

## **Fire Territory Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

**New Carlisle Library, 408 S. Bray St., New Carlisle, IN 46552**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Board members:

Marcy Kauffman, New Carlisle town council

Jerry Colanese, New Carlisle town council

Brian Gray, Hudson Twp. board

Dave Wilson, Hudson Twp. board

Keith Batzel, Olive Twp. board

Tim Creason, Olive Twp. board

Bob Middlebrook, Olive Twp. board

Also:

Josh Schweizer, Fire chief

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by board president Brian Gray

**FIRE STATION PAINT:** Jerry Colanese inquires about the paint project at the fire station.

Josh Schweizer says quotes for painting the exterior of the fire station need to be obtained. Bob Middlebrook asks if the project might qualify for a grant. Marcy Kauffman doesn't know for sure, but suggests it is possible. She also suggests the paint might only need to be refreshed. Josh Schweizer says he will obtain quotations from painting contractors.

Board discusses the general physical condition of the fire station.

**ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF:** Josh Schweizer says the interview process is still taking place. The original pool of seven candidates has been cut to four. One-on-one interviews are taking place with a selection committee of Josh Schweizer, Brian Gray and Will Miller. The fire territory board will need to convene another meeting in the near future to approve a candidate. Josh Schweizer will have his recommendation at that time. He states all are quality candidates.

Will Miller, Olive Twp., trustee, will be consulted as to what compensation package might be possible.

**SB78:** Tim Creason gives update on SB78, a bill working its way through the state legislature that would require county governments to provide additional funding to fire territories. The bill passed the Indiana Senate by a vote of 48-1 and is currently hung up in the House Ways and Means Committee.

**NEW TANKER TRUCK:** Josh Schweizer anticipates delivery of new tanker truck in about a year-and-a-half.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Middlebrook motions to adjourn. Dave Wilson second. Approved 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Creason  
Secretary

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