

Fire Territory Board Meeting

Tues., April 25, 2023, 1:45 p.m. (EST)

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

ATTENDANCE:

Board members:

Tim Creason, Olive Twp. board

Marcy Kauffman, New Carlisle town council

Jerry Colanese, New Carlisle town council

Keith Batzel, Olive Twp. Board

Bob Middlebrook, Olive Twp. Board

Also:

Josh Schweizer, Fire chief

Will Miller, Olive Twp. Trustee

Tina Scott, Olive Twp.

Chad Hess

**JOINT MEETING OF FIRE TERRITORY BOARD AND OLIVE TOWNSHIP BOARD
FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF**

Meeting called to order at 1:52 p.m. by Jerry Colanese.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF: Josh Schweizer presents Chad Hess for the position of Assistant Fire Chief.

Hiring process began in January with a board consisting of Josh Schweizer, Brian Gray, Will Miller and Andy Meier conducting screening interviews. Seven candidates were interviewed and four were invited back for a second interview.

Josh Schweizer, Brian Gray and Will Miller conducted the second interviews. Josh Schweizer then met with each of the four candidates, one-on-one, to discuss their visions for the department.

Josh Schweizer highly recommends Chad Hess, saying he is a well-seasoned veteran with solid structure and organizational skills. Chad lives in Granger. He currently works for the Clay Twp. fire department and his last day there will be May 28.

Fire territory then approves the hiring. Motion by Jerry Colanese, second by Tim Creason. Hiring approved, 5-0.

Olive Twp. Board approves the hiring. Motion by Bob Middlebrook, second by Keith Batzel. Hiring approved, 3-0.

2023 CHEVY SILVERADO

As part of the hiring incentive, the Asst. fire chief is to have a take-home vehicle. Josh Schweizer has identified two auto loan options on a 2023 Chevy Silverado. There would be no turn-back of the vehicle so it is not a traditional lease, per se, though it is still called a lease.

Options are for a three-year or five-year loan. The vehicle could be paid off early with no penalty. Jerry Colanese inquires about interest expenses. Josh Schweizer says there would be \$3,300 interest on the three-year plan and \$3,000 on the five year.

Fire territory approves the five-year loan option to acquire a vehicle. Motion by Keith Batzel, second by Bob Middlebrook. Approved, 5-0.

Olive Twp. Board approves the five-year loan option to acquire a vehicle. Motion by Keith Batzel, second by Tim Creason. Approved 3-0.

Motion to adjourn fire territory meeting. Motion by Tim Creason. Second by Keith Batzel. Approved 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Olive Twp. board meeting. Motion by Tim Creason. Second by Bob Middlebrook. Approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Creason
Secretary

Bob Middlebrook, Territory Member

Keith Batzel, Territory Member

Marcy Kauffman, Territory Member

Jerry Colanese, Territory Member

Tim Creason, Territory Member