

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Becky Lightle, Eugene West, Judge Kim Bacon

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Freeman called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday February 15, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. and asked Board Member Jesse Dotson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.**

The Township Board indicated they reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting. Mr. Freeman requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Batalis made the motion, and Mr. Dotson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of adopting the minutes.

2. **Resolution 2022-03 Amending Resolution 2021-16: Certified Report of Positions and Compensation of Public Employees in the Employ of Lawrence Township.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the resolution. Chief Financial Officer Becky Lightle gave a brief summary of the minor revisions related to (i) how the health insurance portion of the Trustee's compensation is reported, (ii) the title of the deputy trustee and (iii) the salary correction for the intake coordinator. There were no further comments on the resolution.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Mr. Batalis seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the resolution.

3. **RESOLUTION 2022-4: Adopting the 2021 Township Annual Report**

Mr. West made preliminary comments regarding the annual report. Ms. Lightle gave a detailed presentation of the 2021 budget and finances. Mr. West gave a detailed presentation on the 2021 Township Assistance budget and funds spent.

There were comments and questions posed to Ms. Lightle related to the restructuring of the bonds and the distributions listed under debt service, the Townships contributions to

employee retirement funds, cemetery fees and burial assistance, funds distributed to the library and schools, the 2% increase in personnel expenses, and the Rainy Day Fund.

There were comments and questions to Mr. West related to the amount of money spent on housing assistance and the amount specifically spent in Lawrence Township by Indy Rents.

Mr. Freeman called for a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report. Mr. Dotson made the motion, and Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. **Comments from the Small Claims Court.**

Judge Bacon distributed a handout providing a year over year comparison of the 2020 and 2021 case load for the Small Claims Court. Judge Bacon also gave a summary of the 2021 accomplishments of the Small Claims Court, which include the launch of the housing pilot, return to in-person hearings, implantation of the Tenant Advocacy program, and expansion of Indy Rent & IERA rental assistance in the Court.

5. **Discussion of Future Meeting Dates.**

The next meeting date was established for March 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

6. **Adjournment**

Mr. Freeman Adjourned the meeting at 6:16 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.