

Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday April 22, 2014 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 February 4, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
- 2.** 1th Quarter Township Assistance Numbers & Financials
- 3.** Food Pantry Update
- 4.** Court Update
- 5.** Other Business

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MEETING MINUTES
4455 McCoy Street Indianapolis, IN 46226**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Time Called to Order: 6:00 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:46 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Healy, Emmajean Hines, Fred Freeman, Jesse Dotson, Tony Widgery, Dino Battalis, Mary Harrison

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Judge Clark Rehme, Constable Terry Burns

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Hines called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Healy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from February 4, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Widgery seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

2. 1st Quarter Township Assistance Numbers & Financials

Trustee Brown said that was nothing abnormal to report in regards to the financial data. Township assistance numbers are up in the 1st Quarter in large part due to the Oaktree apartments that were closed. Township spent \$20,000 in assistance to those residents. Trustee Brown said the Township has been awarded reimbursement of those costs by a court ruling. Mr. Widgery asked about the reimbursement and whether or not the Township will actually see that money. Trustee said he doesn't know at this time.

3. Food Pantry Update

Trustee Brown said block has been delivered and walls should start going up. May 9th a ceremonial event would be taking place. Board members will be invited to attend. The search for a pantry coordinator has been narrowed and an offer would be made later in the week. July 30th is the contracted completion date for the pantry. An open house will take place in August before the pantry opens as well.

4. Court Update

Judge Rehme gave members a packet with the court numbers for the quarter. The judge does not think the venue rules have impacted the township like it has in other townships. The township is the 4th busiest township court. Mr. Healy had a question about the handout columns. The Judge mentioned that teen court has been meeting on a monthly basis done through Reach for Youth. The small claims courts are able to meet amongst themselves and pick a presiding judge which he was selected to do. It's to help get some uniformity amongst all of the small claims courts. Judge said that he has a good relationship with the Trustee. Mr. Battalis asked about the other services and charges line item in the financials and where the court is with scanning project. The Judge said that it won't go over budget. Trustee Brown said that CD-Com would adjust the budget for services rendered and will not include shredding. Shredding will be an expense that will have to

be put in the next budget. Mr. Battalis said that it was different from the all-inclusive deal that was originally told to the board members. Mr. Freeman said that CD-Com said it needed \$34,000 to do the job, \$41,000 was appropriated. Mr. Freeman asked while more money was asked for. The Judge said that scanning equipment would be very expensive and cost too much for the township. The Trustee said the ship has sailed on scanning in house. Mr. Battalis said the cost was way above the original quote that was told to the board. The Judge said he and his staff take some responsibility. Mr. Freeman said he would like to have CD-Com to come speak to the board about where things are in the process. Ms. Hines said she wanted a copy of all bills connected to CD-Com. Ms. Hines said that CD-Com sold the judge a program and the judge took it to the board. Mr. Freeman asked that CD-Com come back in front of the board to discuss the program. Mr. Battalis said that the program is different from what was first presented. Mr. Dotson said he understands cost overruns. There was discussion about what the Township's options are going forward for the project.

5. Other Business

July 29th was the tentative date for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 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.

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.