

**Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting**  
**April 10, 2008 6:30 pm**  
**Lawrence Public Assembly Room**  
**9001 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St. Lawrence, IN**

## **Agenda**

1. Approval of January 22, 2008 minutes
2. Discussion of 2008 Emergency Fire loan process

## LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Time Called to Order: 6:35 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Healy  
Christie Wilmoth  
Emmajean Hines  
Dino Batalis  
Tony Widgery

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles McMahan  
Paul Rogers

TRUSTEE: Mike C. Hobbs

CHIEF OF STAFF: Loren Heger

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Widgery to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Healy stated that Paul Rogers is in the hospital with complications from knee surgery earlier this year and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

### **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 22, 2008, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING.**

Mr. Healy stated that they have had a meeting since January 22, 2008. They had a meeting in March so they will not be able to approve any minutes at this meeting.

### **II. DISCUSSION OF THE 2008 EMERGENCY FIRE LOAN PROCESS.**

Mr. Heger stated that they would like to keep the board informed of what is going on with the emergency loan process and introduced Ms. Paige Gregory.

Ms. Gregory stated that House Bill 1001, which was passed on March 14, 2008, has significantly changed the debt approval process in the State of Indiana for local government entities. The DLGF will no longer have to review or approve any debt issues that are approved by a fiscal body after June 30, 2008, so the township emergency fire loans approved by the Township Board will not need to be approved by the Local Government Tax Board or the state DLGF. She stated the time table for the emergency loan process has changed and suggested that the loan approval be delayed until July 3, 2008.

Even though approval does not have to go to the state the statute still states that the Township Board has to consider a number of factors when determining whether there is a need that exists for a loan. Ms. Gregory stated that they are working with the fire department and Trustee's office to put together a packet of information for the board so they can review the list of items needed to approve an emergency loan.

Ms. Gregory updated the board on the Tax Anticipation Warrant. She stated we will see some delay in the property tax settlement this year which is carried over from last year. Marion County had to go through a reassessment so we anticipate that the township will get their last draw on the 2007 property taxes this June. At the end of this year the township will get one half of what was certified in property taxes for 2008. They will not get the other half until 2009. With that in mind there will be some cash flow issues. They are currently working with the Trustee's office and Ice Miller to move up the second tax anticipation warrant. One was issued in February and another one needs to be issued the end of April or beginning of May to have the required operating funds.

Mr. Pollard stated that they would make up an information sheet for the board on House Bill 1001 so they will have the documentation they need. He state they also have a standard newsletter summarizing the legislative session that they will provide the board for more information. They will make sure the board has all the information they need to make financial decisions.

Mr. Hobbs notified the board that this year they are taking a portion of the funds allotted for cemetery payments and working with the Lawrence North High School Athletic Department to have some of the athletes do the work at the cemeteries in the area to offset the costs.

Chief Blackwell stated how proud he is of the fire department. He stated that last month C Shift had two fires and B Shift had one fire. They all did an excellent job. This morning A Shift had a woman trapped for 30 minutes under a vehicle on 465 and did a fantastic job. He complimented the men and women of Lawrence Township Fire Department.

There being no other business to discuss Mr. Widgery made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batalis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

I hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and have been approved by a majority of the Lawrence Township Board.

  
Christie Wilmoth, Board Secretary