

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

- Call to Order
- Roll Call: David Roth, Joe Thompson, Nancy Roof
 - Jerica Drapp – called in by phone
 - Jim Roth – absent
- Announcement by Nancy Roof that she will no longer be serving as co-chairperson and her assurance that this was her idea alone. She will continue to serve as a regular member of the committee.
- Discussion regarding reorganization:
 - Joe offered to be Co-chairperson or Vice Chairperson. The committee will vote on that position at the Sept. 12 meeting.
 - Work assignments were discussed and will be finalized at the Sept. 12 meeting.
 - Nancy will be Recorder
 - Joe will prepare agendas
 - David and Jerica will do the update presentations to commissioners
- Approval of Minutes for Aug. 8, 2024 and Aug. 22, 2024
 - Minutes for Aug. 8 were approved
 - Minutes for Aug. 22 – changes were suggested and will come back for approval on Sept. 12.
- Topics for Discussion
 - Legal counsel status & What is our Plan B?
 - David gave the background on the attempt to hire Dan Brown. The committee agreed to talk to two of the lawyers recommended by Dan. Joe will talk to one and David will talk to one. We will accept the “tweaks” that Frank made to the statement of work. We want to fast track the hiring.
 - Status of upcoming interviews
 - There was discussion about whether or not to include the signature of the city lawyer on the letter or the new lawyer (once hired) or go ahead and send with just the five members of the committee signing. It was decided to go ahead with just the five members so we don’t have to hold up any longer. Jerica will look into how we can get our signatures on the letter.
 - Second round of questions for Paul Oberdorfer – It was decided to treat Paul just like any other person on the interview list.
 - Brainstorm Recommendations Section of Final Report. It was suggested that we make another section on our googledocs document for recommendations and committee members can start adding to it.
- Committee Member Progress Reports/Comments
- Set/confirm next meeting dates

- Reorganization of our meetings were discussed and below is the new schedule:
- September 12 – Regular Meeting
- September 19 – Work Session
- September 26 – Regular Meeting

We will commence having our regular meeting every other week at our same location. On the off weeks, we will have work sessions using our regular meeting room and a room in the library. Two of us can meet at a time to enable more open discussion. The committee needs to vote on this new reorganization and then we will schedule those sessions. They will be work sessions for committee members only. They will not be open to the public.

➤ Testimonial(s)

➤ Public Comments

- Debbie Stein made a statement thanking the committee for serving and continuing to serve. She added some personal comments regarding her relationship with the city. She also mentioned the existence of two organizations that have guidelines for City Managers: International City Manager Association (ICMA) and the Ohio City Manager Association (OCMA).
- Diane Parke expressed her thanks to the committee and encouraged us to keep doing the research.
- Alisha Lange wanted to address Scott Smith’s speech at the Symposium and gave insight as to the sacrifices that many of the citizens including herself have made on behalf of trying to reveal the truth about the battery burning at the old water plant. Alisha also announced that Scott Smith will be returning to Piqua to do testing towards the end of the month. The City of Piqua has given him permission to do side-by-side testing. Commissioner Hohman said he has been talking to Scott about the testing and that he will be a part of that process.

Alisha announced that there will be an event at the North Star to commemorate the one year anniversary of the battery burning cessation. The event is called “Heal Piqua” and will be a family friendly event with activities such as: face painting, poetry, ice cream, drum circle, comedy. The event will occur on the afternoon of Saturday, September 21, 2024.

➤ Adjourn

Summary of issues that need voted on at Sept. 12 meeting:

- Minutes for Aug. 22 and Sept. 5
- New assignments for agenda, minutes, updates
- New meeting/workshop format
- New co-chair or Vice-chair position