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### Architectural Review Committee Staff Report Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

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**PETITIONER:** Town of McCordsville

**PETITION:** Community Center Architectural Design

**REQUEST:** Petitioner requests approval of the exterior renovations for the McCordsville Community Center building

**LOCATION:** 7580 Form Street

**STAFF REVIEW:** The Town is converting the old volunteer fire station into a community center. The community center, as proposed, will consist of two meeting rooms of differing size, a catering kitchen, general storage, historic displays, modern restrooms, and office and storage space for the Parks Department.

The vast majority of renovations are to the site and interior of the building. The exterior building renovations are minimal, but include:

- Replace existing horizontal siding with fiber cement siding
- Replace overhead doors with aluminum storefront
- Replace the existing metal awnings with new metal canopies
- Overlay the existing Fire Station sign with a semi-translucent resin panel with a timeline display

The replacement of the overhead doors with aluminum storefront will allow the building to retain some of the feel of a fire station, while allowing the building to become more energy efficient. The new metal canopies will be matte black with tie-backs and provide a more updated architectural aesthetic to the building. The volunteer firefighters wanted the Town to keep the existing fire station sign at the southeast corner of the building. The Town agrees with the concept, but was concerned, as was the Vernon Township Fire Department, about the potential confusion of someone believing there was a fire station and/or emergency personnel on-site. We feel the semi-translucent display, which will be placed over the existing signage, is a creative and character-added solution to this concern.

Finally, the plans show a new standing seam metal roof. The Town, after inspecting the existing shingle roof, has decided to keep the existing roof. We believe it has some life left and its color is complimentary to the proposed renovations. In the future, the Town will likely move forward with a new roof, but it has been removed from the current project.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends sending approval of this petition.

## Images of Existing Building

