525
	\$77,025.00 x 6 =	\$462,150.00

Administrative Compensation

	\$12,000	
Overtime	\$10,000	decreased \$5,000
Part-Time Employees	\$10,000	decreased \$10,000
Volunteer Firefighters	\$40,000	
Volunteer Officers:	\$20,000	

Fire Chief - \$10,000

Assistant Chief (2) - \$5,000 each

Employer Taxes (Part-time)	\$4,000	increased \$1,800
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Total Personal Services \$558,150 (+36,450)

Supplies

Office Supplies	\$5,000	
Fuel	\$21,000	
Station Maintenance Supplies	\$5,000	
Medical Supplies	\$18,000	
Clothing/Gear	\$35,000	
Communication	\$10,000	decreased \$15,000
<u>Total Supplies</u>		<u>\$94,000 (-\$15,000)</u>

Other Services and Charges

Miscellaneous	\$4,000	
Maintenance Contracts	\$5,000	decreased \$6,500
Insurance	\$60,000	increased \$10,000
Utilities	\$24,000	increased \$4,000
Truck Maintenance	\$40,000	
Small Equipment	\$45,000	
ALS Assists	\$6,000	
Training	\$8,000	
Accu-Med Overpayment	\$2,000	
Professional Fees (EMS MC)	\$12,000	new line added

Total Other Services and Charges \$206,000 (+19,500)

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET **\$858,150**

Increase of \$40,950 over 2026 budget (5.01%)

Administration work month of April

Schedule 20 hours

Approving reports 12hours

Entering Reports 12 hours

Gathering Quotes and setting up new supplier for medical equipment,
ordering supplies 15 hours

Payroll reports and time sheets 4 hours

Checking supply room and keeping organized 6 hours

Total hours 63 Hours