

WARSAW-WAYNE FIRE TERRITORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
4:00 PM

I. ORGANIZATION OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Mayor Grose called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Member, Appointing Authority, Dates of Terms;

Mike Klondaris, Council, 01/01/25 to 12/31/25

Gordon Nash, Wayne Township Board, 01/01/25 to 12/31/25

Dave Allbritten, Community Member, 01/01/25 to 12/31/25

Jeanie Stackhouse, Wayne Township Board, 01/01/25 to 12/31/25

Jeff Grose, Warsaw Mayor, 01/01/25 to 12/31/25

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Moment of Silence
5. Roll Call to Determine Quorum by Presiding Officer

Mayor Grose conducted roll call, with the following board members present: David Allbritten, Gordon Nash, Mike Klondaris, Fire Chief Joel Shilling, and Board Secretary Heather Vogts. Board Member Jeanie Stackhouse and Territory Attorney Adam Turner were absent.

6. Approval of Minutes for August 5, 2025

- a. August 5, 2025 Minutes

Board Member Allbritten made a motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present voted in favor. All members present voted in favor.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Introduce Assistant Chief

Chief Shilling introduced the new Assistant Chief for the Territory, Will Kornrumph. Assistant Chief Kornrumph, formerly with the Elkhart Fire Department, began his role on Monday, August 25th. He introduced himself to the board, sharing that he brings 28 years of fire service experience. He expressed excitement about this new opportunity and hopes to contribute his expertise and skills to the department. His responsibilities will continue to evolve in response to the daily needs of the Territory.

Mayor Grose expressed his enthusiasm for having Assistant Chief Kornrumph on board and praised Chief Shilling for his leadership and the strong management of the department.

III. REPORTS / ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Lutheran EMS Report - July 2025

Lutheran EMS representative Alicia Mediano provided a summary of Lutheran EMS' response report for July. She also highlighted several activities the organization participated in during the month, including Camp Hero, the 4H Fair, and various other events.

2. Warsaw-Wayne Fire Territory Monthly Report - July 2025

Fire Chief Shilling reviewed and summarized the Monthly Fire Activity Report for July 2025.

3. CARES - Update Newsletter (August 2025)

Mayor Grose reviewed and summarized the CARES newsletter for August 2025.

4. WWFT Monthly Expenditure Report, Operating Fund 2243-July 2025

Fire Chief Shilling presented the Operating Fund for July 2025.

5. WWFT Monthly Expenditure Report, Equipment Replacement Fund 4410- July 2025

Fire Chief Shilling summarized the Equipment Replacement Fund for July 2025.

Mayor Grose entertained a motion to approve all 5 motions as presented to the Board. Board Member Nash made the motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Allbritten.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Claim Voucher Authorization, Assistant Chief

Fire Chief Shilling requested the board's authorization to allow Assistant Chief Kornrumph to sign claims in his absence, with no maximum dollar limit. Board Member Allbritten inquired whether this authorization is included in, or could be added to, the department's policies.

Board Member Klondaris made a motion to approve the Claim Voucher Authorization for Assistant Chief Kornrumph, which was seconded by Board Member Allbritten. All members present voted in favor.

2. Cummins Generator Maintenance Agreement

Chief Shilling advised the agreement is for Cummins to maintain our generators at all three stations plus the one at the Warsaw Police Department. Total territory cost is \$2,358.47 and the WPD portion is \$755.01 for a total of \$3,113.48.

Mayor Grose entertained a motion to approve of the Cummins Generator Maintenance Agreement. Board Member Allbritten made the motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present voted in favor.

3. WALK IN- Authorization to Sell Surplus Apparatus

Chief Shilling advised he had a walk-in, as he was awaiting guidance from the Fire Territory Attorney. With the recent addition of a new engine downtown, the department now has a surplus of fire engines. Chief Shilling stated he was working with the Territory Attorney on the proper procedure for disposing of the surplus apparatus and has identified a potential buyer from Clay Township (Claypool Fire Department). The engine in question is a 2008 Pierce Arrow XT, proposed to be sold for \$60,000, pending approval from the board and the BOW on Friday. Attached to the request are the IC Codes regarding the disposal/sale of surplus property.

Board Member Klondaris asked whether the engine was in good working order, to which Chief Shilling confirmed it was. Klondaris also expressed concerns about limited knowledge of the apparatus and the potential future growth of Warsaw, questioning whether the additional engine might be needed. Chief Shilling responded that the department still maintains a reserve engine, and emphasized that this sale is an opportunity to support another local fire department—neighbors helping neighbors.

Mayor Grose entertained a motion to approve the selling of the 2008 Pierce Arrow XT to Clay Township. Board Member Klondaris made the motion to approve, seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present voted in favor.

VI. TRAVEL REQUESTS

1. WWFT Travel Requests

Chief Shilling presented the submitted travel requests for the board's approval. While reviewing the requests, he noted that Battalion Chief Iden will no longer attend the Indiana Fire & EMS Leadership Conference due to a scheduling conflict. He also stated that Battalion Chief Barker's training location for the Hazard Zone Conference needs to be updated from Cincinnati, IN to Cincinnati, OH.

Mayor Grose called for a motion to approve the amended travel requests as presented by Chief Shilling. Board Member Nash moved to approve, with Board Member Allbritten seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

VIII. MEETING REVIEW

- 1. Items Carried Forward**
- 2. Visitors' Questions & Comments**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Grose entertained a motion to adjourn. Board Member Klondaris motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Board Member Nash. All members present voted in favor.