

Lawrence Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 6:00pm
Major General Ronald Brooks
Lawrence Government Center
Public Assembly Room
9001 E 59th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

Republican Caucus at 5:30pm
Democrat Caucus at 5:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2010 of the Lawrence Township Advisory Board
2. Approval of the 2011 Township Budget

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Time Called to Order: 6:04 P.M.
Time Adjourned: 6:12 P.M.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Dino Batalis

TRUSTEE: Russell Brown

Mr. Healy called the Lawrence Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 6:04 P.M. He stated that there was a quorum present and asked Mr. Freeman to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010, MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2010, Lawrence Township Board meeting. Mr. Freeman seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

II. APPROVAL OF THE 2011 LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP BUDGET.

Trustee Brown presented the 2011 Lawrence Township budget. He stated the consolidation of Lawrence Township Fire Department with Indianapolis Fire Department was approved by a 20-8 vote of the City-County Council and signed by Mayor Ballard, effective December 31, 2010.

Trustee Brown stated there are changes that need to be made to the budget including removing the fire department budget. He requested the budget be amended by the removal of the firefighting fund and the cumulative firefighting fund and that that the board adopt the revised budget as amended. A discussion followed.

Ms. Hines asked how much the Trustee's submitted 2011 budget allocated to the 42nd and Mitthoffer lease. Trustee Brown responded that approximately \$30,000.00 was budgeted for payment of amounts due under the lease in the 2011 budget. After he was asked what would happen if the board failed to appropriate money under the lease, Trustee Brown responded that both the lease itself and state statute permitted him to terminate the lease. The board and Trustee Brown then discussed the viability of moving the operations at the 42nd and Mitthoffer location to the Township's building on McCoy

Street. The board further discussed the wisdom of continuing to the lease the property at 42nd and Mitthoffer in light of the Township's finances and operational needs.

Trustee Brown stated for the record that state statute requires that the board cannot reduce the salary of the trustee without the trustee's consent and it is his decision as trustee of Lawrence Township to consent to the pay decrease as contemplated in the budget.

Mr. Freeman made a motion to approve the 2011 Lawrence Township budget as amended with the removal of the firefighting, cumulative firefighting, and lease appropriations. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion agreed to 6-0.

Trustee Brown stated that they will need to have another meeting to approve additional appropriations from the cumulative firefighting fund to pay for transition costs and other expenses associated with the merger. It has to be done by December 15 so they will need to have a meeting sometime in November.

There being no further business to discuss Ms. Hines made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Wilmoth seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 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

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.