

## Lawrence Township Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday June 23, 2015 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 March 24, 2015 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.
2. **Resolution 2015-10** Amending The Certified Report of Positions and Compensation of Public Employees in the Employ of Lawrence Township  
*Digest: Resolution amends the 2015 Form 17 to include additional employees for the Trustee's Office and the Small Claims Court.*
3. **Resolution 2015-11** Adopting a Final Plan Redistricting the Township  
*Digest: The Township Board is required to redistrict the Board prior to the Board elections in 2016 due to the adoption of SEA 621 by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013, which reduced the number of Board members from seven (7) to five (5) effective January 1, 2017. The Board is adopting this resolution in accordance with Ind. Code § 36-6-6-2.5.*
4. Township Update  
*Topics: 1 quarter assistance numbers and financials*
5. Court Update  
*Topics: CD-COM update, upcoming changes to the Court*
6. Future board meeting dates

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

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015

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

Time Adjourned: 7:01 P.M.

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

TRUSTEE: Steve Talley

OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Judge Kim Bacon, Constable Terry Burns

Meeting Called to Order:

Ms. Hines called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. She stated that there was a quorum present and asked Constable Terry Burns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

**1. Approval of minutes from March 24, 2015 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board.**

Mr. Widgery made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board. Mr. Batalis seconded. Motion agreed to 7-0.

**2. Resolution 2015-10 Amending The Certified Report of Positions and Compensation of Public Employees in the Employ of Lawrence Township**

Trustee Talley explained that the resolution added the positions of Director of Community Relations, Deputy Director of Community Relations and Intake Coordinator. Trustee Talley turned over the explanation over to Deputy Trustee Jason Tomcsi. Deputy Trustee Tomcsi explained and that more requests for assistance in the month of June than was seen in the first three months of the year. The Intake Coordinator would be working the front desk. Currently the case managers took turns sitting at the front desk which essentially caused the Township to work a person down. Director of Community Relations will oversee the Township Assistance staff and make outreach to the community to let them know what the Trustee's Office does. The Deputy Director of Community Relations is a part-time position that would focus on attending meetings and other events to continue outreach to the community. Trustee Talley says that by building relationships with apartment communities that it can be beneficial to the clients of the Township. Also included in the resolution is an increase in the judge's salary and additional full-time position. The salary for the Judge was determined by the recently passed legislation from the Indiana General Assembly. Mr. Widgery asked about the letter of intent from the Judge about going full-time. Judge Bacon said the increased salary was budgeted for July, but that she wouldn't be going full-time until September, but it might be earlier than that. Mr. Batalis asked about affording the extra positions. Deputy Trustee Tomcsi said that the Township was able to afford the positions because there was flexibility in the budget due to a planned increase in insurance costs that didn't materialize. Mr. Widgery asked about the percent increase in the salary costs from the budget that was passed. Becky Lightle, Director of Administration, explained a handout to the board that showed the costs

through the remaining of the year. Mr. Batalis asked about the insurance costs for the next year and Mrs. Lightle said that she was waiting to hear back on what the estimated increase will be. Deputy Trustee Tomcsi said that the changes wouldn't have been brought to the board if it wasn't sustainable into the future. Mr. Batalis asked about the intake procedure prior to making recent changes and Deputy Trustee Tomcsi explain the prior procedure and why the changes were made to how intake of clients was processed. Mr. Batalis stated that he just wanted to make sure that the Township was living within its means. Trustee Talley wanted to stress that he wanted to ensure that the budget decisions that are made also do not negatively impact the Township's budget rating.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Dotson seconded. The resolution was adopted 7-0.

**3. Resolution 2015-11 Adopting a Final Plan Redistricting the Township**

Mr. Dotson explained to the board that on June 3<sup>rd</sup> the redistricting committee met to discuss the new township maps and approved of the new district boundaries that were prepared. Mr. Healy wanted to thank Bill Groth for his work on the maps. He also had a concern that one of the maps that shows where the current board members lived that it showed that he was living in a different district than was listed and wanted to make sure that was noted.

Mr. Healy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Freeman seconded. The resolution was adopted 7-0.

**4. Township Update**

Deputy Trustee Tomcsi spoke briefly about the township assistance numbers from the first quarter and numbers from The Cupboard.

**5. Court Update**

Judge Kim Bacon spoke about the status with CD-COM. The court is back in possession of all the files, which are in 2000 boxes and have begun the process of putting them back on shelves. CD-COM is being reluctant in their release of the scanned files. Negotiations have continued with attorneys from the Township and CD-COM. Mr. Batalis asked if there was anything that the court has to show for the money that was spent on the scanning. The Judge is reluctant to pay for the files when she believes they have already been paid for. Trustee Talley wants to wait until our attorney finishes up negotiations. Mr. Healy asked if there was an idea of what the cost would be the dispute was taken to court. The Judge said it was difficult to say for sure, but it could be estimated to be as much as \$50,000 to litigate. The Judge said that the filing fee will go up to \$101 on July 1. The court is expecting a 25% increase with the higher filing rate of \$8,000. The Judge also explained some of the changes caused by Senate Bill 523.

**6. Future board meeting dates**

Dates for the next board meetings were discussed including the public hearing for the 2016 budget on September 22nd and then the budget adoption meeting in October. A meeting may be needed in August.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 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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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.*