

**Lawrence Township Board Meeting
Monday July 20,2009 at 6:00pm
Major General Ronald E Brooks
Lawrence Government Center
9001 E 59th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216**

Republican Caucus at 5:30pm
Democrat Caucus at 5:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from the June 22, 2009 Lawrence Township Advisory Board
2. Public Hearing regarding the incurrence of debt pursuant to I.C.36-6-6-14 in the amount \$2,740,000 for the purpose of funding current firefighting operations for the Township (2009 Emergency Loan)
3. **Resolution 2009-10** Authorizing emergency borrowing pursuant to I.C. 36-6-6-14 in an amount not to exceed \$2,740,000 for the purpose of funding current firefighting operations for the Township. (2009 Emergency Loan)
4. Public Hearing regarding the incurrence of debt pursuant to I.C. 12-20-24-1 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00 for the purpose of funding current Poor Relief for the Township.
5. **Resolution 2009-11** Authoring emergency borrowing pursuant to I.C. 12-20-24-1 for the purpose if funding current Poor Relief Operations for the Township.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2009

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

Time Adjourned: 6:51 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Steven Rose

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 asked Mr. Batalis to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 22, 2009, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2009, Lawrence Township Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Batalis seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

II. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-6-6-14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,740,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CURRENT FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP. (2009 FIRE EMERGENCY LOAN)

Mr. Healy opened the public hearing regarding the incurrence of debt pursuant to I.C. 36-6-6-14 in the amount of \$2,740,000 for the purpose of funding current firefighting operations for the township. He asked three times for comments from the public. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Dan Hedden with Umbaugh presented the 2009 Fire Emergency Loan. He stated that this loan is to pay for the operations of the fire department primarily for salary and benefits. He stated that the amount has been estimated at \$2,740,000 and they anticipate selling this debt later this year at an interest rate not to exceed 6%. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the 2009 Fire Emergency Loan (Resolution 2009-10). Ms. Wilmoth seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

III. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT PURSUANT TO I.C. 12-20-24-1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CURRENT POOR RELIEF FOR THE TOWNSHIP. (2009 TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY LOAN)

Mr. Healy opened the public hearing regarding the incurrence of debt pursuant to I.C. 12-20-24-1 in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the purpose of funding current poor relief for the township. He asked three times for comments from the public. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Dan Hedden with Umbaugh stated that this is the same concept as the fire emergency loan, but it is a different Indiana Code that authorizes it. The amount of \$240,000 establishes a not to exceed amount, and they are not locked in to borrowing the full amount. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the 2009 Township Assistance Emergency Loan (Resolution 2009-11). Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

Mr. Healy stated that there has been some progress made in an attempt to sit down with the Indianapolis Fire Department and the Mayor of Indianapolis. He stated they received an invitation from Mark Renner, Deputy Director of Public Safety for the City of Indianapolis, to meet and get an overview of the consolidation of Lawrence Township and Indianapolis Fire Department.

Mr. Healy proposed that they put together a feasibility study committee comprised of two additional board members, one from each party, to meet with the Trustee, the Chief of Staff, the Fire Chief, and members of the City of Indianapolis. He hopes to have a meeting before the next board meeting. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines requested copies of the monthly poor relief tracking sheet showing who came in, the denials, and reason for the denials be given to the board members. She stated that e-mail is fine as a reminder, but it is not an official notification of the board meetings. She would like to have the information mailed before the meeting so they have time to look at them. A discussion followed.

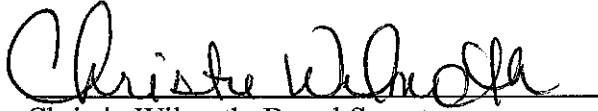
Mr. Heger agreed to provide the poor relief tracking sheets to the board, and stated it would not be a problem to mail the board member notifications.

Mr. Healy recognized the Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Paul Ricketts. He also recognized Mr. Wallace and Mr. Price from Lawrence Township Local 416 Union. Mr. Wallace thanked the board stated he appreciates the service they provide.

Mr. Hobbs reminded everyone that the ITA Conference is September 20-23. The State Board of Accounts for that conference will be on Wednesday, September 23. The last day for early bird registration is August 31, 2009. Ms. Lightle is working on the cost to go and he will notify the board. The State Board of Accounts is free of charge.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Batalis made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hines seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 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