

Investigation Committee for the Fire Training Center

May 23, 2024, located at Piqua Library 4th floor. 5:30 P.M. start time

Members:

David Roth
Nancy Roof
Jim Roth
Jerica Drapp
Joe Thompson

Call to order with all 5 member meetings present.

The meeting minutes were accepted from the previous meeting with minor changes (5/16/24)

First discussion was the cancelled interview with Paul Oberdorfer, current City Piqua Manager, cancelled by Paul himself. Unsure why Paul canceled.

Joe Thompson wants to look at the DOT records.

The committee also discussed who is liable when the application for burns were submitted.

The committee also discussed payment terms for the burns completed at the fire training facility. The payments always went from the Rescue Methods to BGSU. More investigation to be done.

Next presentation commissioner meeting will be held on June 4th. The Committee wants to communicate obstacles we have faced and current resistance 1) Paul O canceling his interview 2) lack of willingness of individuals involved during 2017 – 2024 to participate in interviews. Jerica was voted to communicate these obstacles to the Commissioners at the June 4th meeting.

Hampshire brothers want to share their experience with the battery burns. Joe Thompson is working on dates for them to come to our meeting and speak.

A large discussion occurred with how to allow citizens to share their documents. They do not want to share via the email portal due to “privacy” concerns and the amount of information they have to give us is believed to be overwhelming. Joe Thompson came up with an idea to book the library small meeting rooms for 2 committee members to sit in and the citizens can come and go into a room and share any information they would like with the committee members. This allows for a non-public and confidential way for citizens to share with the committee without breaking the Sunshine Law.

The committee decided on no more video recording.

Jerica updated the committee that she has not received any emails from the email portal. Test from Nancy Roof went through the email portal properly, so the committee knows the process works. The public is choosing not to use the portal due to privacy concerns.

Sunshine Laws – session on-line early June. Free to attend.

Committee will look at additional legal counseling and advice outside of the City of Piqua.

BGSU documentation that Nancy forwarded will be reviewed by the committee members.

Committee decided for Jerica to keep the paper timeline and will bring back and forth to the committee meetings.

Public comments:

Alisha Lange discussed BOL that she has photos of trucks dropping off items, which she will send to the committee. Alisha Lange commented on activities at the fire training facility, the concrete pads, the email portal, and receiving individual photos of committee members.

Debbie Stein described her difficulties with obtaining public documents from the city. She would like to see more testing and citizen health monitoring.

The meeting was adjourned.