

Village of Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Board
Joint Meeting
February 7, 2023

A joint meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council and the Wheeler Township Board was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by President Seeley and Supervisor Rohde at the Wheeler Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Village Roll Call was taken by Clerk McPherson

Councilpersons Present: Burt, Clapp, Wenzel, Wingle, Baldwin, Seeley.

Absent: Matthews

Staff Present: Clerk McPherson, Manager Ostrander

Township Roll Call was taken by Clerk Bushre

Members Present: Treasurer Cooper, Supervisor Rohde, Clerk Bushre, Trustee Jenkins, Trustee Goward

Absent: None.

Guest Present: Olan Humm, Fire-Rescue board member at large.

A. Intergovernmental Fire/Rescue Agreements including Appendage A and Appendage B.

- a. Discussion on current Fire/Rescue Agreements. Updates were presented to include the deletion of Appendage A and Appendage B. Dates will be updated. Motion CARRIED by both boards.

B. Fire Rescue Preliminary Budget

- a. A preliminary 2023-2024 Fire/Rescue Department budget was presented. Discussion was had on Standby fee agreements and charges as well as the department pay scale.

C. Tax Tribunal Case

- a. Supervisor Rohde reported that the Tax Tribunal case with DTE Energy regarding the depreciation values of the wind turbines has been settled. A settlement agreement involves an agreed upon depreciation tax table as well as payback to DTE to be approximately 10% of the difference in tax revenue for 6 years.

D. Sewer Agreement Update

- a. Operations are running well. Manager Ostrander discussed the approved maintenance projects that will be completed by utilizing ARPA funds from the township and the county.

E. Assessing Update

- a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the 2023 tax roll and noted an statewide 5% increase in taxable values.

F. County Blight Ordinance – 7039 E. Monroe Road.

- a. The county blight enforcement is handling the notifications of blight on the old BP building. A notice has been sent to the owner demanding the building be demolished. If no action is taken by the owner, the prosecutor may be contacted to take further action.

G. Village to City Process

- a. President Seeley shared that the Village is still looking at the transition from Village to City. A boundary survey was completed, and the next step is to have the boundaries confirmed and approved by the Office of the Great Seal.

Public Comments - None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:36 pm