

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Freeman, Dino Batalis, Derek Morris, Sharon Anderson,  
Jesse Dotson

Others Present: Trustee Steve Talley, Judge Kim Bacon

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Freeman called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday January 4, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. and asked Board Member Derek Morris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.**

The Township Board indicated they reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting. Mr. Freeman requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Mr. Freeman and Mr. Batalis seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adopting the minutes.

2. **Resolution 2022-1: Election of Chairperson and Secretary of the Board.**

Mr. Freeman called for the nomination of a Chairperson and Secretary of the Advisory Board. Mr. Morris nominated Fred Freeman for Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Batalis seconded the nomination. Mr. Batalis nominated Jesse Dotson for Secretary of the Board. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Morris seconded the nomination.

Mr. Freeman called for a vote on the nominations and Mr. Freeman and Mr. Dotson were elected to their respective positions by a unanimous vote.

3. **Resolution 2022-2: Election of Chairperson and Secretary of the Board of the Finance Committee.**

Mr. Freeman called for the nomination of a Chairperson and Secretary of the Finance Committee. Mr. Batalis nominated Derek Morris for president of the Finance Committee. Mr. Freeman seconded the nomination. Mr. Batalis nominated Sharon Anderson for Secretary of the Finance Committee. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Morris seconded the nomination.

Mr. Freeman called for a vote on the nominations and Mr. Morris and Ms. Anderson were elected to their respective positions by a unanimous vote.

4. **Signature of Nepotism Policy.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the Nepotism Policy and the policy was signed without discussion.

5. **Comments from Trustee and the Small Claims Court.**

There was continued discussion from the December 7, 2021 meeting regarding the Covid-19 related assistance programs and a grant received by the Small Claims Court to pay for a navigator to assist in processing applications for Covid-19 related assistance. The Trustee also distributed the attached written report detailing the effectiveness of the partnership with IndyRent. The program began on December 1, 2021 and to date has approved 143 applications providing assistance in the total sum of \$428,169.00.

The Trustee also provided a report regarding the HVAC system for the office. One of three units has failed and will need replaced immediately. The other two units have reached the end of their useful lives and will also need replaced. It is likely cost effective to replace all three at once, but the failed unit must be replaced as soon as possible. There was discussion regarding the appropriate procedure for appropriating funds to replace the units, as well as the procedure for hiring a contractor to do so. The Trustee indicated he would seek advice from legal counsel on the appropriate procedure for receiving quotes to replace the units.

6. **Discussion of Future Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting date was established for February 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

7. **Adjournment**

Mr. Freeman Adjourned the meeting at 5:42 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.

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Jesse Dotson, 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.