

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting of the North Township Advisory Board

Held at the Fire Station in Lapaz, IN

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:30pm

#### North Township Advisory Board Members Present:

Steven Davenport, President

Steve Barber, Secretary

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 6:31pm.

1. Approval of 3/23/26 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Barber moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Fisher, and passed 3-0.
2. Territory Recommendations:
  - a. The Territory recommended that we extend an offer of employment to the candidate. Mr. Barber moved that we extend an offer of employment to the candidate, seconded by Ms. Fisher, and passed 3-0.
3. Cemetery Update for Mount Zion Cemetery (near County Line Brethren Church):
  - a. Ms. Haskins has met with two companies and obtained estimates (see attached). Three different materials have been considered:
    - i. High Tensile Wire Fencing: this is not believed to be aesthetically pleasing.
    - ii. White Vinyl Fencing: Mr. Davenport has concerns about its durability.
    - iii. 2-Rail Split Rail Fencing: Mr. Davenport stated he prefers this because of its durability and attractiveness.
  - b. Ms. Haskins has attempted to communicate with the County Line Brethren Church about the portion of the property that they continue to own.
  - c. Ms. Haskins has communicated with IN-DNR. It appears that one headstone may be in the right-of-way near the SW corner? Because of this, DNR instructed us to reach out to an archeologist with the IN-DOT.
  - d. Ms. Haskins expressed a desire to retain parking spots for visitors.
  - e. Ms. Haskins also reached out to the State Board of Accounts to request clarification about whether we need to put fencing around all of the headstones or around the entire property. SBOA responded by saying that there really is no guidance on this issue. One reason this was asked was because the property of White's Cemetery is much greater than the area occupied solely by the headstones. Our understanding, therefore, is that we may choose to put fencing just around the headstones.
  - f. At some point in time, we anticipate informing the neighbors that we will be putting up a fence.

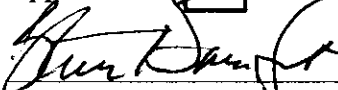
- g. Ms. Haskins clarified that she anticipates leaving an opening in the fence of at least 10 feet to allow access for visitors and cemetery equipment.
4. Trustee Update:
- a. Ms. Haskins reported that she will be attending the SBOA Legislative Update on Monday, April 27 in LaPorte.
  - b. On Wednesday, June 17 the DLGF will be having their Legislative Update Seminar (online). Board members are invited to participate.
  - c. Workmen's Compensation Insurance is being reviewed and revised.
  - d. The County Dispatch fees are being increased 2%.
  - e. We are moving from landline phones for the Fire Department and the Township (Brightspeed) to cellular services (T-Mobile), which will reduce our costs.
  - f. Ms. Haskins is working on getting Ms. Fisher in proper standing with 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank as our Financial Chair.
5. Good of the Order announcements or updates from Fire Department.
- a. Mr. Haskins reported that two tires will be replaced on Brush truck #5 at a cost of about \$1,500.00.
  - b. Mr. Haskins has given out 3-4 more applications to interested parties for full-time employment. Mr. Davenport moved to grant authorization for two additional full-time positions, bringing the total authorizations to six, seconded by Ms. Fisher, and passed 3-0.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026 (following the Territory meeting).
8. Mr. Barber moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fisher, and passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephen Barber, Secretary

Approved: ☒ As Written/Printed

☐ As Amended

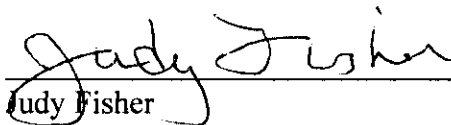
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## Sign-In Sheet

1. *Judy Fisher*

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