

## Luce Township Board Minutes

### December 11, 2023

<b>Attendance:</b> Lisa Hemmer, Board President Jeremy Kincaid, Board Member Linda Garrett, Clerk	Rick Garrett, Board Secretary Jeremy Gorman, Trustee Todd Daming, Fire Chief
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**Note:** The meeting scheduled for November 13, 2023, was cancelled due to not having a quorum.

Meeting was called to order by President Hemmer at 5:33 pm.

Minutes of the October 23, 2023, meeting were read.

Motion to approve minutes: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3 – 0

### Trustee's Report

The Trustee had nothing to report at this time.

### Old Business

#### *Appointment of Township Attorney*

Contracts for legal services from the Law Office of Andrew W. Foster, LLC, in Rockport and Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, from Evansville were again brought before the Board. President Hemmer presented information from Wetherill Law Office, LLP, in Rockport. Trustee Gorman informed the Board that he was not willing to work with Wetherill and that IC code stated that appointment of the Township attorney was the responsibility of the Township Trustee and not the Board. No decision was made concerning an attorney to represent the Township.

#### *Security System for the Government Center*

Quotes from 5 Star Security Systems in Newburgh, Computers Plus in Evansville, and the latest revision of the quote from Sonitrol in Evansville were reviewed. After discussing the pros and cons of each quote, a motion was made to go with 5 Star Security Systems in Newburgh. All quotes are on file in the Trustee's office.

Motion to Accept the quote from 5 Star Security Systems: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

### New Business

#### *2024 Fire Contract*

The contract presented is for the period of January 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. Writing the contract for this nine-month period is being done to give future administrations time to review the current contract and become familiar with the workings of the Department before having to approve a new contract. All future contracts will be for a one-year period.

Todd Daming, Fire Chief, answered questions that the Board had concerning the proposed contract. Insurance concerns were discussed, and it was agreed to review these again before the insurance policy renews in January of 2025.

Motion to Approve the Fire Contract as presented: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

*Purchase of New Extrication Tools*

Todd Daming, Fire Chief, presented his recommendation on the purchase of extrication tools in the form of a letter which is attached to these minutes. He also answered questions that the Board had concerning the recommended tool. Motion was made to purchase three of the Holmatro Pentheon PSP40 tools from Impact Rescue in Indianapolis.

Motion to Purchase 3 Holmatro tools: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

*Transfer of Appropriations*

Resolution 2023-010 – Resolution for Transfer of Appropriations was presented.

Motion to Accept as presented: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

*2024 Holiday Schedule*

The 2024 Holiday Schedule for Spencer County was presented.

Motion to Follow the 2024 Spencer County Holiday Schedule: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

**Next Meeting**

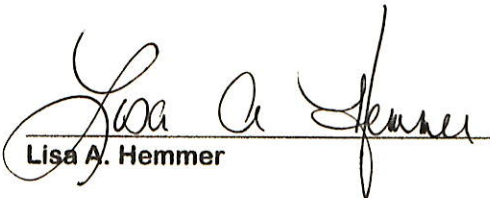
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Community Room.

**Adjournment - Time: 6:37 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: Rick Garrett

Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

  
Lisa A. Hemmer

  
Wm. Rick Garrett

  
Jeremy D. Kincaid



## ***LUCE FIRE TERRITORY***

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To: Luce Township Trustee and Board

From: Chief Todd Daming

Re: Purchase of New Extrication Tools that were not low quote

The fire department has spent much of the fall researching new extrication tools that are modern technology that is not only battery operated but also have the capability to defeat the newer metals used in today's vehicles. The current set of tools that we have were purchased in 1996 and although not worn out are due to be upgraded.

When choosing vendors, we solicited local tool dealers as well as dealers of tools evaluated and recommended by the US Department of Homeland Security. Of these we have only one local dealer that has tools recognized. The other two dealers with recognized tools are in the Indianapolis area.

Local Dealer Midamerica Fire and Safety chose not to submit as they felt that their ResQue Tech Brand was not up to par with the other Battery-Operated Tools

Local Dealer P & L Rescue is the Genesis Brand Dealer. P & L is locally owned by career firefighters who are highly respected in the tristate area.

