

Resolution 2021-10  
Commending  
Penn Township Fire Chief John VanBrauene  
On the occasion of his retirement

**WHEREAS**, John VanBrauene has led the Penn Township Fire Department as its chief since August of 2010.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene served the City of Mishawaka retiring as a Battalion Chief in August of 2010 after over 35 years of faithful service.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene has dedicated almost 46 years of his life to the protection of the Mishawaka and Penn Township communities.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene was instrumental in leading the Penn Township Fire Department from a primarily volunteer department to a fully-staffed, highly-trained and full-time fire department on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene successfully established on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 the first transport EMS/ALS unit for Penn Township and it was recognized as the top ALS unit in the state of Indiana just 6 months later.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene guided the transition from a township fire department to the recently established Penn Fire Territory solidifying our commitment to the residents of the Town of Osceola to provide fire and EMS services.

**WHEREAS**, Chief VanBrauene's vision and leadership has been indispensable in the planning and oversight of the current construction of the new fire station.

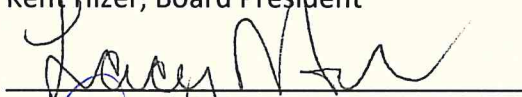
**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the residents of Penn Township, St. Joseph County, Indiana thank Chief VanBrauene on his countless contributions to our community and congratulate him on his retirement with our sincere wishes of many healthy and happy years of travel, rest and relaxation along with the sentiment that we are forever in your debt.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular Penn Township Advisory Board meeting held on this day, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

PENN TOWNSHIP, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY



Kent Hizer, Board President



Lacy Hahn, Board Secretary



David Schmidt, Board Member

Attest:



Doris J. Portolese, Trustee