

Village of Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Board  
Joint Meeting  
February 2, 2022

A joint meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council and the Wheeler Township Board was called to order at 5:05 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: Aldrich, Clapp, Sterling, Wenzel, Tanghe, 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. Dates will be updated. Motion CARRIED by both boards.

**B. Fire Rescue Preliminary Budget**

- a. A preliminary 2022-2023 Fire/Rescue Department budget was presented. Discussion was had on stand-by fee charges and expenditures.

**C. Tax Tribunal Case**

- a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the ongoing Tax Tribunal case with DTE Energy regarding the depreciation values of the wind turbines. A settlement agreement is near completion that involves an agreed upon depreciation tax table as well as a potential 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 informed the Wheeler Township board that there are a couple proposed maintenance projects that could be completed by utilizing ARPA funds from the township and the county.

**E. Assessing Update**

- a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the 2022 tax roll and noted an approximate 3.3% increase in taxable values.

**F. Legal Description on Village Property**

- a. Manager Ostrander has a completed updated description of the parent parcel in the Industrial Park and will provide to Supervisor Rohde.

**G. County Blight Ordinance – 7039 E. Monroe Road.**

- a. It was agreed that the old BP Gas Station is still a blight/dangerous building concern even though the County Blight program closed out the complaint. It was suggested by Manager Ostrander that the Township and the Village work together and keep pushing the issue to clean up this property.

**H. Village to City Process**

- a. President Seeley shared that the Village is still looking at the transition from Village to City. A boundary survey is taking place to define the Village boundaries.

**Public Comments - None**

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 pm