Danville-Center Township Fire Protection Territory Executive Board

Meeting Minutes- August 26, 2026

I. Call to Order

President Chris Gearld called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. August 26, 2026. A quorum was established with Greg Irby, William Wright, Chris Gearld, Robert Phipps and Laurel Setser. Attorney Jeffrey Bellamy was not present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by William Wright to approve minutes from August 5, 2026, meeting, seconded by Robert Phipps.
Motion carried 5-0

IV. Public Meeting

a. Chief request

The Chief requested the board's approval to transfer $991,800.00 from the Territory cash reserves to support the department's 2026 budget. The board discussed the request.
Motion by Greg Irby to transfer $991,800.00 from the Territory cash reserves, seconded by Robert Phipps.
Motion carried 5-0

b. 2027 Budget

The Chief presented a spreadsheet outlining the department's financial needs and projected 2027 budget. The Chief explained that several projected expenses are outside of the department's control, including health insurance, AP- related costs, the clinic and free medications. The Chief further explained that the Town of Danville receives an estimated $1.75 million in additional Local Income Tax (LIT) revenue as a result of the Fire Territory. The Chief stated that he intends to request a portion of this LIT revenue from the Town each year to help support the operating budget of the Territory. The board discussed the information presented and asked questions regarding the proposed budget and additional funding request. A motion to seek $1,000,000 in additional LIT funding from the Town of Danville was made by Greg Irby, seconded by Robert Phipps.
Motion carried 5-0
Greg Irby discussed wanting to keep the Territory raises the same as the Town raises. Board discussed.
Motion to approve the 2027 proposed budget with the raises matching the Town raises by Greg Irby, seconded by Robert Phipps.
Motion carried 5-0

c. Executive session per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1

1. Chief requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues.
Motion to suspend meeting and enter into executive session by Greg Irby, seconded by Robert Phipps
Motion carried 5-0

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2. Approve Chief's recommendation

Following the executive session, the board considered the Chief's recommendation regarding the personnel matter. Motion to approve Chief's recommendation by William Wright, seconded by Greg Irby.

Motion carried 5-0

Chief asked to amend the motion and to state to approve the Chief's recommendation on the personnel matter in the executive session. William Wright amended his motion and motioned to approve the Chief's recommendation based on the executive session in regard to the personnel matter by William Wright, seconded by Greg Irby.

Motion carried 5-0

d. Fire Marshal Personal Protection Program

Chief discussed three policies and seeks consensus. Consensus was approved.

e. Next meeting

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

V. Staff and Board Comments

Chief requested that the regularly scheduled meeting on September 2, 2026, be canceled due to the business being addressed during the current meeting. Motion to approve cancelling the 9-2-2026 meeting by Greg Irby, seconded by Laurel Setser.
Motion carried 5-0

Chief thanked the board for the faith they have placed in him regarding the 2027 budget and his efforts moving the Fire Department forward. Chief also provided an update on interview and selection process for architects and builders for the new fire stations. Chris Gearld thanked the Chief for all his hard work.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Robert Phipps to adjourn, seconded by William Wright
Motion carried 5-0

ATTEST:

Richard Duncan, Fire Chief

C. Gearld

Chris Gearld, President