

Present: President Robert E Wirkner, Vice President Lewis A Mickley, and Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler

**IN THE MATTER OF
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

7:05 P.M.

Commissioner Wirkner asked that everyone join in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE**

7:06 P.M.

Commissioner Wirkner questioned if everyone on the Board would be in attendance today. Everyone was present.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
COMMISSIONERS' SPEECH**

7:07 P.M.

Commissioner Wirkner read a speech honoring the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department:

“The Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department has an excellent history of answering the call. Any time of day, during any weather conditions, no matter the circumstances the men and women that volunteered out of a building known as Station 12 have always answered the call for service. Today we recognize the men and women of Station 12, past and present, for their 66 years of dedication to Carroll County.

The department originally got its start in 1953 when Robert Tasker formed a Civil Defense. During the World Wars, Civil Defenses were forming all throughout the United States and were designed to be a last line of defense on the home front. Later, a Civil Defense became much more than just protecting the home front. It became a tradition of brothers and sisters helping fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. The Civil Defense in Carroll County was not only tasked with protecting people but also their properties. This is when the tradition of fighting fires and serving people began for the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department. In 1968 the State of Ohio disbanded the Civil Defense but they did allow the equipment to remain with the county and the tradition lived on. The Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department was officially formed, and the equipment would remain in use to protect the lives and properties of Carroll County residents.

On April 21, 1992, Station 12, their family members and the entire community mourned the loss of a 20-year-old firefighter. Roy J. Swinehart sustained life ending injuries while performing maintenance on the department’s trucks. However, Swinehart’s death would not stop him from answering calls. His dedication to the department lived on through his brother, Jack, and his picture hung on the wall of the meeting room as a constant reminder to answer the call with complete dedication.

The department answered calls under the oversight of the Carroll County Commissioners until 2005 before becoming a privatized department. The men and women of Station 12 didn’t get paid to serve. In fact, many would put their own money into the department so the needs of the department could be met. Not only did the department’s members contribute countless hours so did their families. Although the fire department received a small grant from the Commissioners for operating expenses, Station 12 would not survive on the grant alone and did not receive tax revenues. Station 12 answered this call by holding several fundraisers throughout the year including their pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and their well-known chili at the Algonquin Mill Festival.

Station 12 did more than help at emergency scenes and hold fundraisers. Station 12 would open their station and trucks to service organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many others. They would make special trips to schools and preschools to teach the community’s children about fire safety. Station 12 didn’t miss a parade and a chance to sound their air horn.

In 2019 Station 12 answered the “last call” and the most difficult one in the history of their department. Station 12 determined it would be more efficient to the community to combine forces with the Carrollton Village Fire Department. Although the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department has answered their final call the members will carry the tradition with them to the Carrollton Village Fire Department and will continue to answer the call.

Station 12 received their final call from the Carroll County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 12:10 PM after serving Carroll County for 66 years.”

**IN THE MATTER OF
CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
PROCLAMATION**

Motion: to approve a proclamation in recognition of the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E Wirkner, Vice President Lewis A Mickley and Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Lewis A Mickley, **Seconded by** Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

7:12 P.M.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION**

7:13 P.M.

Commissioner Wirkner continued the ceremony by presenting certificates:

“At this time, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners would like to honor the founder of Station 12. Robert W. Tasker, Carroll County Civil Defense Director, created the Carroll County Volunteer Fire Department from the Civil Defense in 1953. His active duty service was director for 33 years, retiring in 1986. He continued as the emeritus chief until his passing in 2010. Accepting the certificate on his behalf is his daughter, Sandi Tasker.”

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Ms. Tasker expressed her appreciation and thanked the members for their service.

Commissioner Wirkner continued, “The Carroll County Board of Commissioners thank the members of Station 12, past and present, for their dedication and service. The active members of Station 12 at the time of the final tone will be called forward to receive a certificate of recognition.” Those members were: Jack Swinehart, Chief; Scott Nicholas, Assistant Chief; Devin Herrington, Lieutenant; Nathan Elson; Tim Hawk, Jr.; Dylan Hennebert; Cason Leggett; Hunter Logan; Dale Maple; Matt Nicholas; Tim Rector; Tyler Russell; Jarod Snair; and Mark Spencer. Absent from the ceremony were Austin Baker and Jackson Weber.

Jack Swinehart, Chief of Station 12, thanked everyone for their support and for teaching him so many things, including how to serve the community.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
PICTURE**

Motion: to display in the Commissioners’ Office the picture presented by Station 12, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E Wirkner, Vice President Lewis A Mickley, and Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Lewis A Mickley, **Seconded by** Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

7:20 P.M.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CARROLL COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
COMMENTS**

7:21 P.M.

Jack Swinehart, Chief of Station 12, thanked the Commissioners for their years of service and dedication to Station 12. Shane Thomas, Chief of Station 11 (Carrollton Village Volunteer Fire Department), thanked the Swinehart, Lucas and Tasker families for their years of dedication to Station 12. He said this is not the end but the beginning of a good thing the community can be proud of (referencing the merger of the two stations).

**IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURN**

Motion: to adjourn, **Action:** Vote was recorded as follows: YEA: President Robert E Wirkner, Vice President Lewis A Mickley, and Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler; NEY: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None, **Moved by** Vice President Lewis A Mickley, **Seconded by** Commissioner Jeffrey L Ohler.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

7:23 P.M.

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Janice E. Leggett
Janice E. Leggett, Clerk Supervisor

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

/s/ Janice E. Leggett
Janice E. Leggett, Clerk Supervisor

/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

/s/ Robert E. Wirkner
Robert E. Wirkner, President

/s/ Lewis A. Mickley
Lewis A. Mickley, Vice President

/s/ Jeffrey L. Ohler
Jeffrey L. Ohler, Commissioner