

Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the North Township Advisory Board

Held at the Fire Station in Lapaz, IN

Tuesday, January 14, 2026 (scheduled to begin following the Joint Meeting with the Town of LaPaz)

North Township Advisory Board Members Present:

Steven Davenport, President

Steve Barber, Secretary (present virtually via Zoom)

Judy Fisher

Emily Haskins, Trustee, North Township

Mathew Haskins, Fire Chief

For other community members present, please refer to the attached sign-in sheet.

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

The meeting consisted of the following.

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm.

1. Approval of 1/6/26 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Fisher moved to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Mr. Barber.
 - a. Roll Call Vote:
 - i. Mr. Barber – Yes
 - ii. Ms. Fisher – Yes
 - iii. Mr. Davenport – Yes (3-0)
2. 2025 Annual Financial Report Review and Approval (see attached): Ms. Haskins reviewed the Report. Selections of this review include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. ***Please note that at a joint public meeting with the Town of LaPaz immediately preceding this meeting (with all members of the Township Advisory Board participating), portions of the 2025 Annual Financial Report, which were pertinent to the Fire Territory, were reviewed and discussed.*
 - b. The balances of the Cumulative Fund, EMS Fund, and the Fire Fighting Fund at the beginning of the year were moved to the Fire Territory General Fund, pursuant to the initiation of the Fire Territory.
 - c. During 2025, the entire Rainy Day Fund was disbursed and had a \$0.00 balance on 12-31-25.
 - d. Ending active fund balances, including investments, as of 12-31-25 are as follows:

i. Township General Fund	\$505,933.98
ii. Township Assistance Fund	36,047.75
iii. Spec Fire Territory General Fund	1,170,166.28
iv. Spec Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund	81,995.67
v. <u>Grand Total as of 12-31-25</u>	<u>\$1,794,143.68</u>
 - e. Regarding the Capital Asset Report, p. 20, Ms. Haskins reported that some equipment was purchased and added to this report. The \$300.00 for Land is the amount the State suggested we include for the three cemeteries (\$100.00 per cemetery). She also clarifies that reductions in capital assets occur when the asset is no longer in our possession. She also reported that Union

Township cashed the check for the ambulance in November 2025, according to our agreement. This occurred after their court issues were resolved.

- f. Mr. Davenport moved to accept/adopt the 2025 Annual Financial Report which was seconded by Ms. Fisher
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 1. Mr. Barber – Yes
 2. Ms. Fisher – Yes
 3. Mr. Davenport – Yes (3-0)
3. 2025 Investment Report Review and Approval (see attached):
 - a. Ms. Haskins reported that the Township holds two CDs and the Fire Territory holds another CD. Ms. Haskins indicated that she will be seeking clarification from 1st Source about an interest payment received in December.
 - b. Mr. Barber would like the Board to study and consider the benefits and potential consequences of putting more of our funds into a CD.
 - c. Ms. Fisher moved to approve the Report and was seconded by Mr. Davenport.
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 1. Mr. Barber – Yes
 2. Ms. Fisher – Yes
 3. Mr. Davenport – Yes (3-0)
4. Good of the Order announcements or updates from Fire Department
 - a. ***Please note that at a joint public meeting with the Town of LaPaz immediately preceding this meeting, Mr. Haskins addressed concerns from a patron regarding EMS responses recently. The reader is directed to the minutes for that public meeting.*
 - b. Mr. Haskins reported that both ambulances are now fully equipped (with the new equipment for Mobile 1 having been installed), fully stocked, and are fully operational.
 - c. Mr. Haskins reported that he spoke with the Fire Chief of Bremen, who has expressed interest in the bottles for the SCBAs. Bremen paid \$100.00 each for 17 bottles. The rest of the old SCBA equipment will be donated to the Plymouth CTE program.
 - d. Ms. Haskins reported that she has reached out to the family of Dave Banicki regarding the check he is entitled to for his service last year, prior to his passing. This has not yet been resolved. Once this is resolved, the consensus of the Board is to approve an appropriation for this at the end of 2026, since the budgeted amount for this category will be exceeded.
 - e. Mr. Barber reported that he has not yet heard from Mr. Smith regarding White's Cemetery. Ms. Haskins thereupon reported that Mr. Smith has already completed the cleanup requested and pictures have been forwarded to Ms. Haskins.
5. Public comments: None
6. Next Meetings:
 - a. Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:00pm (Territory Executive Committee meeting)
 - b. Monday, March 23, 2026 following the Territory meeting (Township Advisory Board meeting)
7. Ms. Fisher moved to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Barber.
 - a. Roll Call Vote:
 - i. Mr. Barber – Yes
 - ii. Ms. Fisher – Yes
 - iii. Mr. Davenport – Yes (3-0)
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.


Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Barber, Secretary

Approved: As Written/Printed

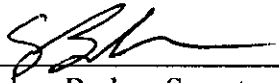
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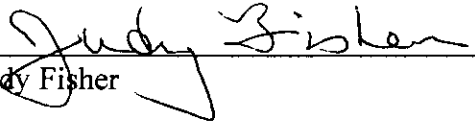
Steven Davenport, President

3-23-26
Date



Stephen Barber, Secretary

3-23-26
Date



Judy Fisher

3-23-26
Date

Sign-In Sheet

1. *Roger E. [Signature]*
2. *Sarah Klingeman*
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North Township Marshall County Public Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7:00pm
LaPaz-North Township Fire Station

- 1. Approval of 1/6/2026 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. 2025 Annual Report review and approval**
- 3. 2025 Investment report review and approval**
- 4. Good of the order announcements or updates from Fire Department**
- 5. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes per person)**