The Indianapolis Dealer McQueen is the Hurst Dealer and is a National Dealership. Hurst was the slight favorite in the DHS analysis. However, our members have used Hurst at fire schools and did not like the tools. This and the fact that the dealership is corporately owned led us not to pursue them.

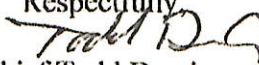
The second Indy area firm is Impact Rescue. Owned by a retired Indianapolis firefighter they represent Holmatro Brand tools.

The fire department has used the Genesis tools on actual rescues as Ohio Twp and Chrisney both have them. So, we only asked the P&L sales rep to come in and show us the tools and answer questions regarding their features.

We asked Impact Rescue to come to our station where we cut up a vehicle using their tools and then had a Q&A with the representative.

While both tools perform well we felt the Holmatro was better in balance, the control of the tool is the same as our current tool so integration is smoother, the offset cutter is a new innovation that we felt operated with ease and most importantly Holmatro tools are on a constant battery charge that eliminates forgetting to put fresh batteries in the units.

The pricing between the Genesis and Holmatro for the three needed tools is \$41,397 Genesis and \$45,387 for the Holmatro for a difference of \$3990 for the package. We expect the tools to last 25-30 years as our current tools have. We feel the preferred Holmatro tools are worth the extra 10% cost. The tool research by Homeland Security confirms our opinions as well. The membership had not seen the study prior to our own evaluation.

Respectfully,  
  
Chief Todd Daming

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010

RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary by the Township Board of Luce Township, Spencer County, State of Indiana, to transfer the following budget appropriations within the budget classifications shown; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that an additional budget classification under the Other Services and Charges classification for miscellaneous expenses is needed; and

WHEREAS, these transfers do not necessitate expenditures of more money than was set out in detail in the budget as finally approved by the Department of Local Government Finance for Luce Township, Spencer County, for the year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Luce Township Board hereby resolves that:

The Luce Township Trustee is instructed to transfer the following budget appropriations within the funds and classifications shown below:

**Township Fund, Fund Number 0101**

3A	Professional Services	3F	Repairs and Maintenance	\$	600.00
3A	Professional Services	3EB	Water, Sewer and Trash		300.00
3BA	Travel Expense	3EB	Water, Sewer and Trash		1,000.00
3CA	Printing and Advertising	3EB	Water, Sewer and Trash		1,000.00

**Fire Protection Territory Fund, Fund Number 8604**

1A	Salaries and Wages	1B	Employee Benefits	\$	400.00
1A	Salaries and Wages	4A	Capital Outlays		2,600.00
1C	Other Personal Services	3F	Other Expenses		2,650.00
1C	Other Personal Services	4A	Capital Outlays		350.00
1D	Janitor	4A	Capital Outlays		1,500.00
2A	Operating Supplies	4A	Capital Outlays		5,500.00
2B	Repair and Maintenance Supplies	4A	Capital Outlays		4,500.00
3B	Automobile Expenses	4A	Capital Outlays		1,950.00
3C	Clothing Allowance	4A	Capital Outlays		1,950.00
3D	Insurance	4A	Capital Outlays		1,400.00

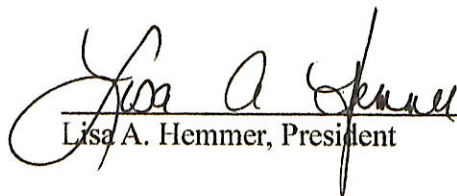
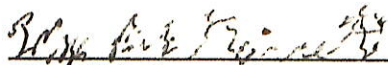

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



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ATTEST: December 11, 2023

  
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Jeremy E. Gorman, Trustee

# 2024 Holiday Schedule

DAY	DATE	HOLIDAY
Monday	January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
Monday	January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King JR Day
Monday	February, 19, 2024	President's Day
Friday	March, 29, 2024	Good Friday
Tuesday	May 7, 2024	Primary Elections
Monday	May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Wednesday	June 19, 2024	Juneteenth
Thursday	July 4, 2024	Independence Day
Monday	September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Tuesday	November 5, 2024	Election Day
Monday	November 11, 2024	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving (Sub for Columbus Day)
Tuesday	December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve
Wednesday	December 25, 2024	Christmas

(Tuesday December 31, 2024 & Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Holidays)