

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2019

A Special Joint session of the Clarksville Town Council and the Jeffersonville Township Board was called to order on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the executive conference room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration by Council President Paul Fetter for the Clarksville Town Council and by Shirley Bell for the Jeffersonville Township Board.

Council members present: Paul Fetter, Jennifer Voignier, Aaron Stonecipher and Jaime Hunt. Absent: Tim Hauber, John Gilkey, and David Worrall.

Jeffersonville Township Board members present: Phil Ellis, Brandy Brewer and Shirley Bell.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Establishment of the Clarksville-Jeffersonville Township Fire Territory

Clarksville Fire Chief Brandon Skaggs gave a presentation of the Clarksville Fire Department. Chief Skaggs gave an overview of the current Fire Stations, (3), the large equipment owned and maintained by the Fire Department, the services the Fire Department provides 24/7, and the ISO rating. Chief Skaggs explained there is need for additional funding in order to maintain and grow with our ever increasing area.

Paige Sansone of Baker Tilly gave a summary of the financial impact analysis. Ms. Sansone gave an overview of what a Fire Territory is and why one is created. Ms. Sansone presented a proposed detailed fire operating budget, the process in which both government entities must go through in order to establish. Ms. Sansone also discussed examples of how it will impact the taxpayer as well the Circuit Breaker Tax Credits that will affect the Unit.

After the presentations, Town Manager Kevin Baity asked if anyone from the public had any questions.

Questions posed by the public:

John Krueger

Are there any other options regarding the Town paying the hydrant rental? Chief Skaggs advised it would take a political action to add the hydrant rental to the resident's Indiana American Water bill.

Does Clarksville have a burn trailer training structure? Chief Skaggs advised the Fire Department does not have a burn trailer.

Tom DeArk

Do you receive many complaints regarding only having one fire marshal? Chief Skaggs advised that is one of their biggest complaints.

Do businesses in the TIF district pay into the fire fund. Paige Sansone advised yes. The Fire Department received funding based on the base rate and the TIF Fund receives funding based on the TIF increment. Town Manager Baity advised the TIF Fund in turn is paying for the construction of a new Fire Station #1 and paying the bond payments on Station #2.

Comments:

-Council Member Stonecipher inquired to verify that Township Residents are paying 1/10 of what Town Residents are paying for fire service. Ms. Sansone advised yes, the Township residents are paying .04 cents and the Town residents are paying .57 cents.

-Council Member Stonecipher asked if most residents were already paying at the property tax cap. Ms. Sansone advised yes, a large percentage are already at the tax cap and this will not affect their tax bill if they are paying at the tax cap.

-Tom Sellmer made a comment that the money in the Township Fire Budget was not coming to Clarksville Fire Department and services have not been paid for in years.

-John Krueger commented to all to keep in mind the hazards public safety workers have when working long hours.

Town Manager Baity announced the next public hearing date of March 27th at 7:00 p.m., with a possible second date scheduled for 3/29, 3/30 or 3/31. Jeffersonville Township Board Member Shirley Bell asked why extra dates need to be scheduled and Mr. Baity advised there could be an issue with obtaining the required 5 council members to take a vote on 3/27/2019.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Clarksville Town Council or the Jeffersonville Township Board at this time, the March 12, 2019 joint meeting of the Clarksville Town Council and the Jeffersonville Township Board adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Minutes prepared by the Clerk Treasurer
Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Robert P. Leuthart

Minutes Approved by the Clarksville Town Council
On the 19th day of March

Paul Fetter, President
Clarksville Town Council

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Phil Ellis, Jeffersonville Township Board

