

Waterloo Town Fire Presentation Planning Meeting
January 31, 2024

A meeting of the Waterloo Town Council was held January 31, 2024, at 6:09 p.m. at the Waterloo Historic Depot present were:

Josh Caudill	Ken Surber
Greg Iddings	James Garman
Russ Goodman	Pam Howard / Town Manager
Andrew Kruse / Town Attorney	Renee Duszynski / Clerk Treasurer

The following business was discussed, and action was taken: Unless specified all votes were unanimous.

Caudill did roll call and the pledge was recited.

Caudill opened the meeting and asked questions until the end.

Duszynski presented financials.

Caudill asked the board for comments and questions. Caudill believes this is expensive and there may be alternative to this if everyone works together. There are 4 part-time positions currently budgeted, and he suggested replacing them with 2 full-time positions. Mary Dangler, Grant Township Trustee, asked the potential cost. Duszynski started with wages and hidden benefits of roughly \$85,000 apiece. Dangler stated she has worked with DLGF, and it is not feasible to add \$100,000 for payroll.

Caudill discussed training issues. Jay Kern, Grant Township Board member, stated that this study is information that was needed to understand the impact and facts.

Dangler wanted to stress that Auburn did not press this, so she explored options for a solution. She also stated that if the territory was formed the current fire station would remain and be used as a base.

Kern would like to see the Town of Waterloo and the Fire Department come up with a plan and a cost to satisfy everyone's needs and then present it back to their board.

Hobs explained the \$1.2 million was an inflated budget to ensure that it will allow for growth in the future.

Kern wants to ensure that the plan is sustainable. Kern stated they are not in favor of these increases. Hobbs believes they need to find a solution to fit all their needs.

Discussion of possible staffing scenarios was held.

Mary wanted confirmation that the fire department is handling their own calls. Hobbs confirmed that the last 6 months have improved, and they are no longer using auto aid.

Pence wanted to note that there would still be volunteers.

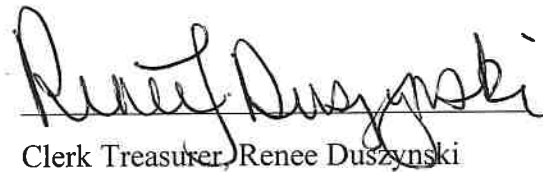
Pence asked about increasing tax rates if the township is at a cap that process would need to be approved by state.

I, Renee Duszynski, the duly qualified Clerk Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact excerpt of minutes of the meeting of the Waterloo Town Fire Presentation Planning Meeting, Waterloo, Indiana, at which a quorum was in attendance and acting throughout, and held January 31, 2024, and, as such appears in the official minutes of said Waterloo Town Council, in my custody.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



President, Josh Caudill



Clerk Treasurer, Renee Duszynski