Carlos Area Fire Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 10th, 2026
Start Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Carlos Event Center

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1. Call to Order

- Roll Call / Members Present
  - Ronna Berghoff, City of Carlos
  - Jon Trenne, City of Carlos
  - Bill Krivanek, Carlos Township
  - Andy Miller, Belle River Township
  - Dave Kjos, Carlos Township Resident
- Introduction of Board and those in attendance.

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2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of minutes from August 3, 2026 Special Meeting
  - Motion to approve minutes: **Krivanek, seconded Trenne – Passed**

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3. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

- Starting balance – $8,466.53
- One deposit of $15,356.25
- One Debit of $17,062.50 (to Ringdahl)
- Ending Balance = $6,760.28
  - Motion to approve treasurer's report: **Berghoff, seconded Trenne - Passed**

4. Old Business

a. Project Discussion

- Carlos township voted on Aug 6th to add the question to be placed on the November ballot, as recommended by Dan Burns, Fryberger Law and Jason Murray (Bond Counsel).

- Discussion on who to inform the public about the firehall:
    - The need – came down from 7 million to 2.7 million. Clarify that we will only bond for what is needed, but 2.8 allows for change in interest rate.
    - Clarify the terms of the lease 30 years.
    - Tax impact – the one year replenish for the roads in Carlos Township was a bigger tax impact than this new firehall bond.
        - The amount of buildings/homes going up in Carlos township only spreads the load.
    - Information meetings before Sept 18th
    - Informational letter – per parcel or registered voter, all registered voters (even absentee)
    - Carlos Township – the whole township will be taxed and not broken down between Alex and Carlos.
    - Mil rate information
    - What if we vote no
    - Ownership of the building – after 30 years – does not revert back to the City of Carlos, it will be a JPA building.

5. New Business

a. Building Committee

- Committee Members:
    - Mike Swendsrud – Not Present
    - Lawerence Keenan – Not Present
    - Fire Department Members
        - 2-3 Fireman

e. Getting information out for special election vote in November:

- Sending out a newsletter and explaining the project, **information letter out by Sept 10th**
    - Who we send to will be voted on within each entity's own meetings.
- **Public information meeting**
    - **Sept 28th, October 12th, October 26th at 6:30pm Carlos Event Center**
        - **Clarify with Diane from Carlos Lions to schedule these dates and that event center is open.**
- Schedule meeting with a one on one interview with Echo Press or letter to Editor
    - Will decide at a later date
- Open line
    - Will decide at a later date

6. Miscellaneous

a. None.

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7. Next Meeting Date and Time

- Confirm: ***August 24th, 2026*** *– 6:30 PM at* ***Carlos City Hall***
- Preliminary Agenda Items:
    - How to inform the public about the project

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: **Berghoff, second Krivanek – passed.**
- Adjournment time recorded: 8:05 pm
- Notes completed by: Ronna Berghoff, Carlos Area Fire JPA, Secretary; City of Carlos, Mayor

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