

Buck Creek Township March 2024 Board Minutes

Andy deLivron-Chair, Jennifer Fellerman-Secretary, Kenny Simmons-Board Member

All board members present, in attendance Trustee Micki Simunek, Fire Chief Brandon Wilch, Abby Parker-Coonrod, and Associates Representative.

- Called the meeting to order Andy deLivron
- Pledge of Allegiance-all
- Approval of February meeting minutes- Motion by Kenny, 2nd by Jennifer- Minutes approved
- 2024 Resolutions presented for signature- Micki Simunek
- Resolution for 2024-8 Transfer of FEMA fund for \$177,292.62 to the Township Fire and EMS Fund- unanimously approved
- Resolution 2024-9 Additional Appropriation-DLGF to Fire Fighting Fund for \$103,527.00-unanimously approved
 - Clarification provided by Abby- funds were already part of the reviewed budget. The treasurer is now making a second request to DLGF to allow for the \$103,527 already budgeted.
- Signed the Annual Budget that was approved at the last meeting -all board members signed
- Discussed and reviewed- Clothing allowance, Technology, physicals and training, and various financial matters, including budget planning, disbursement of receipts, and reimbursements.
 - Chief projects the Fire and EMS budget will increase by 10% next year.
- Reviewed the cost of a new ladder and a new truck for the station.
 - Looked over and reviewed ways in which the cost of supporting the new purchases could be supported with reserves and shifting the current budget.
 - Reviewed current expenses that will be paid off and no longer a line item on the budget by the end of 2026, have those line items be transferred to the support of the new ladder and truck.
- Reviewed strategies to improve the operations and staffing of the fire department, including grant funding, strategic partnerships, unionization, and training requirements.
 - 9 New highers April 8th will be their first official start date
- Discussed the training and continuing education provided to firefighters in Hancock County, emphasizing the importance of relevant and up-to-date training to ensure firefighter safety and effectiveness.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.


