

Minutes for Thursday July 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Piqua Fire Fighting Facility Committee
Fourth Floor, Fort Piqua Plaza

- Call to Order
- Roll Call: Joe Thompson, David Roth, Nancy Roof
 - Jim Roth and Jerica Drapp were absent
- Approval of Minutes for July 11 with some edits
- There was a discussion of how to approach writing the outline for the final report and what items should be included. The committee will use Googledocs to write the outline.
- There was an update on where the committee stands with hiring Dan Brown as legal counsel. It is anticipated that Dan will communicate with David early next week about signing a contract.
- The committee revisited what procedures they want to follow for requesting documents from the city. Options ranged from keeping current procedures to changing to a more formal procedure. Final decision will be tabled until the committee can discuss best practice with legal counsel.
- Progress reports:
 - Joe has been working on his timetable and fact sheet.
 - David has been busy working on obtaining legal counsel and preparing for update to the commissioners.
 - Nancy has been reading the minutes from the Commissioner's meetings from 2018-2023. She wants to start focusing on following the money and focus on environmental concerns regarding the burn site.
- The meeting room at the Fort Piqua Plaza has now been reserved for all Thursdays in August (except the last Thursday) and all Thursdays in September. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the North Star Coffee Station on 655 North Main Street.
- Testimonials: Nancy reported that she is working on some potential citizen testimonials involving health concerns related to the burning of materials at the old water plant.
- David addressed concerns that he had about the committee's update session at the Commissioner's meeting this past Tuesday, July 16. Concerns were expressed about the current and future relationship of the committee and the City Commission, as well as protecting the autonomy of Mr. Brown, the Committee's recommended attorney. Additionally, David read excerpts from the article "Is Piqua's Battery Burning Committee Being Set Up to Fail?" produced by "civiccapacity.com".
- Public Comments: The focus was on the above concerns addressed by David. Various options for leveraging legal counsel for the committee versus an independent committee were discussed.
- Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nancy Roof