

Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday October 21, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Morris Settles Township Center

Elisha Reddick Community Room

4455 McCoy Street

Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

Republican Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Democrat Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- 1.** Approval of minutes from September 23, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
- 2.** Adoption of Township Budget
- 3.** 3rd Quarter Township Assistance Numbers & Financials
- 4.** Resolution 2014-7 Approval of Form 17
- 5.** Potential meeting dates for remainder of 2014

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
4455 McCoy Street Indianapolis, IN 46226**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

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

Time Adjourned: 6:26 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Healy, Emmajean Hines, Fred Freeman, Jesse Dotson, Dino Batalis, Mary Harrison, Tony Widgery

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Judge Clark Rehme

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Hines called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 6:01 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and asked Jesse Dotson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from September 23, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.

Mr. Healy made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

2. Adoption of the Township Budget

Ms. Harrison made a motion that the 2015 Township budget be adopted as written. Mr. Freeman seconded. The 2015 Township budget was adopted 7-0.

3. 3rd Quarter Assistance Numbers & Financials

Trustee Brown highlighted the school clothes numbers with over 500 students received assistance. The Township was able to help more children for a lower cost to the township. Number of requests for direct assistance continues to decrease and the denial rate continues to hold steady. Financials speak for themselves. An adjustment to the handbook in regards to healthcare costs as the Township is moving to a high deductible plan with HSA accounts. All of the changes fit into the budget that was just adopted and will actually save the Township some money.

4. Resolution 2014-7 Approval of Form 17

Trustee Brown said the resolution approves the salaries for township employees that are in the budget that was just adopted.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Healy seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

5. Potential Meeting Dates for remainder of 2014

Trustee Brown suggested that the last board meeting of the year be on Tuesday, Dec. 16th to adopt the changes to the handbook. It will also be the Trustee's last board meeting as Trustee.

Jan. 6th will be the organizational meeting and Jan. 20th will be the second meeting in January to adopt the annual report.

6. Additional Comments

Trustee Brown gave an update on the food pantry and amount of families being served. Dollars and food are the largest needs for the pantry right now.

Judge Rehme gave an update about the court. 750 new cases will be added by a new filer in the township. The numbers are looking at over 9,000 cases filed this year. One of the biggest years on record. Looking at possibly adding another day or two of court each week. The Judge said he was hoping to bring an additional full-time clerk on board to the court on Nov. 10th. Mr. Freeman asked some questions about who was working where now. Currently there is a vacant part-time position. The judge would like to make that position to full-time. Trustee Brown questioned whether or not that the funding for the position does not exceed the numbers on the Form 17. In 2015 an additional appropriation and a change to the form 17 would be required. Judge said he is willing to do whatever is necessary. Trustee Brown said that some more discussion with the accountants to ensure that everything is in line.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 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.

Fred Freeman, Board Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.