

# ***SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES***

**Board of Commissioners  
2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104  
New Albany IN 47150  
December 30, 2022  
4:00 p.m.**

**Shawn Carruthers called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance***

**Present:** President Shawn Carruthers and Vice President John Schellenberger

Tim Kamer-absent

**Also present:** Attorney, Rick Fox and Councilman, Brad Striegel

## **Old Business**

### **1. *Lafayette & Greenville Fire District Attorneys- John Kraft & Steve Langdon***

#### **a. 2<sup>nd</sup> FCO 2022-41 Creating a New Combined Highlander Fire Protection District**

Diana Mayfield asked these questions;

How combining the districts would provide better service than what they are receiving now with two separate departments?

Why would combining the districts cost more to the taxpayers in one township and less to the other?

Why should she, as a taxpayer, believe that anything will be different as far as service?

What is the financial plan to ease taxpayers' burden in the future?

Reuben Cummings, GFC, works with Greenville and Lafayette Fire on budgeting and funding matters, stated the levies for the fire districts are the same but Lafayette Township's AV is 50% higher than the Greenville Township AV.

Attorney, John Kraft, stated Greenville Fire is under contract with Lafayette Fire. He reviewed the changes to the original ordinance stating the Commissioners will appoint one trustee from each township and one trustee from each municipality within the district, with a minimum of three trustees from Greenville Township and from Lafayette Township. There will be one at-large appointment that will alternate between Greenville and Lafayette.

Shawn Carruthers stated by approving this ordinance this year they can build momentum on setting up the Fire district for 2024. If they wait until 2023 to pass this ordinance they will have to wait until 2025.

John Schellenberger stated both fire boards have done their due diligence. There are 12 board members that want this unanimously.

**Motion to approve FCO 2022-41 Creating a New Combined Highlander Fire Protection District. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed.**

## **Motion to appoint**

**Matt Smith – Greenville – 3 year term**

**Mark Huth – Lafayette - 4 year term**

**Chris Jenkins – Greenville- 1 year term**

Wayne Hammer – Lafayette – 1 year term

Al Butler – Lafayette – 3 year term

Jerry Burkhart – Greenville – 2 year term

Ron Weber – Lafayette – 2 year term

Their service on the operational board begins January 1, 2024. After Mark Huth's 4 year term a Greenville representative will be chosen.

Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed.

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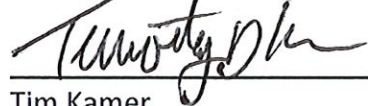
Brad Striegel, Greenville, thanked the Commissioners for honoring what the industry professionals have looked into. It will pay dividends to the community moving forward.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Shawn Carruthers. Motion passed.

Minutes approved January 17, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Shawn Carruthers



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Tim Kamer



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John Schellenberger

  
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Attest: Diana M. Topping, Auditor