

## **Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday September 24, 2013 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 17, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
2. Presentation of Township Budget
3. Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Lawrence Township Budget
4. Redistricting Update

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2013

Time Called to Order: 6:02 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:38 P.M.

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

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Hines called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 6:02 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and had Mr. Dotson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

**1. Approval of minutes from the September 17, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board**

Mr. Batalis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2013 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

**2. Presentation of Township Budget**

Trustee Brown gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the proposed 2014 budget for Township General and Township Assistance budgets as compared to previous years. There was a one-time uptick in 2013 for the purchase of the food pantry location and there are changes for 2014 for one-time construction costs for the food pantry. Township assistance comparisons showed that in 2013 there was a large bump in school clothes spending and was the only thing that was out of line from what was budgeted. Cemetery budget comparisons show a slight increase in maintenance for 2014 as several cemeteries grew in size after surveys were completed. Cash balance projections show a two-thirds of an annual operating budget which the Trustee said he feels comfortable with. It does not cause the township to have to borrow for any kind of spending. The Trustee walked through improvements that have been made to the Morris Settles Township Center, which included the basement, landscaping and new tenant spaces. The Trustee showed several photos of improvements at several of the township cemeteries. In 2014 Mock Cemetery will see headstone repairs and Silvey will see drainage and entrance repairs. The Trustee hopes to have the food pantry open by late second quarter of 2014. Included in the budget are construction, maintenance and cleaning costs for the food pantry as well as salary for a part-time pantry coordinator. It is the Trustee's intention for the maintenance and cleaning costs to be turned over to a 501c3 organization that would run the day-to-day operation of the food pantry. A three percent raise for all township staff is included in the 2014 budget. The Trustee also included in the proposed 2014 budget to pay back the bond anticipation note in full. The Trustee said he feels the budget maintains appropriate cash balances, gives the board flexibility for the 2015 budget, increases a sustainable human services network and maintains all of the township assets.

Judge Rehme also gave an update that the Indiana Supreme Court has changed the venue rules for small claims court. Where the incident took place or where defendant resides or is employed will determine where it has to be filed.

Meeting Adjourned: Mr. Widgery made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Batalis seconded. The motion adopted 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Freeman", written over a horizontal line.

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.*