

Meeting Minutes  
JOINT MEETING involving  
North Township Advisory Board and the Lapaz Town Council  
Held at the Fire Station in Lapaz, IN  
August 15, 2023

North Township Advisory Board Members Present:

Steven Davenport, President  
Steve Barber, Secretary  
Carmen Megonnell

Lapaz Town Council Members Present:

Roger Ecker, President  
Ryan Young  
Cathy Welch

Emily Haskins, Trustee, North Township  
Lorraine Dove, Lapaz Town Clerk  
Mathew Haskins, Fire Chief  
John Lampkins, EMS President

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

Mr. Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Board and Council to vote on whether to move forward with a full financial study regarding a potential fire territory.

Discussion ensued regarding this issue and questions were addressed.

The amount to be paid to Baker Tilly (between now and the end of this year) for the full study is about \$5,000. One way to pay for this is to have the Town of Lapaz pay 1/3 and North Township pay 2/3 of this cost. Ms. Haskins indicates that this can be absorbed in the budget.

There is a cost for the attorney, Mr. Agostino, which Ms. Haskins expects to pay out of the existing budget for attorney fees.

It seemed prudent to have a committee to have initial meetings with the attorney and Baker Tilly in order to iron out an initial budget as well as to get processes started on the right foot.

Mr. Ecker made a motion to close the public meeting. This motion was passed by the Town of Lapaz 3-0.

Mr. Ecker made a motion to proceed with the final phase of this (full study with Baker Tilly). This motion was passed by the Town of Lapaz 3-0.

Mr. Davenport referred to the motion by Mr. Ecker that we move forward with the final study with Baker Tilly and proceeded with the vote, which was passed by North Township 3-0.

Mr. Ecker moved that the Town of Lapaz pay 1\3 of the cost of the full study.

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion that North Township pay 2/3 of the cost of the full study. Mr. Barber moved and Ms. Megonnell seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

A committee was selected to meet with Baker Tilly and/or Mr. Agostino: Mr. Haskins (or representative), Mr. Lampkins and or Ron Thomas (representing the ambulance service) and to include Ms. Megonnell (from North Township) and Mr. Ecker (from the Town of Lapaz). Their first meeting will be on August 30, 2023 in order develop initial budgetary numbers and initial processes [subsequent to adjournment this was changed to August 29, 2023]. This working committee will present their findings to public meeting(s) of the Town of Lapaz and North Township.

Mr. Ecker moved to adjourn the meeting which was passed by the Town of Lapaz 3-0.

Mr. Barber moved to adjourn the meeting which was passed by North Township 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephen Barber, Secretary

Approved:

As written

As Amended

As Corrected

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Steven Davenport, President

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Date

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Stephen Barber, Secretary

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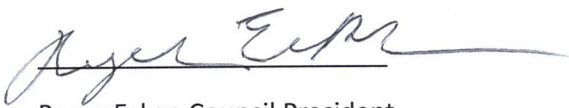
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Roger Ecker, Council President

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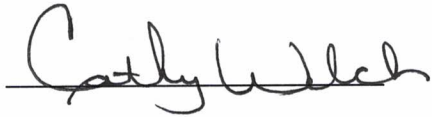
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Ryan Young, Vice-President

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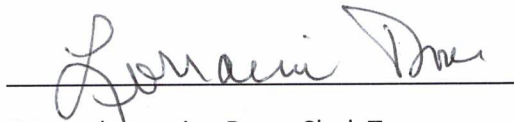
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Cathy Welch, Council Member

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Attested: Lorraine Dove, Clerk-Treasurer

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