

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND JEFFERSONVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
HELD ON MARCH 27, 2019

A Special Joint session of the Clarksville Town Council and the Jeffersonville Township Board was called to order on March 27, 2019 at 7:02 P.M. in the executive conference room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration by Council Vice President Tim Hauber for the Clarksville Town Council and by Shirley Bell for the Jeffersonville Township Board.

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

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

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.

-Daniel Moody, President of the Local 2594 Union read a prepared statement thanking the Clarksville Town Council and the Jeffersonville Township Board for their support in creating the Fire Territory.

Paige Sansone of Umbaugh 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 comments or questions.

-Janet Henderzahs asked for clarification regarding the property tax cap, asking if she was already at the cap then she would not receive an increase. Ms. Sansone advised Ms. Henderzahs she was correct. Ms. Henderzahs also asked if income tax was going to increase and Ms. Sansone advised no, only the percentage the Town and Fire Territory would increase. Ms. Henderzahs asked if the motivation to create the Fire Territory was to increase funding for the Fire Department and Manager Baity advised yes. Ms. Henderzahs asked if there would be a new fire station built in the unincorporated area. Manager Baity stated no and advised Ms. Henderzahs of the unincorporated areas in Clarksville.

-Tom Sellmer thanked Jeffersonville Township Board and Clarksville Town Council for supporting the creation of the fire territory. Mr. Sellmer advised he was a firefighter for many years at McCulloch and that times have changed. Mr. Sellmer stated the cost factors of protecting the community have increased dramatically and the need for this Fire Territory is great. Mr. Sellmer also stated in addition to the safety of the residents of Clarksville and the Township area, this will also help to increase the number of our firefighters and lessen the chance of anyone getting seriously injured or worse.

Manager Baity advised the next course of action will be to prepare a packet and send it to the DLGF, (Department of Local Government Finance), and they will review the proposed tax rate submission. Manager Baity also stated the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Clarksville and Jeffersonville Township will remain in effect until the creation of the Fire Territory is complete.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Clarksville Town Council or the Jeffersonville Township Board at this time, the March 27th, 2019 joint meeting of the Clarksville Town Council and the Jeffersonville Township Board adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Minutes prepared by the Clerk Treasurer
Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Robert P. Leuthart

Minutes Approved by the Clarksville Town Council
On the 5th day of March

Paul Fetter, President
Clarksville Town Council

