

Lawrence Township Board Meeting
Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Lawrence Township Morris Settles Building
Small Claims Court 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 3, 2012 of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board
2. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2011
3. **Resolution 2012-3** to adopt the 2010 Lawrence Township Annual Report Pursuant to I.C. 36-6-6-9.
4. **Resolution 2012-4** Approval of the Lawrence Township Assistance Guidelines.

**LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time Called to Order: 6:02 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Healy, Emmajean Hines, Dino Batalis, Tony Widgery, Fred Freeman, Steven Rose, Christie Wilmoth

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

Meeting Called to Order:

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:02 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and asked that Mr. Widgery lead Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2012 OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2012, Lawrence Township Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Hones seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

Trustee Brown discussed the cash fund statement and that the accounting system requirements show deposits and receipts two times. Trustee Brown said that the Township is in better shape with cash on hand than anticipated which bodes well for the choices that the board has made to right the financial situation of the Township. Trustee Brown highlighted a comparison of township assistance numbers compared to previous year. Number of applications are down and Trustee Brown attributes this to staff doing a better job of prescreening applicants and individuals have chosen not to apply. The denial rate was down significantly from previous years. Average food assistance per recipient is lower this year because more people are being reached because of increased partnerships with food pantries in the township. Trustee Brown also highlighted the increased assistance for emergency shelter through the partnership with the Julian Center. The Trustee's goal is to provide this type of data on a quarterly basis for the board. Ms. Hines asked if the Julian Center is the only organization the Township is partnering with to provide assistance for emergency shelter. The Trustee said that it is currently, but that the Township has had discussions with the Far Eastside Action Coalition (FEAC) about partnering for a similar relationship. Mr. Widgery asked if all of the Township's loans have been paid back. Trustee Brown said that the general obligation bonds for the renovation of the building is the only indebtedness that the Township currently has.

III. RESOLUTION 2012-3 TO ADOPT THE 2011 LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-6-6-9.

Mr. Widgery made a motion to adopt the 2011 Annual Report. Ms. Wilmoth seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

- IV. **RESOLUTION 2012-4 APPROVAL OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES.**
Ms. Hines made a motion to adopt the 2012 Township Assistance Guidelines. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

Additional Discussion and Announcements:

Construction on the Lawrence Township Center is scheduled to be finished on February 17, 2012.

Next anticipated meeting will be April 24, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:15 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christie Wilmoth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christie Wilmoth, 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.