

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

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022

Called to Order: 5:01 P.M.

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

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Freeman called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 5:01 P.M. Mr. Freeman asked Mr. Batalis to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**1. Public Hearing on General Obligation Bonds.**

Mr. Freeman opened the meeting for comments from the public regarding the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars and asked the public for any comments on the same.

No member of the public presented comments on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Freeman closed the public hearing with the consent of the Board.

**2. Resolution 2022-06-Authorizing Issuance of Bonds for the Repair, Rehabilitation, Renovation, Improvement and Equipping of all or a Portion of the Office of the Lawrence Township Trustee and Exterior Improvements at the Community Cupboard of Lawrence and Improvements related thereto and Incidental Expenses in Connection therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds.**

Mr. Freeman introduced the Township's Bond Counsel, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, to present regarding the general obligation bonds, the bond amount and the general purpose of the bond. The Board discussed uses for the funds including projects at the Cupboard, and other general maintenance on the physical structures owned by the township.

Mr. Freeman called for a vote to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Mr. Morris moved, and Mr. Dotson seconded. Mr. Freeman held a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06 and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

**3. Resolution 2022-06- Additional Appropriation General Obligation Bonds**

*Digest: General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022 and Interest Earning Thereon and Matters Related thereto*

Mr. Freeman opened the meeting for comments from the public regarding the appropriation of funds for the bond proceeds and asked the public for any comments on the same.

No member of the public presented comments on the additional appropriation. Mr. Freeman closed the public hearing with the consent of the Board.

Mr. Freeman asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Mr. Batalis moved, and Ms. Anderson seconded. Mr. Freeman held a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06 and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Mr. Freeman held a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05 and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

#### **4. Resolution 2022-08 Additional Appropriation**

*Digest: Requesting Additional Appropriation from the Township General Fund to pay Indy Rent Coordinator for the application that were approved.*

Mr. Freeman introduced the Township staff and attorney to discuss an additional appropriation to cover costs for the Indy Rents coordinator based on a contract between the Township and the Indy Rents program administrators. This program allows the Township to assist Township residents in filling out Indy Rents rental assistance payments.

The program, its bounds, the ease of filling out the application and the payment received by the Township were discussed in detail by the Board and staff from the Trustee's Office.

During this discussion, the Board asked the Trustee's office to present numbers of township assistance applications received and processed for January through March and those reports to continue on a monthly basis.

Mr. Freeman asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-08. Mr. Dotson moved, and Ms. Anderson seconded. Mr. Freeman held a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-08 and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

#### **5. Court Update**

Judge Bacon presented news of two grants the Court received for providing housing relief. One grant was in the amount of \$36,498.00 and the second multi year grant was awarded by NCSC in the amount of \$492,300.

The Board commended the Court and the judge on achieving such a great goal.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Mr. Freeman Adjourned the meeting at 6:01 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.