

Marshall Township Fire Board Minutes  
January 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lyng at 4:00 pm

Present: Bob Lyng, David Vanaman, Sue George, and Jeff Collins arrived at 4:05pm

Excused: Arnold Tew

Also Present: Fire Chief Jay Riggs, along with many members of the Marshall Twp community and surrounding area.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken

Election of Officers:

Sue George moved to keep the current board officers in place. The motion was accepted and the officers for 2024 are Chairperson Bob Lyng, Vice Chairperson Arnold Tew, and Secretary Jeff Collins.

Public Comments on agenda items with 3-minute time limit per speaker:

Glenn Kowalske addressed the board with concerns about how the site for the new fire station was selected, along with other concerns. Mr. Kowalske was in favor of a new fire station for the township. Mr. Kowalske provided the board members with a packet of FOIA information, a packet was not given to Chairperson Lyng. Sue George provided Chairperson Lyng with her packet.

Gerald Bossard addressed the board with concerns about the leadership of Chairperson Lyng along with other concerns. Mr. Bossard was in favor of a new fire station for the township.

Wayne Write addressed the board with concerns about the new fire station serving the City of Marshall. Mr. Write was in favor of a new fire station for the township.

Reviewed the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting. Moved by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Collins, to accept the minutes as written, motion passed.

Fire Chief's Report – Chief Riggs reported the on the last quarter of 2023.

Total calls for 2023 are 347

New Business:

Approve preliminary building/site plan for the new Station 1.

Chief Riggs asked about the dimensions of the station. A representative from SME stated the over all building is 60'X160' with the truck bay alone being 60'x100'. Board member Collins asked that a fill site for tanker operations be added to the site plan with a water source provided to ensure a minimum of 1000gpm water flow to a maximum of 1500gpm water flow. No other comments at this time.

Authorize issuing RFP for a new truck.

Chairperson Lyng reported that the Township Clerk has finished the RFP for the new truck with specifications presented by Chief Riggs.

2024-2035 Fire Department Budget.

Fire Chief Riggs presented the requested budget and answered all questions.

Sue George moved to accept and approve the Fire Station building/site plan with additions, approve the RFP for the new truck and approve the 2024-2025 Budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Vanarman. Roll Call vote: George Yes, Collins Yes, Lyng Yes and Vanarman Yes. The recommendations will be given to the Township Board for approval.

Public Comments with a limit of 3 minutes per speaker:

Glenn Kowalske addressed concerns about replacing the asphalt areas with concrete for the new fire station site plan.

Wayne Write asked Chief Riggs opinion of the new station. Chief Riggs addressed Mr. Write's concerns.

Gearld Bossard addressed the board with various concerns and comments not related to the fire board.

Board Member Comments – Jeff Collins, as the Convis Twp representative, addressed some of the concerns from the twp. residents, along with stating that he was aware of the budget process the Fire Chief and fire department officers go through and feels the budget is fair. No other board comments.

Next meeting: April 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm

Adjourned: 5:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Collins



Fire Board Secretary