

Lawrence Township Board Meeting  
Tuesday September 15, 2009 at 6:00p.m.  
Major General Ronald E Brooks  
Lawrence Government Center  
Public Assembly Room  
9001 E 59<sup>th</sup> 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 August 4, 2009 Lawrence Township Advisory Board
2. Public Hearing regarding the 2010 Lawrence Township Budget
3. Financial Report on the Township (IC 12-20)
4. **Resolution 2009-14** to transfer funds from one classification to another in Township Assistance.
5. Resolution authorizing an agent to accept pension liability on behalf of the governing body (IC 5-10.2-3.1)

## LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Time Called to Order: 6:05 P.M.  
Time Adjourned: 6:53 P.M.

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

CHIEF OF STAFF: Loren Heger

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. He stated that they have a quorum present and asked Mr. Freeman to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Healy announced that Mike Hobbs has resigned as township trustee and pursuant to IC 3-13 the duties of the trustee are to be assumed by chief deputy employee who is Loren Heger. Mr. Heger is not a resident of Lawrence Township and is ineligible to assume those duties therefore according to the statute that duty has fallen upon him as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Healy stated that he would be assuming the duties as Trustee until the new Trustee is selected.

### **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4, 2009, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.**

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2009, Lawrence Township Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2010 LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BUDGET.**

Mr. Healy open the public hearing regarding the 2010 Lawrence Township budget. He asked three time for comments from the public. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Heger stated that this is a valuable document that needs to be crafted with the cooperation of the new trustee and the board. He stated they have plenty of time before they have to pass the budget and stated if they have any suggestions over the next few weeks the new trustee would like to hear them. October 27 will be the meeting to adopt the budget for 2010.

Mr. Healy recognized Lawrence Township Small Claims Court Judge Joven who addressed the board regarding the Small Claims Court budget. He stated there are a couple of areas where he identified cuts to the budget totaling \$5,677. He went over specific areas of the budget and explained the amounts. He stated that they have been coming in under budget for the past several years. A discussion followed.

Mr. Healy opened the discussion to board members who may have some comments to make regarding the overall budget. He noted for the record that there is a 3% increase in salaries for the fire department. A discussion followed.

Chief Blackwell presented information on the fire department budget. He stated that the 3% is a cost of living raise and went over the areas where the fire department has cut their budget. He stated he is working toward consolidation with Indianapolis Fire Department to lower our debt ratio. A discussion followed.

### **III. FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE TOWNSHIP (IC 12-20)**

Mr. Healy introduced Paige Gregory with Umbaugh who gave a financial report on the township. A discussion followed.

### **IV. RESOLUTION 2009-14 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM ONE CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER IN TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE.**

Mr. Healy presented Resolution 2009-14 transferring funds from one classification to another in township assistance. A discussion followed. Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-14. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

### **V. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGENT TO ACCEPT PENSION LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY (IC 5-10.2-3.1)**

Mr. Healy presented a resolution authorizing an agent to accept pension liability on behalf of the governing body. A discussion followed. Ms. Wilmoth made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Batalis seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Healy made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wilmoth seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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