



## Town Council Special Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

Vernon Township Office and Zoom– 6:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

- President Barry Wood did roll call and called the McCordsville Council meeting to order. McCordsville Council Members: Barry Wood, Greg Brewer, Branden Williams, Larry Longman, and Tom Strayer.
- President Fred Fritz did roll call and called the Fortville Town Council meeting to order. Fortville Council Members: Fritz Fentz, Robert Holland, Tonya Davis, and Becky Davis.
- President Gary Sharett did roll call and called the Vernon Township meeting to order. Vernon Township Board: Gary Sharrett, Marybeth Sears, and Tim Plank

### Public Hearing for Vernon Township Fire Territory

- Vernon Township Trustee Florence May started the presentation Option A, Option B, and Option C which is the Fire Territory.
- Fire Chief Chad Able did a presentation of the apparatus, equipment, and manpower availability.
- Paige Sansone, Baker Tilly, talked through the Financial Impact Analysis to the taxpayers and the participating units.
- Copies of all presentations and meetings are available on the Vernon Township webpage and Facebook page.

### Public Comments

- Edward Zlaty, lives in McCordsville, fully supports the initiative and it badly needed. It will have a huge impact in our communities. Thank you for putting it together. We can't put a price on safety.

### Public Official Comment

- Barry Wood, McCordsville Council President, asked what the time table might be for making the McCordsville station a full-time station and how are the firefighters going to be housed. Chief Abel acknowledged we need a full-time station in McCordsville, and they are looking into different alternatives on housing the firefighters. It is a little early yet to say when, but sooner rather than later. The Chief's goal is sometime in 2021 to have 24/7 coverage.

### Establishing Fire Territory

- Motion by Mr. Williams to read Ordinance 061720 by title only. Longman. 5-0
- Ordinance 061720 was read by title only by Mr. Bellamy.
- Motion by Mr. Longman to approve Ordinance 061720 on first reading. Brewer. 5-0.
- Motion by Mr. Longman to suspend the rules. Williams. 5-0
- Motion by Mr. Longman to approve Ordinance 061720 to join the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory and approve the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory agreement. Brewer. 5-0



- Fortville Town Council votes and approves unanimously Ordinance 2020-6C to join the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory and approve the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory agreement.
- Vernon Township Board votes and approves unanimously Ordinance 2020-6C to join the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory and approve the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory agreement.

#### **Equipment Replacement Fund**

- Motion by Mr. Longman to approve Resolution 061720 the creation of an Equipment Replacement Fund for the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory. Brewer. 5-0
- Fortville Town Council votes and approves unanimously Resolution 2020-6A the creation of an Equipment Replacement Fund for the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory.
- Vernon Township Board votes and approves unanimously Resolution 061720 the creation of an Equipment Replacement Fund for the Vernon Township Fire Protection Territory.

#### **Fire Territory Executive Board Appointment**

- Motion by Mr. Longman to appoint Mr. Brewer as a representative from McCordsville Town Council to the Fire Territory Executive Board. Williams. 5-0
- Fortville Town Council appoints Mr. Holland as a representative from Fortville Town Council to the Fire Territory Executive Board.
- Vernon Township Trustee Ms. May will serve as Executive and Chief Abel will serve as Ex-Officio member to the Fire Territory Executive Board.

#### **Adjournment**

- Motion by Mr. Brewer to adjourn McCordsville Council meeting. Longman. 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm
- Motion by Fortville Council to adjourn Fortville Council meeting. Holland. 4-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm
- Motion by Vernon Township to adjourn Vernon Township meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

#### **Minutes Approval**

These minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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**Barry A. Wood, Council President**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Staci A. Starcher, Clerk-Treasurer**