



# Buck Creek Township

## Hancock County, Indiana

OCTOBER., 8<sup>TH</sup>. 2024 BOARD AGENDA

PUBLIC 2025 BUDGET MEETING

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|-------|--|--------------------------|
| I.    | Call to Order  | Andy deLivron            |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance   |                          |
| III.  | Approval of minutes<br>Meetings approved and transcribed   | Jennifer Fellerman       |
| IV.   | Buck Creek Township Professional Fire Fighters Union Contract  | Chris Colip              |
| V.    | Briefing regarding the proposed 2025 budget<br>Form 3 – Turned in on 9/24/24 1:31 pm<br>Associates<br>Budget changes                     | Abby Parker<br>Coonrod & |
| VI.   | Resolution 2-2024 revision, equipment threshold<br>\$5,000 from \$1,000<br>Bond rating and revised schedule, possible salary resolutions | Micki Simunek            |
| VII.  | Fire Chief Report<br>New engine discussion<br>Budget Proposal  | Chief/Brandon            |
| Wilch |  |                          |
| VIII. | Public Discussion  | Andy deLivron            |
| X.    | Adjourn  | Andy deLivron            |

FINAL BUDGET MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2024 6::00 PM

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD  
BUCK CREEK TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY**

The Advisory Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of Buck Creek Township (“the Township”) met at a duly called an authorized meeting of the Board held on the date set forth below, such meeting being called pursuant to a notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting received by all the Board Members and publishes pursuant to statute, and the following resolutions were made, seconded, and adopted by a majority of those present at the meeting, which constituted a legal quorum of the Board:

WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for fixing salaries, wages, rates of hourly pay and remuneration for all officers and employees of the Township and the Buck Creek Fire Department and desires to set maximum salaries for each position for the fiscal year of 2024 amended as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amended 2024 Salary Resolution for the Township and Fire Department shall be set for the following positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Annual Salary</b>
Chief*	\$91,200.00
Assistant Chief*	\$85,000.00
Fire Marshal	\$79,100.00
Starting Firefighter	\$63,100.00
Add-on beginning 1 <sup>nd</sup> year	\$2,000
Add-on beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	\$4,000
Add-on beginning 3 <sup>th</sup> year	\$6,000
Battalion Chief	\$5,500
Captain	\$3,500
Lieutenant	\$1,500
Medic	\$4,500
Longevity beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> year of employment	\$100 increasing annually by \$100, with max of \$2,000
<b>Other</b>	
Ride-OUT OIC	\$25.00/12 hour shift
Part-Time Medic	\$21.00/hour
Part-Time EMT	\$18.00/hour
Township Trustee	\$33,411.00
Deputy Trustee	\$53,750.00
Part-Time Office Assistant	\$20.00/hr max
Advisory Board Members (2)	\$1,600.00
Advisory Board Secretary (1)	\$2,000.00

\*Note: Chief and Assistant Chief positions are not eligible for Division Chief, Battalion Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, or Medic stipends.

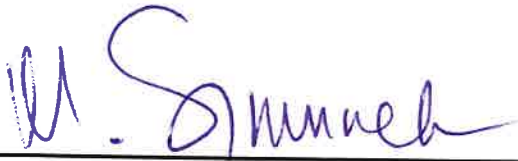
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above listed amended salaries and rates are maximums that can be paid and the Fire Department is not required or obligated to pay its officers or employees the amounts detailed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the inclusion of a position in the salaries and rates listed above does not require the Fire Department to fill that position.

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalties of perjury that this is a true and exact copy of the Amended Resolution adopted by the Buck Creek Township Advisory Board on October 8, 2024.

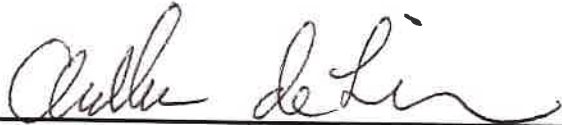
**BUCK CREEK TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD**

By:



10-8-2024

Township Trustee



Advisory Board Chairman

Advisory Board Member



Advisory Board Member

## **Buck Creek Township September 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

All board members present, Andy deLivron-Chair, Jennifer Fellerman-Secretary, Kenny Simmons-board member

Called the meeting to order- Andy deLivron-6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance-all

Approved August 13, 2024 meeting minutes-Motion by Kenny Simmons, 2nd by Jennifer Fellerman -Minutes approved

### **Professional Fire Fighters Union Buck Creek Township- presented by Chris Colip**

- Chris Colip- Union district Vice President Rep Buck Creek
- 2025- 2nd agreement to sign and approve.
- Establish the PEP account-PTO- roll each year into a "medical savings account for the future"
- Fully funded by firefighters' time
- Max amount that can roll cash in is between 2-3 days per year
- PEP account will be managed by Nationwide

### **Bond- presented by Greg Guerrettaz, FSG Corp.**

- Bond ordinance was presented for approval.
  - Maximum of \$3,000,000 maximum of 17 years and maximum of 6% interest rate
- Bond will cover the cost of a ladder and equipment purchases
- Bond will be advertised for bids
- Rating from Standard and Poor's will be sought to help with the bid
- Reading completed by Andy regarding the ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF BUCK CREEK TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS THEREOF
- Motion was made to approve the Ordinance 2024-13 by Kenny Simmons , motion was 2nd by Jennifer Fellerman. Bond approved 3-0

### **Maximum Levies and Civil and Fire Levy Appeals- presented by Abby Parker with Coonrod & Associates.**

- Need to appeal to the Department of Local Government of Finance (DLGF) for an additional \$7,000 for the civil levy and \$450,000 for the fire levy
- The appeal is based on the township's three-year average growth factor exceeding 2%
- Reading completed by Andy to appeal for the increase above the maximum amount for the Civil Levy for Buck Creek Hancock County.

- Motion was made by Kenny Simmons and 2nd by Jennifer Fellerman. Civil Levy approved 3-0
- Reading completed by Andy to appeal for the increase in the Fire Levy for Buck Creek Township Hancock County.
- Motion was made by Kenny Simmons and 2nd by Jennifer Fellerman. Fire Levy approved 3-0

#### **Township Department update-Presented by Micki Simunek**

- Review of the past 30 days' payments, most budget categories are within 25% of their budget
- Hendricks Occupational Health is more cost-effective for new hires than with Public Safety Medical
- Physicals to move to Hancock or Hendricks Occ. Health to avoid future issues with Public Safety Medical
- Poor relief fund is in the negative, local income tax funds will be deposited to cover the expenses. Per state statute, Township Assistance must continue to be distributed regardless of the balance in the budget.

#### **Fire Department Update- presented by Brandon Wilch**

- Budget presented the need to increase by \$617,000 to cover various expenses and future equipment purchases.
- Budget included a 3% raise for firefighters, an increase in longevity pay, and an increase in officer stipends
- New line item for the quartermaster budget to track expenses
- Need for capital purchases to replace aging equipment
- Need for a 5-year plan to replace equipment and building construction for more usable space
- Poor Relief- to increase the budget from \$25,000 to \$45,000 for 2025
- Community room will have a separate line to track income and expenses better
- The board discussed the importance of balancing the budget while ensuring competitive pay for firefighters and maintaining equipment.
- New fire marshal will start part-time and move to full-time when able
- 2 fire positions are still open
- The Fire Debt Fund remains unchanged and will be used to pay off the remainder of the building bond before the new bond goes into effect.

Meeting Adjourned

Time: 7:37 pm