

Carlos Area Fire Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 10th, 2026

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Carlos Event Center

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 Buerns, Fryberger Law and Jason Murra (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
 - Lawrence 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
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6. Miscellaneous

a. None.

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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