

Carlos Area Fire Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Carlos City Office

1. Call to Order

- Roll Call / Members Present
 - Ronna Berghoff, City of Carlos
 - Jake Steidl, Carlos Fire Department
 - Bill Krivanek, Carlos Township
 - Dwayne Waldorf, Carlos Township
 - Andy Miller, Belle River Township
 - Sign In List
 - Introduction of Board and those in attendance.
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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of minutes from November 24th, 2025
 - Motion to approve minutes: **Waldorf, second Krivanek– Passed**
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3. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

- No treasurer's report. Current balance: \$9,966.53.

4. Old Business

a. Project Discussion

- Discussion about our options
 - Morton – pros and cons
 - Ringdahls Architect – pros and cons
 - Public consensus would be able to go to a bid process, with a general obligation bonding option vs. Morton Lease
 - But also continuous concern about end cost and consensus to focus on lowest cost

- JPA percentage breakdown:
 - Concerns that the City of Carlos is only paying 15% of the cost of the building, vs. Belle River 10% and Carlos Township 75%. Wishes for us to look into this formula breakdown.
 - Can there be a way to focus on house market value, not whole land value.
 - Concern about no alcohol because it will be on School Dist. property.
- Concerns about location, and desire to have it downtown, ideas about locations.
- 99 year lease –
 - Discussion with Rick Sanstad, Dist 206, about getting an amendment to the current lease, about offering the first right of refusal to buy the property, if they were ever looking to sell this property.

5. New Business

a. Building Committee

- Committee Members:
 - Mike Swendsrud – present
 - Lawrence Keenan – present
 - Fire Department Members
 - 2-3 Fireman

b. Bonding

- No discussion

c. Distributing correct information to townships and city

- No discussion

6. Miscellaneous

a. None

7. Next Meeting Date and Time

- Confirm: ***January 12th, 2025 – 6:30 PM at Carlos City Hall***
- Preliminary Agenda Items:
 - Continued discussion about conceptual designs, with the help of an architect and construction manager to guide decisions

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: **Waldorf, second Berghoff – passed.**
- Adjournment time recorded: 8:32 pm
- Notes completed by: Ronna Berghoff, Carlos Area Fire JPA, Secretary; City of Carlos, Mayor

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