

Lawrence Township Board Meeting
Monday June 22, 2009 at 6:00pm
Major General Ronald Brooks
Lawrence Government Center
9001 E 59th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Republican Caucus at 5:30 p.m.

Democrat Caucus at 5:30p.m.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from February 17, 2009 of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
2. **Resolution 2009-07:** to declare an emergency and extend repayment of Tax Anticipation Warrants
3. **Resolution 2009-08:** to declare an emergency and extend repayment of Temporary Loans.
4. **Resolution 2009-09:** Re-establishing the Cumulative Fire Fund.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 2009

Time Called to Order: 6:05 P.M.

Time Adjourned: 6:35 P.M.

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

TRUSTEE: Mike C. Hobbs

CHIEF OF STAFF: Loren Heger

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Rose to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2009, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2009, Lawrence Township Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

II. RESOLUTION 2009-07 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND EXTEND REPAYMENT OF TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS.

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Paige Gregory with Umbaugh who updated the board on the status of property tax disbursements in Marion County. She stated that year to date the township has received \$6.2 million dollars which is approximately 57% of the 2008 property taxes. The township has not received any of the 2009 property taxes.

Ms. Gregory stated that when the county distributes the final 2008 settlement, the township should received another \$4.7 million dollars. The township is expected to receive the final 2008 property tax distribution the beginning of August.

Ms. Gregory stated that the estimated mailing date of the first installment of the 2009 property taxes is October with a due date of November 10, 2009. They are expected to receive one installment of the 2009 property taxes by the end of this year. The second installment due date is planned for February 10, 2010. The final distribution for 2009 should be in March 2010. The total estimated 2009 property taxes is \$11.5 million dollars and for 2010 the county thinks it will be back on a normal schedule with property tax due dates of May 10 and November 10.

Ms. Gregory stated that currently the township has \$7.6 million dollars in tax anticipation warrants outstanding that were issued in 2008. Since the township has not received the final settlement of 2008 property taxes, they are not able to pay that off right now. Resolution 2009-07 declares an emergency and extends the repayment to the end of this year, if necessary.

Ms. Gregory stated that the township also currently has \$5.8 million dollars in tax anticipation warrants outstanding that were issued in 2009. Right now the township has \$13.4 million dollars in tax anticipation warrants outstanding, but the anticipated receipts is \$16.2 million dollars. She stated that they could pay it all back even if they only collected 83% of the property taxes. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-07 to declare an emergency and extend repayment of tax anticipation warrants. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

III. RESOLUTION 2009-08 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND EXTEND REPAYMENT OF TEMPORARY LOANS.

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Paige Gregory with Umbaugh who stated that there are some inter fund temporary loans that are outstanding in the township. It is money that the township has, but they are using it in a different fund. The resolution is a transfer of funds to meet cash flow needs. The resolution extends the repayment of temporary loans due to an emergency. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-08 to declare an emergency and extend repayment of temporary loans. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

IV. RESOLUTION 2009-09 RE-ESTABLISHING THE CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND.

Trustee Hobbs yielded his time to Paige Gregory with Umbaugh who stated that the 2008 certified tax rate on the cumulative fire fund is .0196. By statute they are allowed to have .0333 so the township can re-establish it back up to the maximum rate. They are estimating that it will generate an additional \$300,000 of property tax revenue for the fire department to be used for equipment replacement and other capital needs. A discussion followed.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-09 re-establishing the cumulative fire fund. Ms. Hines seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

Mr. Healy stated that the Trustee sent him a large packet of information on the cemeteries in Lawrence Township and asked for an update on the maintenance issues regarding the cemeteries. Mr. Heger stated that the people that are working on the cemeteries this year have been more diligent in keeping them at the maintenance level they should be. He stated that he is satisfied with the condition of the cemeteries, and they are working to make the best of their limited resources for the cemeteries.

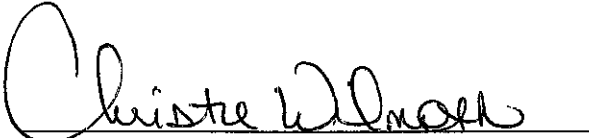
Ms. Rhinesmith addressed the board regarding what they found out when they visited the cemeteries. Mr. Rose and Mr. Freeman gave a report on the condition of the cemeteries. Ms. Rhinesmith proposed that the board set criteria for cemetery maintenance. A discussion followed.

Chief Blackwell reported that the nine recruits who have been in recruit school will graduate on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 P.M. , at Lawrence North High School, and invited the board to attend. He stated they are a great group of individuals and will go on the duty starting July 1.

Mr. Hobbs stated that the board members will be getting notification for ITA and it is open to any board member who want to go and attend classes. It will be held on September 21-23.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hines seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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.


Christie Wilmoth, Board Secretary