

Lawrence Township Board Meeting
Wednesday December 10, 2008 at 6:00pm
Major General Ronald E Brooks
Lawrence Government Center
Council Chambers
9001 East 59th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Republican Caucus at 5:30 p.m.
Democrat Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the September 23, 2008 Lawrence Township Board meeting.
2. End of the 2008 Housekeeping:
 - a. Approval of Amended 2008 Form 17 (Resolution 2008-15)
 - b. Reduction of Appropriation for 2008 (Resolution 2008-16)
3. Approval 2009 Form 17 (Resolution 2008-17)
4. Temporary Loan between Funds (Resolution 2008-18)
5. Dormant Fund (Resolution 2008-19)
6. Holiday Schedule

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Time Called to Order: 6:03 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:25 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Healy
Emmajean Hines
Charles McMahan
Dino Batalis
Tony Widgery

ABSENT: Christie Wilmoth
Paul Rogers

TRUSTEE: Mike C. Hobbs

CHIEF OF STAFF: Loren Heger

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and that they could conduct their business.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Mr. Batalis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2008, Lawrence Township Board meeting. Mr. McMahan seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

II. END OF THE 2008 YEAR HOUSEKEEPING:

A. APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2008 FORM 17 (RESOLUTION 2008-15)

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Page Gregory who presented the amended 2008 Form 17. Ms. Gregory stated that this amendment is a correction of an error that was on the 2008 Form 17 for the Maintenance Supervisor. The correct salary should be \$51,719. Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-15. Mr. Batalis seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

B. REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2008 (RESOLUTION 2008-16)

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Page Gregory who explained the reduction of appropriations for 2008. Ms. Gregory stated that this resolution is documenting the commitment by the fire department who at the budget hearing agreed not to spend most of the cumulative firefighting funds so that it could be used for temporary loans. This will help fund next years budget.

The amount of the reduction is \$950,000. Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-16. Mr. McMahan seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

III. APPROVAL OF THE 2009 FORM 17 (RESOLUTION 2008-17)

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Page Gregory. Ms. Gregory presented the 2009 Form 17. She stated that this is the salary ordinance that directly corresponds with the budget that they passed during the summer. Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-17. Mr. McMahan seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

IV. TEMPORARY LOAN BETWEEN FUNDS (RESOLUTION 2008-18)

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Page Gregory. Ms. Gregory stated that this resolution is to extend the repayment of the township's outstanding temporary loans until June 30, 2009. She stated there is one new temporary loan listed at the bottom from fire fighting to loan and interest payment. This is needed in case there is not a distribution of property taxes this month because a payment on that bond is due.

Ms. Gregory stated that the fire department because of their great management of funds this year have a little bit of money left over that they can lend to the loan and interest payment fund. The fire fund is going to temporarily loan the loan and interest payment fund \$400,000 so that it can make the bond payment. As soon as the property tax dollars are received the funds will be transferred back to the fire department. Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-18. Ms. Hines seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

V. DORMANT FUND (RESOLUTION 2008-19)

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Page Gregory. Ms. Gregory stated that none of the funds in the township spend over their budget so there is no transfer between appropriations. She stated that this is the first time since she has been working for the township that this has occurred and complimented the township on their excellent fiscal management.

Ms. Gregory explained the resolution to transfer dormant fund balances. She stated that there are two funds on the books that are inactive. There are no obligations to these funds and they have been on the books for a while with no activity. The statute states that you can declare these funds dormant and any remaining balance can be transferred to the general fund or rainy day fund. This resolution states that you will transfer the funds to the rainy day fund. Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-19. Mr. McMahan seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

VI. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Chief of Staff Loren Heger. Mr. Heger presented the 2009 Holiday Schedules for the civilians and administrative personnel, the fire operations personnel, and the small claims court. He stated that the only difference in the

three schedules is that the firefighters have in their contract that New Year's Eve is a holiday. The holiday schedules were presented to the board for their information and did not require board approval.

VII. CEMETARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Healy stated that they have some unfinished business regarding the Todd Cemetery located at 79th and Sunnyside. Susan Lord, who is the new president of the Chesapeake Bay Homeowners Association, was asked to attend and represent the homeowners. Ms. Lord stated that their main concern is the branches on the trees that are hanging over on their properties and the grave stones.

Mr. Healy introduced Brian Crist from Ice Miller Law Firm who explained the obligations of the board and the Trustee regarding cemetery maintenance. Mr. Crist stated that the board is the fiscal authority for the township so they have certain statutory obligations with respect to assuring that the Trustee, who is the executive of the township and carries out the township functions on a day to day basis, has sufficient funds in which to carry out his statutory obligations. One of those items is certain maintenance obligations with respect to abandoned cemeteries.

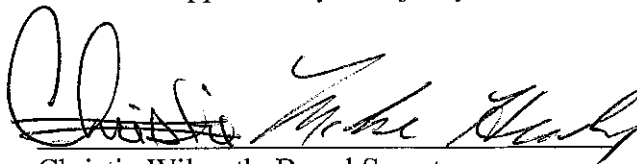
The board has appropriated additional funds for next year to assure that Mr. Hobbs has the resources to hire people to comply with his statutory obligations. Mr. Crist stated that the Trustee's obligation in regard to cemetery maintenance is to cut the grass, make sure there are no obnoxious weeds, construct or repair fences, level and reseed the ground from erosion, and resetting and straightening all fallen grave monuments. It does not include the repair or replacement of grave stones.

A discussion followed. Mr. Hobbs stated that the cemetery maintenance is contracted out and he will make sure when he signs the next contract that the person who oversees the cemeteries will look at the tree branches and make sure the cemetery is up to standards. Mr. Healy asked that the work on the Todd Cemetery be completed by the end of 2009.

Mr. Healy stated that this is the last meeting for Chuck McMahan and Paul Rogers who will not be returning next year and thanked them for their years of service.

There being no other business to discuss Mr. McMahan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Widgery seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 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