

COLFAX GREENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Nancy Wood who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: All present

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mike Mix, KK Nelson, Al Mohler, Kevin and Tina Tidey

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marilyn Proffer submitted her Letter of Resignation, effective March 31, 2026, due to family health issues. Motion made by Jeanne, seconded by Nancy, to accept with regret. Motion carried. Mike is looking for three (3) bids for a concrete pour to extend from the current apron. He suggested a cost split between the Townships of Colfax and Greenwood, the Fire Board and the Fire Auxiliary. They will all be contacted after the bids have come in. District #10 wants to put narcan in the township, at the firehouse. No decision was made. Manton "stole" another firefighter. Sandy Roundhouse has retired from the Auxiliary and they would like any mail to come to the firehouse mail box temporarily.

MINUTES: There are several corrections. In Bills: add Hands on CPR \$30.00. Correct Tidey Built Construction for \$75.00. In CHIEF'S: not CO2, just CO. The name change for the barn is a suggestion. NEW BUSINESS: Interest is a decrease, not an increase. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Melody, to accept the corrected minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The books are in balance. Jeanne looked back and found the revenue had steadily increased. There is a possible \$80,000. Budget to work with this year. BILLS TO BE PAID: add a reimbursement to Jason for \$51.38, bringing the total to \$2466.61. Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Dave, to approve the Bills. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Some of the standby departments are going back to the "old" way for response. It is more efficient.

OLD BUSINESS: Jay's memorial is tabled to another time. The millage issue was discussed at length with the wording and verbiage being the issue. Nancy called for a roll call vote to determine if the millage, currently at 1, should be 1.5 or 2. The roll call voting results were: Nancy, Melody, and Harold voted for a .5 increase. Dave and Jeanne abstained. A second roll call vote was to vote for the actual increase or just renew the current millage at 1. The voting results are:

Melody – increase, Harold – increase, Dave – renews, Jeanne – renew. Nancy had to vote to be the tie breaker. She voted – increase.

Jason will meet with Joe Porterfield to confirm the wording and verbiage. Dave would like to see these funds earmarked for particular needs and not used in the General Fund. Jeanne suggested a CD. It was tabled for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: Josh is the firefighter “stolen” by Manton. They said they would buy his gear, i.e. wildland gear for \$400.00 and structure fire gear for \$200.00. The \$400.00 for the wildland gear is rejected. Motion made by Jeanne, seconded by Nancy, to accept the \$2600.00 for the structure fire gear. That includes the coat and pants only. Jason brought in an application from Michael Vandermeij, age 34, who is already certified. They found gear to fit him and he owns his 800 radio and helmet. A certified firefighter (Kevin) has gear that expires this summer. It is 10 years old. Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Jeanne, to apply the \$2600.00 from the sale of Josh's gear to purchasing Kevin's gear. The balance is in the budget. Motion carried. Dave Gladysz gave his Letter of Resignation to Shelley Bigelow, Supervisor of Greenwood Township, to be effective Feb. 16, 2026. His resignation from the Fire Board will be effective the same date. He will be removed from the signature card at the bank and replaced with Melody Baker. Larry Laxton will replace Dave on the fire board. Motion made by Nancy, seconded by Jeanne, to accept Dave's resignation, removal from the signature card and adding Melody to the card. Motion carried. Tina Tidey agreed to be the new Secretary at Large effective April 1, 2016. Kevin brought up building maintenance that is needed on the barn. No action or decision was taken. He also needs a loader and location for getting rid of all the snow. Parking is becoming a problem. He will check with Bundy Logging for a dump site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25

