

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:00pm

Major General Ronald E Brooks

Lawrence Government Center

Public Assembly Room

9001 E 59th Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Republican Caucus at 5:30pm

Democrat Caucus at 5:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from January 20, 2009
2. **Resolution 2009- 03** Temporary Loan Resolution
3. **Resolution 2009-04** Establish A Debt Service Emergency Assistance Fund.
4. **Resolution 2009-05** Authoring the Issuance of a Tax Anticipation Warrant and the Payment of Expenses related Thereto.
5. **Resolution 2009-06** Cancel Outstanding Warrants

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Time Called to Order: 6:01 P.M.
Time Adjourned: 6:33 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Healy
Christie Wilmoth
Emmajean Hines
Dino Batalis
Steven Rose
Fred Freeman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Widgery

CHIEF OF STAFF: Loren Heger

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Freeman to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20, 2009, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2009, Lawrence Township Board meeting. Mr. Batalis seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

II. RESOLUTION 2009-03 TEMPORARY LOAN RESOLUTION.

Mr. Heger introduced Paige Gregory who explained the temporary loan resolution. She stated that this resolution is to approve the issuance of a temporary loan to a new fund the debt service emergency assistance fund.

Ms. Gregory stated that the debt service emergency assistance fund is in relation to an emergency loan for \$100,000 that was issued last year by the township to cover emergency assistance. She stated this year there will be a property tax levy to cover the debt service and in order to make the first payment of this debt an emergency loan needs to take place from the cumulative fire fund to this new fund because they do not anticipate property taxes to come in before June when it is due.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-03. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

III. RESOLUTION 2009-04 ESTABLISH A DEBT SERVICE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-04. Ms. Wilmoth seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

IV. RESOLUTION 2009-05 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT AND THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES RELATED THERE TO.

Ms. Gregory stated that the township currently has 2008 tax anticipate warrants outstanding and are hoping to get the last 2008 property tax draw in March. She stated that tonight they are there to approve the 2009 tax anticipation warrants which are needed for emergency assistance, loan and interest payment, and firefighting funds in the total amount of \$5,765,603. She stated this is a warrant against the 2009 property taxes. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-05. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion agree to 6-0.

V. RESOLUTION 2009-06 CANCEL OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.

Ms. Gregory stated that the law permits checks that are more than two years old to be voided and then receipted back into the fund from which the check was originally issued. This resolution is to void the old checks and receipt them back into the township funds. A discussion followed.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-06. Ms. Hines seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

Ms. Rhinesmith addressed the board on issues regarding cemetery maintenance. She asked if the board had discussed contracts for cemetery maintenance and if any of the board members were willing to monitor the care of the cemeteries.

Mr. Heger stated that they are looking at contracts and costs to find the person who can most effectively maintain the cemeteries at a cost effective rate. He stated they are looking at their options and are in the process of making a decision. A discussion followed.

Chief Blackwell reminded the board that Lawrence Township Fire Department's Annual Awards Banquet is this Friday.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Freeman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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