

Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday February 4, 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 January 7, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
2. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2013
3. 4th Quarter and 2013 Township Assistance Numbers
4. **Resolution 2014-3** Resolution Adopting the 2013 Township Annual Report
5. **Resolution 2014-4** Resolution Approving the Lawrence Township Assistance Guidelines.
6. **Resolution 2014-5** Resolution Requesting an Additional Appropriation
7. Other Business

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Time Called to Order: 6:01 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:23 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Healy, Emmajean Hines, Fred Freeman, Jesse Dotson, Tony Widgery,

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, February 4, 2014, at 6:01 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Dotson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from January 7, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.

Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2014 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 5-0.

2. Resolution 2014-3 Resolution Adopting the 2013 Township Annual Report

Due to the weather Ms. Hines moved up the discussion of the resolution. Trustee Brown said that report is required to be sent in to State Board of Accounts. Adoption of the resolution was agreed to 5-0.

3. Resolution 2014-4 Resolution Approving the Lawrence Township Assistance Guidelines.

Trustee Brown discussed the obligation to adopt assistance guidelines. The Trustee's Office uses federal standards for income for SNAP eligibility, rent is determined by a survey of area apartment communities. Mr. Freeman made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Healy seconded. Motion was approved 5-0.

4. Resolution 2014-5 Resolution Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Trustee Brown said the additional appropriation is to be used for two items. One is to cover a bond shortfall due to tax caps and because of the way DLGF calculates the Township's existing cash balances. \$7,000 from the rainy day fund will be used for that purpose. The \$75,000 balance will be used to pay for costs related to the food pantry. Low bid was \$710,000 and that doesn't include some other costs like signage and security system. The Trustee has cash balance sheet for the board to show that the Township would still \$1.5 million on hand which for a normal year is 70% of the operational budget. Mr. Freeman asked when ground will break on the project. As soon as the resolution is signed, contracts will be signed so that construction can begin. Mr. Healy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion was approved 5-0.

5. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2013

Report has already been approved

6. 4th Quarter and 2013 Township Assistance Numbers

Numbers were distributed to the board. Trustee Brown said if any board members have any questions to contact him.

7. Other Business

Mr. Widgery asked about how many members of the finance board should be appointment. There was some clarification that was asked for at the last meeting.

Trustee Brown said that the Township asked if it was two or three members. They responded with what the statute said and they read it as 3. The board has traditionally appointed three members.

Judge Rehme discussed about the new venue rule that went into effect last year. At this point in time the Judge said that it had not impacted the court to this point. Revenue has gone up a little. The Judge said he and some of the other small claims court judges in Marion County testified at the Statehouse on Senate Bill 366 that would make a minimum of 10% for garnishments of take home pay. The other portion would have the 9 small claims judges in the county would decide on a presiding judge for 12 months.

Mr. Freeman asked about closings and how the court lets people know the court is closed.

Judge Rehme said they follow the circuit court and put up on the sign door. They also tell people when they call in that they follow the Marion County Superior Court.

Mr. Freeman asked about compensation to employees on the days that we are closed. Trustee Brown said employees will be paid as if they were in the office as per the handbook. If someone was scheduled to be off on that day, they still have to utilize that time off.

Mr. Widgery made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Healy and Mr. Freeman seconded it.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 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.